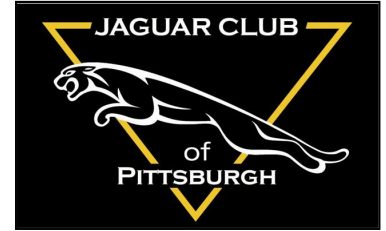


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## Upcoming Events:

### Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh Veterans' Car Show

Saturday, May 30, 2026

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

By Tom Nuhfer and Stu Benson

The Southwestern Veterans' Center has once again invited the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh (JCOP) to host a car show for the disabled veterans who reside there. JCOP has proudly sponsored this event for several years, and since 2023 the Steel Town Corvette Club (STCC) has partnered in support. Together, our members share a deep appreciation for the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans.

This one-day event gives residents of the Center the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of remarkable cars and connect with their owners. Many of the veterans use wheelchairs or other assistive devices and are accompanied by caregivers, volunteers, or family members. The variety of vehicles on display often sparks fond memories, as veterans recall cars they once owned or admired.



Photo by Stu Benson

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### JCOP Picnic at North Park

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# JAGUAR CLUB OF PITTSBURGH VETERANS' CAR SHOW

**Saturday, May 30, 2026**

**10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

*By Tom Nuhfer & Stu Benson*

More than just a car show, this event is about connection. While we enjoy sharing our vehicles and talking with fellow enthusiasts, the most meaningful moments come from conversations with the veterans themselves and our providing them with that opportunity. All veterans are welcome to attend, and we encourage participation from car owners beyond JCOP and STCC to showcase as diverse a collection of cars as possible.

There is no cost to attend or participate. To support the event, JCOP will provide complimentary coffee, soft drinks, and donuts. Sponsorships from individuals, businesses, or veterans' organizations are greatly appreciated to help offset expenses. We also plan to hold a 50/50 raffle; proceeds will help fund future shows, with any surplus placed in a restricted fund dedicated to this event. (The raffle two years ago was memorably won by a Southwestern Veterans' Center resident!)

Spreading the word is as essential as is participation and registration ahead of time. We encourage you to invite veterans and car enthusiasts to attend and engage with the residents. Veterans or others who wish to bring a car are most welcome.

## **Event Chair & Contact Information**

Tom Nuhfer, 216 Falconhurst Drive North, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Email: [tnoel06@gmail.com](mailto:tnoel06@gmail.com) Phone: 412-999-6616

Sponsorship checks should be made payable to *Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh* and mailed to the address above.

## **Event Location**

Southwestern Veterans' Center

7060 Highland Drive

Pittsburgh, PA 15206

(Located in Highland Park, just off Washington Boulevard, up the hill from the former State Police barracks)

## **Registration Information**

Participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible, and no later than **May 24, 2026**.

You can register in the following ways:

Visit [jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org](http://jaguarclubofpittsburgh.org) and click the "Veterans Show" link at the top of the homepage.

Contact Tom Nuhfer directly using the information above.

STCC members may register through Stu Benson at [stubenson3@gmail.com](mailto:stubenson3@gmail.com) or 412-491-1586.

Pre-registration is strongly recommended. In the event of a weather-related cancellation or rescheduling, registered participants can be notified promptly. While many car enthusiasts would attend rain or shine, the final decision regarding inclement weather will be made by the Southwestern Veterans' Center based on the safety and comfort of its residents.

Registration also helps organizers plan appropriately for refreshments.

A highlight of the day is the arrival of the Corvettes from STCC, which gathers along Washington Boulevard before driving up Highland Drive together—the sound of their engines echoing through the hills is always a crowd favorite.

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We promise excellent food at a very reasonable cost. The Club is subsidizing the event, ensuring a wide variety of high-quality options that would be difficult to match at this price. To assist with planning, please RSVP to Stu Benson as soon as possible. The deadline for responses is June 6, 2026, so we can ensure adequate food and beverages for everyone. Guests are welcome, so feel free to invite friends. You’re also encouraged to bring anything of interest to share or discuss—along with your Jaguar, of course.

Pre-payment is required and should be mailed to Stu Benson. The cost is just \$20.00 per adult, and children under 12 may attend merely by paying their age. If you have any dietary restrictions, please notify Stu as soon as possible.

Members are also asked to bring a dessert if they are able. Please label your dessert with your name and a brief description, including whether it contains nuts (as some attendees may have allergies). Last year’s dessert table was a highlight, and we hope to recreate that success—there were many delicious offerings, and labeling made it easy to exchange recipes afterward. Looking ahead, plans are underway for a “Pittsburgh Cookie Table” at the International Jaguar Festival in Schenley Park on Saturday, July 18. Karen Gamret, the organizer, will be on the lookout for great cookie bakers at the picnic!

You can count on great food, wonderful camaraderie, and a beautiful setting. Classic Jaguars (and other marques), excellent company, and a June afternoon in North Park—what could be better? Take-home containers will again be available for anyone wishing to bring leftovers home. So rev up your appetite and send in your registration and payment to Stu Benson as soon as possible. Don’t put it off—reserve your spot today while the anticipation is fresh. If you are mailing your payment close to the deadline, please call or email Stu so he knows to expect it. Two easy-to-remember dates: June 6 (RSVP deadline, also the anniversary of D-Day) and June 14 (Flag Day and picnic day).

## Contact Information:

Stu Benson

stubenson3@gmail.com | 412-491-1586

2116 Grandeur Drive

Gibsonia, PA 15044

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# JCOP Sunday, June 14, 2026 PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

Location/Time: Roosevelt Shelter on Walter Road in North Park at 1:00 PM

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's/Guest Name(s) & Ages:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be bringing a dessert to share? If so, what will it be? **Please put your name on the dessert so everyone knows its origin! If it contains nuts and they are not obvious, please note it as well.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cost = \$20.00 per Adult with children (12 and under) paying their age

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults @ \$20 each

\_\_\_\_\_ # of Children 12 & under @ \$1 per year of age

\_\_\_\_\_ Total \$\$

Please return this completed form ( by US Mail or by email) and send your check payable to JCOP via the US Postal Service so it is received by Stu by Saturday, June 6, 2026 to:

Stu Benson, 2116 Grandeur Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044-7498.

If you have any questions or the deadline is tight, contact Stu at 412-491-1586 or [stubenson3@gmail.com](mailto:stubenson3@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to seeing you there! This promises to be a most enjoyable event with excellent food. Please bring a Jaguar if you can. The Parking site is excellent. Restrooms with running water are on site near the shelter.

## DIRECTIONS TO JCOP JUNE 14, 2026 PICNIC @ ROOSEVELT SHELTER IN NORTH PARK

Roosevelt Shelter is located on Walter Road in North Park. While there are many ways to get there (one can use MapQuest or some other GPS navigation tool [although in previous years a couple folks said their GPS directions were awful] or access the North Park map on the Allegheny County Parks website), some suggested Directions are provided for convenience below but in all instances the Speed Limit in North Park is 25 mph unless marked lower and it is strongly recommended you obey the posted limit. **Please do not park in the two spaces directly in front of the entry to the shelter since those spaces are reserved for vehicles to unload a lot of things for the picnic, including the food which is coming right before 1:00 PM.**

### If you are coming from the North

If you are coming south down Rt. 8, please know one can go directly on Wildwood Road into North Park. There is a BP Gas Station and a McDonald's at the intersection of Rt. 8 where one turns right onto Wildwood Road. As one drives west on Wildwood Road from Rt. 8, keep going straight into North Park where the name of the road changes to E. Ingomar Road right after an Exxon Gas Station on your right. Go straight past the stoplight at Babcock Boulevard (where the Lake will come into view). Proceed to the next stoplight and turn RIGHT onto Kummer Road. After only a few yards, take the first RIGHT Turn onto Lake Shore Drive. The road splits almost immediately and you will bear LEFT onto Walter Road. Go past the first few buildings and up a hill and when you come to what appears to be an old church on your left, Roosevelt Shelter will appear on your right. Pull into the parking area and park on the side of the lot by Roosevelt Shelter but not right next to it since we will want some open space to get in and out of the lot and for deliveries of food, etc.

If you are coming south down Rt. 19/McKnight Road, bear right onto the ramp for McKnight Road where Rt. 19 splits off and you will immediately come to the Pine Creek Shopping Center on your right (where there is a Target Store and Giant Eagle). Go straight past the first light where there is a closed Walgreen's Drug store (the sign is gone) but get in the left lane and then the left turning lane for the next stoplight across from where there is a Giant Eagle and a KFC franchise. Turn LEFT onto Blazier Drive and follow that until it "T's" out at E. Ingomar Road. Turn LEFT onto E. Ingomar Road. Go until the stoplight at Kummer Road. Turn LEFT onto Kummer Road. After only a few yards, take the first RIGHT Turn onto Lake Shore Drive. The road splits almost immediately and you will bear LEFT onto Walter Road. Go past the first few buildings and up a hill and when you come to what appears to be an old church on your left, Roosevelt Shelter will appear on your right. Pull into the parking area and park on the side of the lot by Roosevelt Shelter but not right next to it since we will want some open space to get in and out of the lot and for deliveries of food, etc.

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**DIRECTIONS TO JCOP JUNE 14, 2026 PICNIC @ ROOSEVELT SHELTER IN NORTH PARK**

If you are coming from the South or East, get to either Rt. 8 or Rt19/McKnight Road.  
If you are coming North on Rt. 8, go to Wildwood Road (where there is a BP Gas Station and McDonalds on your right at the intersection). Turn LEFT onto Wildwood Road. Keep going on Wildwood Road and keep going into North Park where the name of the road changes to E. Ingomar Road right after an Exxon Gas Station on your right. Go straight past the stoplight at Babcock Boulevard (where the Lake will come into view). Proceed to the next stoplight and turn RIGHT onto Kummer Road. After only a few yards, take the first RIGHT Turn onto Lake Shore Drive. The road splits almost immediately and you will bear LEFT onto Walter Road. Go past the first few buildings and up a hill and when you come to what appears to be an old church on your left, Roosevelt Shelter will appear on your right. Pull into the parking area and park on the side of the lot by Roosevelt Shelter but not right next to it since we will want some open space to get in and out of the lot and for deliveries of food, etc.

If you are coming North on McKnight Road, go past all the shopping centers and such. When you pass the McCandless Crossings Shopping area, go straight past the stoplight at Cumberland Road. You will then come to one more stoplight and go straight past that and get in the right lane. In about a quarter mile or so, you will see a sign that says to bear right to Hampton Township. Take that ramp to the right and it will bring you onto E. Ingomar Road. Go to the second stoplight and that will be at the intersection of Kummer Road. Turn LEFT onto Kummer Road. After only a few yards, take the first RIGHT Turn onto Lake Shore Drive. The road splits almost immediately and you will bear LEFT onto Walter Road. Go past the first few buildings and up a hill and when you come to what appears to be an old church on your left, Roosevelt Shelter will appear on your right. Pull into the parking area and park on the side of the lot by Roosevelt Shelter but not right next to it since we will want some open space to get in and out of the lot and for deliveries of food, etc.

If you are coming from the West or any other area not specifically noted above, either check a map to see how to get to one of the above locations and then proceed per the directions or call Stu Benson ahead of time and he can tell you how to best get to the picnic location. For example, if one is coming North on I-79, get off at the Wexford Exit and there is a right lane of the exit so as to then turn right onto Rt. 910 and immediately take the first RIGHT turn onto Brandt School Road. (If you are coming South on I-79 turn left onto Rt. 910 and then after the next stoplight turn from the far RIGHT Lane onto Brandt School Road.) Follow this road until you turn left onto Pine Creek Road and take that until you get to the Pine Creek Shopping Center where you will see a Target store ahead.

At a stop sign just past a closed Walgreen's (the sign is no longer on the building), turn left and then immediately turn RIGHT at the light onto McKnight Road. Go past the shopping center on your right and go to the next stop light and turn Left onto Blazier Drive. Follow Blazier Drive until you come to stop light and turn LEFT onto East Ingomar Road.

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Photos by Stu Benson from 2025 picnic



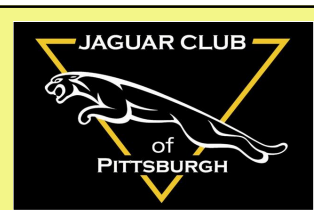




**“Double Clutching and Rev Matching”**

## President’s Perspective

**Rich Aronson**



This year’s AGM (Annual General Meeting) was in Mexico City sponsored by that home club April 14 – 19, 2026. Stu and Ruth Benson along with Craig Gestler and yours truly, Rich Aronson (Voting Delegates) were happily in attendance enjoying together a spectacular, unique AGM trip experience.

### Environment:

Mexico City is large and vast with tremendous historic significance going back to pre-Columbian times. The city is one of the largest cities in the world with 9.3 million residents with 23 million people living in the greater MC area!

The MC Jaguar Club under the leadership of Alex Mena did a wonderful job along with the “neighboring” San Antonio Jaguar Club led by Gabriel Renero to reach out, plan great events and make us all feel welcome – their joint hospitality was boundless. Interestingly the San Antonio club is only a two-hour direct flight away from Mexico City and there were 11 members of that club in attendance!

### Photo at

**right:** A superb Mariachi Band serenaded us at the opening dinner buffet with the standard favorite, “Cielito Lindo.” What a rousing arrangement!



### Elections and Financial Condition of JCNA Themes

Mark Mayuga was reelected to the office of President. Mark made it clear upon stepping up again to the office that focus on growing membership will continue with even more emphasis since JCNA and most local clubs have been facing declining memberships and hence dues revenue throughout the US. It turned out to be a contested election with another nomination from the floor but Mark eked out the win.

Nedra Rummell was elected VP moving up from Secretary. Nedra is proactive and very well organized so we look forward to working with her as well. Nedra hails from San Diego, California and is a member of that club, proudly driving a 2024 F-Type.

Mark and his leadership team worked with unity to discuss the financial position of JCNA.

JCNA and most local club metrics are difficult. Essentially the main expenses of the national organization – The *Jaguar Journal* have been cut to the bone, and it was explained in some detail that not much more can be exacted. The Journal is loved and revered and continues under the leadership of Editor Nicole Smart to be top notch. Our own Stu Benson, Chair of the upcoming International Jaguar Festival embedded in the July Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and our Treasurer in his “spare” time, has done wonderful articles in the Journal which has turned our July event into national news and strong attendance. Make sure that you catch his latest piece in the May-June Journal which you’ll have by publication of this newsletter.

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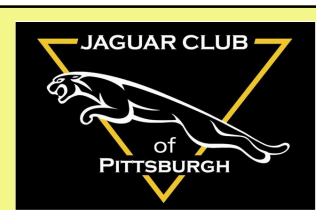




## “Double Clutching and Rev Matching”

# President’s Perspective

**Rich Aronson**



Incidentally, after his rousing presentation highlighting our IJF in Pittsburgh which included the PVGP released video featuring the embedded International Jaguar Festival, Stu received a much-deserved standing ovation! Stu even had his computer to assist with sign-ups for our IJF right there at the AGM.

Meanwhile, JCNA speakers pointed out that we now have 3,500 members nation-wide (JCNA) compared to 7,500 10 years ago, down 50%! Reasons are ageing and different interests of younger demographics which we discuss frequently in JCOP.

Lying between us and JCNA dues increase(s) over time is the need to attract 500 to 600 members @\$55.00 each to make up a \$30,000 deficit and so all efforts are on to determine how to best do this (e.g. more young folks as well as other revenue ideas given all Jaguar Cars subsidies which began in 1958 ending by 1992 are no longer provided). We will find out if a dues increase is needed for sure this September/October.

Most clubs are proactively exploring inactive members and/or those who have stopped paying dues as well as other “creative” ideas such as multi-marque events which JCNA through Regional Directors are being explored on regular calls. Our two RDs, Gary Cunningham and Mark Smith, are hosting calls which Stu and I along with Bryan Williams are on monthly which are good for sharing events and membership ideas. All of you who have been participating in new, creative multi-marque club events featured on our calendar over the past few years are getting a sense of how we’ve been attracting members by broadening our interest and perspectives.

Just think of our drive last Fall to the Packard Museum led by Shadrach Jones featuring several terrific Mercedes cars and club members, the Sewickley Show cooperating and drawing Ferraris, Cadillacs and Rolls-Royce gems led by Chuck Pipich and the recent carting event in Monroeville led by Stu Benson including Audi and Mercedes Clubs just to name a few examples!

### JCNA Concours

Speaking of the International Jaguar Festival, we got a wonderful preview of a large certified JCNA Concours “embedded” in a larger grand show of multi-marques. This idea, like our IJF, is seen as a great attraction across the country and beautifully organized by the Mexico City Club at the AGM.

In Mexico City, there were many classic American cars and vintage classics from the twenties and thirties forward on display that were highly prepared as top examples and exciting to inspect. Classic Chryslers, Cadillacs, Pierce-Arrows, Thunderbirds, Mercedes and other exotics were a sight to behold. Check out some of our pictures!

How about a show quality very rare 1959 Caddy Eldorado Biarritz convertible in show condition painted in striking “Persian Sand” metallic soft copper and a one-off 1951 Fiat Ghia bodied two-tone dark blue and white fastback that survived Fiat’s decision *not* to produce the car as an upscale production option as just some of the more unusual examples on the field!?

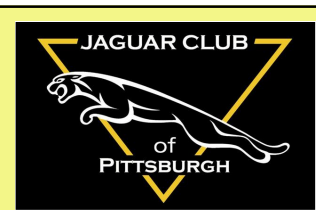
We JCOP IJF aspirants could just picture this type of scene in Pittsburgh along with PVGP vintage races and our own displays/concours that will be at Schenley Park at the IJF on Saturday, July 18.



## *“Double Clutching and Rev Matching”*

# President’s Perspective

**Rich Aronson**



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### Other Events

Besides the previously mentioned arrival dinner at the elegant Grand Fiesta Americana Hotel with the outstanding Mariachi Band singers/instrumentalists there were other meals including my favorite, a fabulous Spanish cuisine feast featuring superb local sea bass with seasoned potatoes and amazing appetizers too good to believe. This was at the renown Catorce Restaurante (The number 14 in Spanish). Also a lunch with either steak or salmon at the top of another famous restaurant displaying an aerial view of the city was memorable

A Wednesday tour of the famous ancient, excavated pyramids at Teotihuacan featuring pyramid altar tributes to the Sun, Moon, Fish, Snakes up and down the ancient boulevard was memorable with internal frescos and wall murals preserved with winged Jaguars was particularly fitting. Apparently ancient, sacrifice cult peoples shared our own admiration for the noble and fierce Jaguar (which they basically worshiped as their “king of beasts”). Our guide told a compelling, eerie story about the ritual human sacrifice customs of the mysterious tribes almost lost to history.



**Stu and Ruth Benson, Rich Aronson and Craig Gestler exploring the pyramids.**

Completion including sporting events and bull fighting were practiced with the winners (not the losers) “earning” the right by their prowess and determination to be sacrificed to the goddess queen given the value of their strong hearts – affirmed having enjoyed victory (bitter sweet to us)...

### Concours Rule Change for 2027

This year, besides numerous editing to the JCNA Rulebook, there was mention of consideration of a rule for next year involving E-Type Series 1.5 cars. In concours, those E-Types would be taken out of their current class and placed into the same class as Series I E-Types for both Champion and Driven categories rather than where they are now among Series II E-Types. This is because according to club experts as Steve Kennedy, the Series 1.5 is much closer to Series I than it is to Series II in character and features. It is up for discussion this summer at the IJF and likely to be implemented.

Specifically, a “Special” JCNA meeting will occur in Pittsburgh during the IJF to address and vote for the Rule Book for 2027, Concours rule changes for 2027, as well as whether to adopt Steve Kennedy’s book to be used along with the Series I E-Type judging guide which to enhance judging of that car using pictures and information designed to accompany the Guide and to mesh with our JCNA scoring sheet formats. The meeting is to occur on Friday, July 17 @ 2:30 PM at the DoubleTree Pittsburgh-Cranberry Hotel.

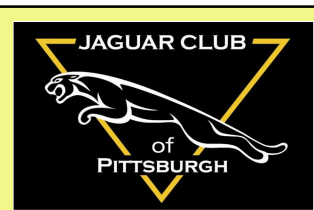
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## ***“Double Clutching and Rev Matching”***

# **President’s Perspective**

**Rich Aronson**



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### **New Friends with Incredible Cars!**

I’d like to conclude the story of this grand trip by observing that to many, the fun and abiding value of the AGM trips such as this one is always meeting new and enduring friends and being updated on their family and car collection details which in many cases are quite major. Two examples for me this year of many were those of Doug Anderson of Salt Lake City and Stephen and Shannon Collins of New Jersey/Delaware Valley Jaguar Club.

Doug has a stranger than fiction story about acquiring his first two unique Jaguars in close succession.

His first is an original, documented 23,000-mile 1959 Mark IX Saloon which was ordered new by the leader dictator of the Dominican Republic, Rafael Trujillo. Essentially, Trujillo aka “*El Jefe*, The Boss,” ruled the country as either its president or its powerful chief military officer with power behind the throne from 1930 up until 1961 with an iron grip. His intent was to armor the car upon delivery so its beautiful two tone (dark) Indigo blue over (light) Cotswold Grey (Blue) body below the chrome molding sweeps was specified without the factory standard sunroof for security reasons.

The owner never did progress to the armor job because within two years, he was in fact assassinated May 30, 1961 in a 1957 Chevrolet Belair by the agents of his opponent from Venezuela! The very lightly used Jaguar Mark IX was spared but *El Jefe* was not. The car was never driven much over the subsequent years as the mileage attests and many years later migrated to the US where it remained in museums and private collections. Doug finally got

an opportunity to purchase the car this year with Steve Kennedy’s help. This car is one of a kind to say the least. **(See photos on page 12.)**

Doug went ahead and found a Series I E-Type fully documented in Colorado from new once again just restored to the highest standards by its original owner who died soon thereafter. This car was added to Doug’s vast collection right after the AGM. (See photos of the car with its original owner channeling James Bond)! Doug has all documentation since new for this beauty as well! What a fortunate guy with such special Jaguars!

Doug is so nice to talk to and has wonderful stories to tell about his diverse prime examples of everything from two mini-car 50s Messerschmitts including a “bubble-top,” to stunning examples of Rolls, Porsches, Maseratis and other exotics!

Stephen and Shannon were also amazing collectors whose cars include two fabulous E-Types, a Series I and III, the former is in the midst of a top notch rotisserie restoration and at least two prime Triumphs, a great TR-6 which was purchased new and is mint condition in all its BRG glory and a wonderful TR-8 complete with the fantastic and brawny-sounding Rover 3.5 litre eight cylinder power plant motivating it unsubtly down the road.

New friends with wonderful cars, well-travelled and well-met! Spending time with these Jaguar-loving colleagues and many others were fantastic experiences of the 2026 AGM in historic, beautiful Mexico City!

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**Some of the Incredible Cars from the 2026 AGM in Mexico City!**

**BELOW:**  
Three views of Doug Anderson's magnificent original 23,000 mile 1959 Jaguar Mark IX of Dominican Republic Dictator Rafael Trujillo.



**ABOVE:** Doug Anderson's second “new” Jaguar featured in Rich's article purchased from the original owner's estate.

**AT RIGHT:**  
1966 Jaguar E-Type S I Engine and Overall Body Views.



**ABOVE:** Concours - Very Rare 1959 Cadillacs including a Model 75 Limo and a magnificent Eldorado Biarritz Convertible in striking Persian Sand Copper





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**Some of the Incredible Cars from the 2026 AGM in Mexico City!**



**Above: Concours: Advanced 1931 Chrysler Model 75 Roadster. These are incredible including excellent hydraulic brakes!**



**Above: Concours: Top-Notch fifties Mercedes 190 SLs**



**Above: One-off survivor 1951 Fiat 1400 Body by Ghia**





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



## **Scenes from the 2026 AGM in Mexico City**



**Getting down to business at the AGM, from left: Juan Becerra, Jaguar Club of Ohio; and JCOP representatives Craig Gestler, Stu Benson and Rich Aronson.**



**Above: Representing the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh at the 2026 AGM in Mexico City were: JCOP Treasurer Stu Benson (standing); First Vice President Craig Gestler, seated left, and JCOP President Rich Aronson, seated right.**





## Want to Register for the IJF? There are Two Easy Ways:

### 1. Register through the JCOP website

Go to [jaguarcclubofpittsburgh.org](http://jaguarcclubofpittsburgh.org) and click on *International Jaguar Festival*, or use this direct link:

<https://www.jaguarcclubofpittsburgh.org/ijf>

- Scroll down and click the green “**Register for IJF**” button. This will take you to the PVGP website’s IJF page.

Click one of the blue **Vivenu** buttons labeled “*Register and pay through the PVGP Vivenu portal.*”

#### a. The Vivenu portal has two pages:

##### i. First page (Event Listings):

This page lists all available events, including:

- Concours d’Elegance
- Marque of the Year Display (for Display-only entries, not JCNA judging)
- Slalom
- Rally
- Friday night IJF Dinner

Related PVGP events (e.g., Garden Party at Phipps, Sewickley Stampede)

The first four of the above events includes a link to download the required registration forms (e.g., “*Download the IJF Concours d’Elegance Form*” and similar links for Display, Rally, and Slalom that need to be completed and sent to each Event Chair).

##### ii. Second page (Payment):

Click the blue “**Details and Registration**” button to proceed to payment.

- You can pay here for the Concours and the other IJF (and some PVGP) events.
- Completing payment and information entry through Vivenu counts as **pre-registration only**.
- To finalize your registration, you must also complete and submit the required forms to each Event Chair for Concours, Display, Rally, and Slalom via email or USPS.

You should receive a confirmation email from the Event Chair once your registration is complete. If you do not receive a confirming email, please reach out to the Event Chair.

##### iii. Trailer Information Requirement:

Registration forms for the Concours, Display, and Slalom include a **Trailer Information Form**, which must be completed and submitted.

Trailer parking is by **pre-registration only**.

If this form is not submitted, you will **not** be able to park a trailer on Saturday using IJF locations and assistance. .

##### iv. Questions:

**If you have questions, contact the Event Chair(s) using the provided information, or call Stu Benson at 412-491-1586.**



### 2. Register directly through the PVGP website

You can also go directly to the IJF page on the PVGP website:

<https://pvgp.org/car-show-overview/jaguar2026/>

Then follow the same steps outlined above using the Vivenu portal.

View the IJF video on the PVGP website: <https://pvgp.org/car-show-overview/jaguar2026/> You can also watch the IJF video – along with a video about Ian Callum – on the JCOP IJF page: <https://www.jaguarcclubofpittsburgh.org/>

## JCOP's "4G" Jaguar Team Enjoys Racing Experience, Pizza Party

**By Craig Gestler and Dave Gamret**

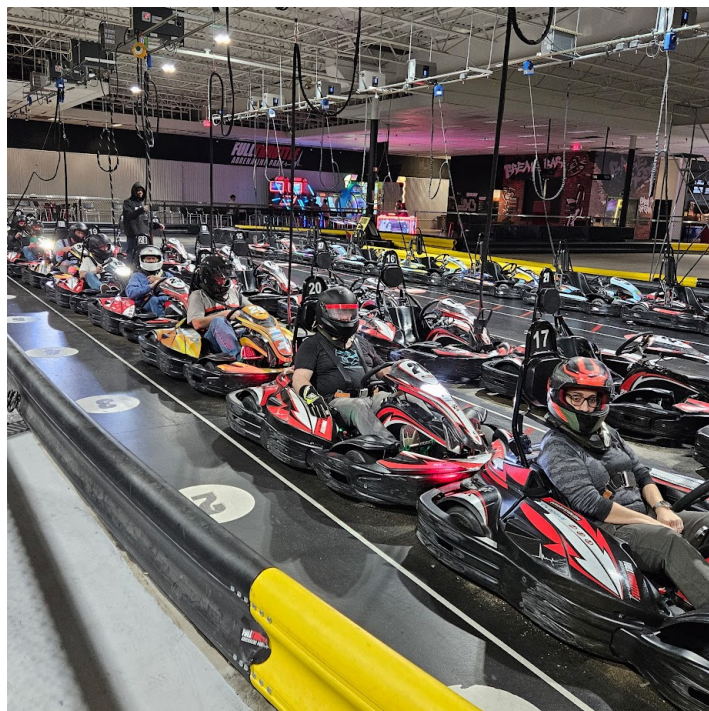
While not exactly Ford vs. Ferrari, four members of the JCOP met in Monroeville to take on the Mercedes Benz and Audi clubs in a battle for track supremacy at the Full Throttle Adrenaline Park at Monroeville Mall. Representing Jaguar was the "4G Team" of Dave Gamret, Kurt Garrison, Craig Gestler and Lars Gustafsson. Team hotshot Dave Gamret actually owns his own helmet which made him the default team captain.

Full Throttle Adrenaline Park features electric karts that seem to be very well matched, although one kart appeared to be a bit quicker than the others. When asked about this, the session organizer replied "Oh yeah, we just got that new one last week." The racing schedule included a practice session, a qualifying session and the final Grand Prix event that divided the racers into groups depending on fastest recorded lap times. Racers got to experience a different kart in each session which added to the challenge of optimizing the racing line for each corner. All the karts are electronically tracked around the course with every lap recorded. Lap times are shown on monitors and each racer is provided with a printout. It's not about who crosses the finish line first, since the fastest lap time determines the winner of the session. A typical lap is a bit under 30 seconds so the track is a little longer than most indoor karting facilities and there is a turn or two that benefits from some braking.

I can't say that we repeated Jaguar's 1957 LeMans 1-2-3-4 finish. But we did hold our own against the stiff German competition with Craig "Hawthorn" Gestler setting the fastest Jaguar time. Most of all, it was a lot of fun and we all enjoyed our racing experience.

Following the races we all met in a party room at the venue and enjoyed some surprisingly delicious pizza and wings and a good bit of socializing with our German marque compatriots. All alcohol consumption was accomplished AFTER the karting.

I'm sure there will be a repeat next year and likely at the same track. Karting does not require any special racing skills and it is a relatively safe and fun way to spend the afternoon. Be on the lookout for the event next spring.



**Craig Gestler said the JCOP team was unable to take photos because "We were too busy keeping the Mercedes and Audi guys behind us."**

**No worries, here are a few photos from last year's event. And Craig set the fastest Jaguar time this time around. Way to go Craig!!**



**For Sale:****Series II - 1970 Jaguar E-Type - 2+2 - 4.2 liter - automatic  
Carmen Red with beige interior**

The late Pete Galinowski, a beloved member of the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh (JCOP) for many years, bought this E-Type from JCOP member Dan Meyers in September 2008 and drove it to his garage. Throughout the years Pete's plan was to maintain the E-Type as a reliable daily driver and then drive it to Jag shows and his yearly fall leaf tours. However, Pete was unable to complete his goal and his family now wants to sell the E-Type. If interested, please text JCOP member Dan Herrmann at 412-680-0875, or email [jaguarxk@protonmail.com](mailto:jaguarxk@protonmail.com) for more information.





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Saturday, May 30	JCOP Veterans Car Show, Southwestern Veterans Center (Tom Nuhfer)
Sunday, June 14	JCOP Picnic, at North Park's Roosevelt Shelter (Stu Benson)
July 16 to July 18	JCOP hosts 2026 International Jaguar Festival with Concours, Slalom and Rally held in conjunction with PVGP Motorsports Festival (Stu Benson)
Saturday, August 8	Annual Sewickley Show (Chuck Pipich)
Saturday, August 29	Jaguars at Jacksons (Dave and Karen Gamret)
Saturday, September 19	Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh Concours d'Elegance (Bryan Williams) Fox Chapel Yacht Club, 1366 Old Freeport Road, O'Hara Twp.
Sunday, September 27	British Cars at Hartwood
Sunday, December 5	Holiday Party, Edgeworth Club (Ken and Linda Como)

## Jaguar Clubs of North America Upcoming Concours

- May 23, 2026:** Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club will hold its 19th annual JCNA sanctioned Concours d'Elegance on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Sunset Lane Park, York, Pennsylvania. Trophies awarded in Champion, Driven and Special classes. Trailer parking and caterer available, with a pavilion and picnic tables. Contact: Dave Hershey, 717-846-0642, email: [ivestrainboy@aol.com](mailto:ivestrainboy@aol.com)
- June 6, 2026** Delaware Valley Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance, Historic Hope Lodge  
<https://delvaljaguarclub.com/events/dvjc-concours-delegance-4/>  
Contact Concours Chairman Ed Petrow at [Concours@delvaljaguarclub.com](mailto:Concours@delvaljaguarclub.com)
- August 1, 2026:** Jaguar Club of Ohio's 53rd Concours d'Elegance and 7th Annual European Auto Show will be held Saturday, August 1, 2026 at Ursuline College, 2550 Lander Road, Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124 . Contact: Dominic R. Perri, 8661 Melody Lane, Macedonia, Ohio 44056. Phone: 216-644-0393. email: [dperri6699@aol.com](mailto:dperri6699@aol.com)  
<http://www.jaguarclubofohio.com>
- September 19, 2026** Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh will hold its annual Concours d'Elegance at the Fox Chapel Yacht Club, 1366 Old Freeport Road, O'Hara Twp. Contact Bryan Williams, chief judge, at [dsw222h@aol.com](mailto:dsw222h@aol.com) for details. (More info to come)





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Occupation:		
Please list Jaguars owned* (not required for membership)		
Year	Model	Body Style (OTS, FHC, DHC, Sedan, Coupe, Conv, SUV)

\*Include additional Jaguars on a separate sheet.

Dues (check one)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$90.00	RENEW Membership for 2026 (JCOP \$35, JCNA \$55)
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$90.00	JOIN as NEW MEMBER for 2026 (JCOP \$35, JCNA \$55)
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35.00	JCNA Affiliate Club Member <sup>1</sup> JOIN or RENEW for 2026 (JCOP \$35, JCNA \$0)
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