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JCOP Fall Leaf Tour to Ligonier October 24, 2026 *Time to Register!*

By Shadrach Jones

This has been a wonderful year for driving our beloved Jaguars. The IJF Rally and Scenic Tour, the many car shows on our calendar, and trips to nearby JCNA-sanctioned concours events have made this a very memorable year for exercising our wonderful cars. And now the final JCOP driving event of the year is nearly here! The annual JCOP Fall Leaf Tour will journey to the Laurel Highlands this year. In the words of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, "Pennsylvania offers one of the longest and most varied fall foliage seasons in the world," and I do believe that Southwestern Pennsylvania and the Laurel Highlands are the perfect places to enjoy fall colors and beautiful scenery.



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JCOP Board of Directors Progresses with Nominations for 2027 Open Positions

By Rich Aronson, JCOP President and Ken Como, Chair of the Nominating Committee

In the September Jargon, we first shared the status of our Nomination Committee's progress. We do so again this month. Substantial progress has been made.

Nominations were closed as of September 20, and we are pleased to say that our Nominations Committee has obtained both new applicants and veteran Board of Director Candidates seeking to fill all available Board positions after substantial conversations and Committee deliberations.

If you have questions or comments, once again, serving this year to recruit 2027 Officers and Board of Director leaders are:

Ken Como, Chair, 412-849-0719 (kjcomo17@gmail.com)

Shadrach Jones, 412-260-1522 (Shadrach.jones@yahoo.com)

Scott O'Mara, 412-491-3726 (sgomara@verizon.net)

The Nominating Committee reported their recommendations to the Board of Directors on September 28, 2026, at our Q3 Board of Directors meeting for *review, discussion and acceptance of the 2027 director and officer slate*.

In the next (November) issue of the Jargon, the final slate of officers and directors will be announced and the November voting process and schedule for members will be explained.

We look forward to working with you and of course your timely vote when requested this year!

Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh 2026 Events Calendar

- Sunday, October 18 Fall Leaf Brunch Cruise to Tara (John Putzier)
[Details on Page 3](#)
- Saturday, October 24 Fall Leaf Tour trip to Ligonier (Shadrach and Kathy Jones)
[Details on Pages 1 and 4](#)
- Saturday, December 5 Holiday Party, Edgeworth Club (Ken and Linda Como)
[See Page 16](#)

Additional 2026 Car Shows Calendar

- October 6 to 9 Hershey Eastern Fall Meet & Car Show. AACA membership required to register. Hershey Park, PA. Flea market and car corral Oct. 6-8. Car show judging Oct. 9. Giant Center grounds, 550 Hersheypark Drive, Hershey, PA
<https://hershey.aaca.com/eastern-division-fall-meet>

Coming in 2027 ...



Save the Date: March 18 - 22, 2027, Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club to Host the 2027 JCNA Annual General Meeting

Denver, Colorado and the surrounding Rocky Mountain region will provide a memorable setting for four days of meetings, activities and Jaguar fellowship. The host club is developing plans for accommodations, registration, meeting schedules and related activities.

More details to come in upcoming issues of the Jargon and at jcna.com.



TARA FALL LEAF BRUNCH CRUISE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026: Yum, Yum



By Stu Benson, JCOP Treasurer

Join the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh on Sunday, October 18, 2026 for a Fall Foliage Cruise to Tara - A Country Inn in Clark, PA for a gourmet brunch.

This is a week the Steelers are playing an Away Game (at Tampa Bay) and the Fall foliage should be showy. The previous Tara Fall Leaf Brunch tours have been most enjoyable.

There is no ordering off the menu. The outstanding Sunday Brunch buffet costs \$32.95 plus tax and gratuity but the "Seniors" rate (65+) is @28.95 ++.

We will stage at Northgate Plaza at 116 US-19, Harmony, PA 16037 (restrooms available) at 10:45 AM, depart at 11:00 AM. and arrive at Tara at 2844 Lake Road, Clark, PA 16113 for a Noon brunch in the Stonewall Tavern, which seats a maximum of 30 people.

The first 30 RSVPs will be seated in the Tavern area as a group. If there are more in our group than can sit in the Stonewall Tavern area then our overflow will sit in an adjoining dining room as occurred last year. If folks want to try to get home for the second half of the Steelers game, they can do so but it will be on the radio to listen to on the way home, if desired.

Please RSVP to John Putzier, who is organizing the cruise and arrangements at Tara, as soon as you can: jputzier1025@gmail.com, or call 724-991-0361 no later than Monday, October 12, 2026 so we have an accurate head and car count for our reservation at Tara; please be specific in advising how many intend to be present for Brunch. We will have a section cordoned off in the parking lot for the Jags so John needs both a car count and a people count. Please also specify if you are joining



Stu and Ruthanne Benson at the entrance of Tara at a previous JCOP Fall Foliage Cruise.

the caravan or if you are meeting us at Tara so we don't wait for you at Northgate Plaza.

10:45 AM – Stage at Northgate Plaza (116 US 19, Harmony, PA 16037)

11:00AM – Depart for Tara – We will caravan, but in case someone gets lost or is running late, here are the non-interstate directions:

Take US 19N for 31 miles

Left on US 62 (W. Market St.) for 0.2 miles

Right on PA 258 (N. Maple St.) for 0.6 miles

Continue on PA 258 (Clarksville Rd.) for 0.8 miles

Continue of PA 258 (S. Lake Rd.) for 9.7 miles

Turn left into Tara (2844 Lake Rd.) Clark, PA

Noon - Arrive at Tara – A Country Inn for brunch
Everyone departs on their own.

JCOP Fall Leaf Tour to Ligonier

October 24, 2026

Time to Register!

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By Shadrach Jones

We will meet at 9 AM on October 24, 2026, at **Panera Murrysville, 4899 William Penn Highway, Murrysville, PA 15668**. There is a large car park for our cars, food, beverages, and restrooms to start the day. While there are a few Top Tier™ gas stations along the route, I suggest a full tank of your preferred gasoline to begin the day. We'll have a driver's and navigator's meeting and then I anticipate sending the first cars off at 9:30 am. Each car will receive written turn-by-turn driving instructions for all segments and the drive will be available on the Rallista app, which I highly recommend. To help keep the group together and on time, the cars will be sent off in small groups with designated leaders. The pace will be leisurely, not a race. After about 40 minutes, we'll reach a scenic rest area worthy of a few photos. We'll then continue for another hour to the **Lincoln Highway Experience Museum** on US 30 near Latrobe. This museum, housed in a historic early 19th century stone house, tells the story of the nation's first coast-to-coast highway. In about an hour, you'll be able to enjoy the exhibits, mail a postcard (remember those??), and have a piece of pie and a cup of Joe in a 1938 diner. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors. If there are enough participants, we may be eligible for a group discount and docent-led tour. Following our museum visit, we'll make the short but scenic drive through the **Loyalhanna Gorge** to Ligonier for lunch. (More information about lunch will be available closer to the event.) Following lunch, members may explore the many shops in Ligonier, visit historic 18th century **Fort Ligonier**, explore the many beautiful roads in the Laurel Highlands, take an optional scenic drive to a winery (driving instructions provided), or simply return home; hey, it will have been a long and eventful day!



Photos by Shadrach Jones





Lenny's Classic Car Collection



October 17, 2026 Noon to 4 pm JCO Weekend Trip



Lenny, Frankie
and Wayne



Lenny's Classic Car Collection has over thirty cars in the collection consisting of Jaguars, Rolls Royce, Aston Martin, Bentley and Thunderbird.



Lenny's Museum
is located at
816 Green Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601
(814) 946-5082



Lenny appreciates a donation for admittance to the museum to the Central PA Humane Society at the entrance of the museum.

RSVP to Dominic Perri at
dperri6699@aol.com or
call or text 216-644-0393
by October 10th.

JCO MEMBERS, COME JOIN US ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th AT NOON
IN ALTOONA, PA TO VISIT
LENNY'S CLASSIC CAR COLLECTION.

Travel to Altoona, Pennsylvania to view the Classic Car Collection of Leonard Fiore. Donations are accepted for admission. Lenny would like to provide an extensive tour, so he said to be ready to spend about 4 hours on site.

Following the tour we will go for dinner at the Park Hills Golf Club, Tavern 27 Restaurant (Lenny is a part owner). This will be an overnight trip for those who would like to stay Saturday night, since it is a 4 hour drive. The hotel is Windgate by Wyndham - 909 Chestnut Avenue Altoona, PA 16601. The group rate is \$169 + tax.

Call 814-414-3372 and tell them you are taking a room saved by the Jaguar Club of Ohio. Call before October 10th to get a room at the group rate. The hotel is right around the corner, within walking distance from the museum. On Sunday have a free continental breakfast at the hotel. On the way back home you have some options to visit: Railroaders Memorial Museum - \$18 - Opens at 9 am. Horseshoe Curve National Historic Landmark - \$13 or combo ticket for \$28. The Horseshoe Curve is an incredible site to experience, don't miss this chance since it's so close by. Or, just

take a leisurely ride home exploring the area on your own. Many JCO members make this a repeat trip, so please reply back as soon as possible so you don't miss out!



Hope you can join us!

JCOP members are welcome to participate in this event. Contact Dominic Perri to register.



“Double Clutching and Rev Matching”

President’s Perspective

Rich Aronson



D. Bryan Williams – 30-Year Anniversary as JCOP Concours Chair and Chief Judge! 30 Years of Leadership, Expertise and Kindness

Congratulations Bryan!

What an honor and privilege it is not only for JCOP members but North Central Region JCNA Friends and even Colleagues nationwide to celebrate Bryan’s 30 years of leadership as our Concours Chair and Chief Judge!

This is clearly a precedent that will likely never be duplicated – and that’s 30 *consecutive years* right through the 2020 pandemic “interruption” when only ten clubs nationwide even held concours events.

This year, 2026, Bryan led our Concours team through the IJF Concours as well as last week’s JCOP annual event giving him and all of us, *two* Pittsburgh JCNA sanctioned concours events in one year.

Not surprisingly, Bryan, a true friend, took on heavy leadership workloads on behalf of every exhibitor. Bryan personally encouraged every JCOP and other regular entrant to enter both shows if possible, giving them a unique, convenient opportunity to qualify for JCNA Regional or National awards this year with our two Concours right here in town. Of course, several of us did just that. At the end of the season, it already appears now that our Pittsburgh scores have been quickly added to the JCNA Concours standings site, that will most likely be well represented with JCOP

2026 national and regional award winners!

Bryan’s key objective since his start in 1996, was to design competitive JCNA shows and his teams to stress **“every exhibitor to above all have fun and through so doing, want to return to our event.”**

This is a lofty, laudable and unselfish goal of any Concours Chair and Chief Judge and Bryan’s shows not only feature unique, attractive commemorative etched glass trophies but such good will and universally pleased participants. I confess one of my favorite trophies ever is the historic Norman Dewis famous Jaguar test driver image in the cockpit provided in 2019; an amazing keepsake.

Before every show in our judges’ meetings, Bryan reminds his teams that the minimum score required by JCNA, especially for cleanliness or condition should be paid close attention to for a fault since that minimum is required when deductions are made.

History

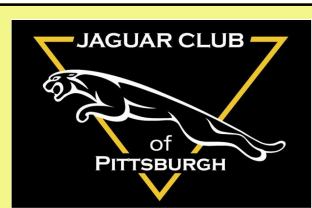
Bryan was firm that we credit the start of JCOP Concours history in 1973, led by our capable friend, Chair Bill Cooper and other early club colleagues established this prime event for our club.

For those years prior to Bryan being on board a judged Concours was established, changed to exhibit only and back again to judging at various physical locations, including Ernie’s Esquire, the Mountain View Inn, and Station Square to name the major early sites.

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



Those of you may remember several early shows at Linden Hall in the late nineties with Bryan at the helm.



Bryan acquired his beautiful 1983 Series III XJ-6 with very low mileage in pristine condition in May 1988 when it was five years old and began to show it, the first award being earned a month later in June at the Columbus-hosted regional JCNA meet at the Mid-Ohio Salute to Jaguar featuring the concours in the midst of vintage car racing much like our IJF at the Vintage Grand Prix this year.

(In the above photo, Bryan (right) and son Sean were featured with his XJ-6 in Columbus in a slide show at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in Pittsburgh in March 2008 with guest of honor Norman Dewis (center), chief test driver for Jaguar Cars from 1952 to his retirement in 1985, and Dennis Eynon, (left), former Jaguar Clubs of North America president.)

Bryan told me how proud he was to receive that award – and he was smitten with Concours and JCNA sponsored events ever since.

George Keller of the Columbus Club and Paul Cusato of the Cleveland Club worked closely with Bryan as he continued to show his car, win many championships and preservation awards and with their and others’ help went on to begin his climb all the way to 1997 when he assumed leadership of our concours – and the rest is JCOP history!

What has Changed the Most?

I asked Bryan what has changed the most over the last 30 years with JCNA Concours events?

These are the highlights of his observations:

Cars are restored to much higher standards, particularly those shown in pre-XK, XK-120, 140, 150 and all E-Type classes making today’s shows very competitive.

The JCNA Rulebook is much more comprehensive and precise with judging requirements, such as show protocols/conduct, authenticity standards and judge training/testing and qualification.

Judging manuals and technical bulletins have been researched and published over the years that were not available before and are still evolving today!

Our Jaguars have grown in value and scarcity

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



with the concomitant need for their care and protection at sanctioned shows when they compete .

JCOP members such as Bill Cooper, Chuck Kusiolek, Henry VerValen, Jack Terrick and Chuck Pipich restored their own Jaguars. Now the restoration is left to third-party restorers, commonly known as a “checkbook” restoration.

Imagine being in Bryan’s shoes as a multi-decade leader of all of this while still upholding strongly practical as well as philosophical core goals such that:

Under his supervision, no matter how complex, judging per car per JCNA standard requirements *is only 15 minutes per car*, including “OV” – and that judges can only spot what they observe within that strict time allotment.

And ...

Above all, this event is primarily for fun – and that never should be forgotten!

Thank you Bryan for your years of service and your indelible imprint for the good on JCNA-sanctioned Concours events. Your long years of service with compassion are the ultimate gift to JCOP Concours tradition!



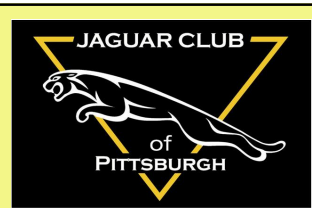
The above photo is of Bryan’s first concours award that he received in 1988 at mid-Ohio Concours d’Elegance.

“Although I don’t show my XJ6 any more, I enjoy assisting others in local Concours, Regional and North American competition,” Bryan said.
Below is his 1970 E-Type OTS in Cream that he also owns.





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Exciting Events in Store!

There are the two Fall Leaf driving events in October which we announce or highlight in this issue.

First, the scenic Tara Fall Leaf Brunch Cruise, to view wonderful western PA scenery and experience terrific dining.

The date of **Sunday, October 18**, has been planned by John and Loriann Putzier for the traditional highly acclaimed and always popular Tara trip. Please note that details in this issue described temptingly by Stu Benson on page 3.

Second, Shadrach and Kathy Jones are planning a wonderful journey to historic, picturesque Ligonier in the Laurel Highlands, on **Saturday, October 24, 2026**, which looks amazing as well. Please see the exciting announcement of that trip on pages 1 and 4 of this issue so you can sign up for a wonderful, scenic drive as well as a delicious lunch. You won’t want to miss it!

Remember their fantastic drive to and tour of the Packard Museum one year ago? How outstanding was that? As a devoted Packard fan, I will never forget that museum experience!

Now that you have hopefully recovered some strength after the marathon IJF/PVGP, the Concours and of course Hartwood Acres events – plan to come out again to round out our fantastic year at these always well-attended drives!

November Board of Director Elections

Please see Page 1 – the JCOP Nomination Committee has reached out and responded to those both already on the Board who wish to remain so and members of our club who wish to join the Board as leaders to build a highly qualified and enthusiastic slate that was rolled out to our BOD for approval and then announcement in the November issue of the Jargon.

When you have a chance in November, please exercise your franchise to vote and in so doing supporting your club’s continued governance and event production.

I personally thank our committee which I worked with this year for their diligence, passion and success with their efforts!

2026 A Historic Year For JCOP Concours

By Bryan Williams

Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh, JCOP, had a historic 2026. It is the first time the club hosted 2 concours in the same year, July 18th at the International Jaguar Festival and September 19th at our annual concours held at the Fox Chapel Yacht Club.

The concours at the Yacht Club started off with typical English weather, overcast and a bit cool but no rain. It is perfect for judging and the participants preparing their Jaguar for showing. We had several entrants showing their cars for the first time at our concours.

Club member Ken Como showed his 1954 XK120, OTS in Cream. He followed up his perfect 100 point score at the Jaguar Club of Ohio show with another perfect score at the JCOP show. **Craig Gestler**, JCOP member, and club first vice-president, showed off his car and his restoration skill with his 1966 Mark 2, Saloon in Opalescent Silver Blue. JCOP members were able to follow Craig's restoration progress with his monthly installments in the Jaguar Jargon.



Shadrach Jones (in photo at left receiving his award from JCOP President **Rich Aronson**) showed his recently acquired 1991 XJS Convertible in Carmen Red. He also showed his 1991 XJ6 VDP in Regency Red. This concours marks his 3rd show of the year and is eligible for a North American award at year end. **Dennis Felty** from the Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club showed his 1953 XK120 OTS in British Racing Green with Suede Green interior. He chose our show for his very first concours. Dennis's Jaguar was completed by the same restoration shop, Olde York Classics, that restored **Ron Gaertner's** XK120 and XK150 which were also at our show.

Dave Gamret's 1967 E-Type, FHC in Black moved up one position from last year to receive a second-place award. **Cecile and Carl Canales** picked up a first-place award for their 2007 XK Convertible in White. **Paul Read** placed first in class for his 1960 Mark 2 Saloon in Gray. Paul's car, with 5 car badges, will be the car to click on to view all the show's pictures taken by **John Paganini**.

Although they are not final, entrants that attended JCOP concours and are in the running for a North Central award are by attending at least 2 concours in the N.C. Region for the year are **Paul Read** C8/SLS with his 1960 Mark 2 in Gray, **Chuck Pipich** C14/K8 with his 1999 XK8, Convertible in Champagne, **Tony Bardelli** C19/FJ with his 2018 XF-S Sport Brake in Silicon Silver, **Ken Como** C20/F with his 2024 F-Type 75 Coupe in Giola Green, **Bob Grove** D1/PRE with his 1953 XK120 in Green, **John Paganini** D11/XK with his 2014 XKR Coupe in Black, **Dominic Perri** D14/FJ with his 2013 XF Saloon in White, and **John Whitfield** D15 with his 2024 F-Type Convertible in White. A total of 8 Jaguars vying for N.C. Regional awards.

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2026 A Historic Year For JCOP Concours

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By Bryan Williams

Entrants eligible for North American awards by entering in at least 3 concours during the year regardless of region are **Ron Gaertner** C2/120 for his 1953 FHC in Green; **Ken Como** C2/120 with his 1954 XK120 OTS in Cream; **Robert Seyler** C3/XK140 with his 1956 XK140 DHC in Black; **Ron Gaertner** with his 1960 XK150 DHC in Red *(In photo at right)*; **Tom Inwood** C7/E3 with his 1973 E-Type Convertible in Azure Blue; **Matt Siegel** C19/FJ with his 2024 XF Saloon in British Racing Green; **Rich Aronson** D1/PRE with his 1951 XK120 OTS in Birch Gray; **Pat Geary** D3/E2 with his 1969 2+2 in Red; **Shadrach Jones** D7/XJ with his 1991 XJ6VDP Salon in Regency Red; **Dave Morgan** D11/XK with his 2009 XKR Convertible in Shadow Gray, and **Rich Aronson** D14/FJ with his 2024 XF Saloon in Carpathian Gray. A total of 11 Jaguars vying for North American awards.

Good luck to all those in the running for N.C. region and N.A. recognition.

The custom-made glass trophies were made possible by the generosity of **Monroeville Jaguar**. Please support them for all your purchases including parts and service. This year's awards depicted in the James Bond movie, *Spectre*'s villain vehicle designed by **Ian Callum**, the C-X75.

A big thank you to the owners of the Fox Chapel Yacht Club for the use of their facilities. I need to recognize all the judges, score keepers, runners and other helpers for the second of two concours of the year. You all did an outstanding job and deserve a well earned rest until the 2027 season. Thank you all very much, your expertise makes my job a lot easier.

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Ron Gaertner and his 1960 XK150 DHC



Bob Grove with his 1953 XK120 FHC



Chuck Pipich and his 1999 XK8 Convertible

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By Bryan Williams

Dominic and Irene Perri, of the Jaguar Club of Ohio, not only helped with judging and score-keeping duties, but donated several current and past-year posters designed by Irene. She selects a Jaguar and interesting background to create a unique souvenir of their annual concours. If you have not attended their show, held the first Saturday in August, you owe it to yourself to attend as a participant or spectator.

John Paganini served again as the club's official photographer for the event. His pictures can be seen on his web site, Autovisionstudios.com. Follow the directions below to receive downloads of any of John's shots.

To download your complimentary photo(s): **Go to autovisionstudios.com**

Click on Photo Gallery (on the banner at the top of the page)

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Click on Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh.

Select Jaguar Concours 2026.

Select photo, click on download (arrow pointing down)

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Above: Terry Smith receives his award from JCOP President Rich Aronson

At right: Irene Perri, Kathy Schindler and Richard Galinowski were kept busy tabulating the score sheets.



At left: Stu Benson with his 1968 E-Type OTS in red with the PVGP logo on the left door.

2026 JCOP Concours Photos Available!

Autovision Studios was proud to serve as the official photographer for the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh Concours d'Elegance. It was a truly memorable day filled with amazing people, amazing cars, and a shared passion for the Jaguar marque.

As a complimentary service provided by JCOP, photographs from the Concours are available at **AutovisionStudios.com**

Each photograph has been individually reviewed, professionally refined and enhanced to showcase every Jaguar at its very best.

To download your complimentary photo(s): **Go to autovisionstudios.com**

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If you have any questions or would like assistance, please contact info@autovisionstudios.com or call photographer John Paganini at **440-749-5588**.

We hope you enjoy the photographs and the wonderful memories from the 2026 International Jaguar Festival and the 2026 Concours d'Elegance.

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1966 Jaguar Mk2 Restoration – Part 23

By Craig Gestler

This past Saturday was the JCOP hosted Concours at the Fox Chapel Yacht Club and the first show for the (nearly) completed 1966 Mk2. The car has been running and driving for several months but still has some bugs to be worked out and the concours judges were kind enough to point out a few extra things that I need to take care of. The concours was a very interesting experience and I'm glad I did it.

(See photo at right)

Aside from the concours findings, there are other items that need to be addressed with the steering being priority number one. All, or nearly all, of my driving experience over the last 40-some years has been in cars with rack and pinion steering. I understood that the older recirculating ball steering boxes are not as sharp as modern rack and pinion systems, but I was not prepared for this level of sloppy. The steering wheel is making vague suggestions to the front wheels. The many couplings are all new and don't seem to have any play in them so I am suspecting the steering box.

There is a teeny, tiny chance that maybe I did not dwell on how to properly shim the box when I reassembled it. We shall see.

The oil pressure gauge provides readings that are not intuitive. Higher RPMs can show lower readings than idle, and it wanders around, which is difficult to explain. I suspect the pressure sender on the engine is not doing its job. When the engine was first assembled, I had a mechanical pressure gauge in the engine compartment, and it showed very healthy and consistent oil pressure. I have since purchased a mechanical gauge that I can mount inside the car and watch while driving. I'm really hoping my assumption about the pressure sender is correct since none of the alternatives are nice to think about.



Judges John Schindler (left) and Bill Cooper (right) judging Craig Gestler's Jaguar at the 2026 JCOP Concours d'Elegance on Sept. 19.

Photo by John Paganini

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1966 Jaguar Mk2 Restoration – Part 23

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By Craig Gestler

Minor issues dominate the list of things to do. The turn signals don't always cancel, the speedometer seems to be way off, and the heater fan is out of balance which is making more noise than I had anticipated when I first noticed (and ignored) the issue. I need to find a seatbelt solution for the back seat and the sun visors need to be recovered and installed.

The factory visors included a chrome bead around the edge of the visor and that is now impossible to find so I will need to find something to take its place. Rounding out the list is an idle that is a little too slow when the engine is warmed up and a sticking button on the parking brake handle. I'm not great at the last two percent of any project so these things may take time.

My next significant project will likely be a new clutch in my 1966 E-Type coupe. It does not have a lot of miles but is pushing 35 years old and is slipping when you give the car a little bit of spur. Either the clutch disk is oil soaked (the underside of the car certainly is) or the springs in the pressure plate have lost their strength. Since a clutch job on an E-type requires that the engine and transmission be removed as a pair, there are a number of other items I should take care of at the same time. I'm already seeing that project balloon into a multi-year event and maybe another series of articles.

Maybe?? Probably.

Save the date!

JCOP 2026 Holiday Celebration

Celebrate with friends, great food, gift exchange
and music!

Saturday December 5th from Noon to 4 pm.

Edgeworth Club

511 East Drive Sewickley, PA 15143



For Sale:

Series 1957 XK140

Built race car for vintage events. Raced at many events on the east coast. Rebuilt C-type head engine, fire system, upgraded carburetors. No spares. More photos available upon request. Contact Jennifer Patterson, 412-848-6206 or JPatterson@tscbank.com



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** for more details.

**A NEW CHAPTER AT JAGUAR
NORTH HILLS & SOUTH HILLS**

Jaguar North Hills & South Hills are excited to reconnect with the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh, now as part of the Germain Family of Companies. We're proud to continue the tradition of supporting local Jaguar enthusiasts and being an active partner in the club community.

To say thank you, we're offering complimentary Pennsylvania State Inspections for Jaguars owned by JCOP members. Whether you drive a modern performance model or a cherished classic, our team is here to help keep your Jaguar road-ready for the season ahead.

We look forward to seeing you in the service drive and getting to know the JCOP community once again.

JAGUAR CLUB OF PITTSBURGH MEMBERS

Receive a complimentary PA State Safety Inspection

[1] Offer valid on Pennsylvania State inspection only on personally owned Jaguar models. Does not include emissions testing in counties that require it. Excludes out-of-state inspections. Jaguar North Hills & South Hills reserve the right to cancel the free inspection offer at any time. Restrictions apply. See Jaguar Land Rover North Hills & South Hills for details.

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