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FROM THE EDITOR
Richard Lloyd-Roberts

Fellow Carolina Jaguar Club Members

Welcome to Spring.

The trees are flowering and leaves are back. Its getting warmer and time to dust off the car.

We attended The Gathering yesterday and had a great turn out. It was nice to see some familiar and new faces.

Kevin Mann has put on a great year of events and it would be nice to see you all out and attending. Please RSVP as soon as you can.

Registration for the concours is up on the website and if you plan on showing I would pop over and get that booked as fast as you can. I see places being taken rapidly.

One of our members has pointed out an ad that was place a few years ago about foriegn car hating. It was later retracted. He happend to have a copy so its included here for nostalgic purposes. Glad it didnt get too much coverage!

Happy Motoring.

Enjoy the edition.

Richard Lloyd-Roberts
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From The President

Eric Dunn

Hello Everyone.

I was unable to attend the Black Top Studios restoration shop in Valdese, N.C. last month, but understand it was quite informative and enjoyable. For those considering a partial or complete restoration, it seems a good choice, particularly if you want a “close to home” shop. Our next event is the British Car Gathering at Shelton Vineyards this weekend on the 15th, always one of our favorite events. Skipping a few months ahead, you need to start confirming your plans for the concours in July since the hotels can sellout very quickly that weekend. Don't put it off if you want to go. Steve Thomas, our #1 Chief Judge, reports he has had a great judges training session last month and will be prepared to receive those most attractive autos.

We have known for sometime that Jaguar will end its production of the F-Type next year; however, they have just recently released the motif. The model will be called the R 75, celebrating the 75 years of Jaguar sports car production. Not exactly sure how that works since the XK 120 started production in 1948. Be that as it may, there will be a modified suspension which will allow for a top speed of 186 mph, and the last models will be all black in color with special interiors. Alas, we must say a final farewell to these fantastic, fierce, felines.

Our JAGUAR FORMULA E team has had a run of bad luck for much of the 2023 season thus far---not because of performance—but mainly due to accidents and mishaps. A victory has been as hard to find as Howland Island. No more! The last race in March in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the two Jaguar cars finished 1st and 3rd. The 2nd place position was Envision Racing, which has a Jaguar powertrain-----so there you go! Next race is Berlin 22 April. Maybe things have turned the corner.

Trust all have had their Spring Break and are all rested and ready for the open road.

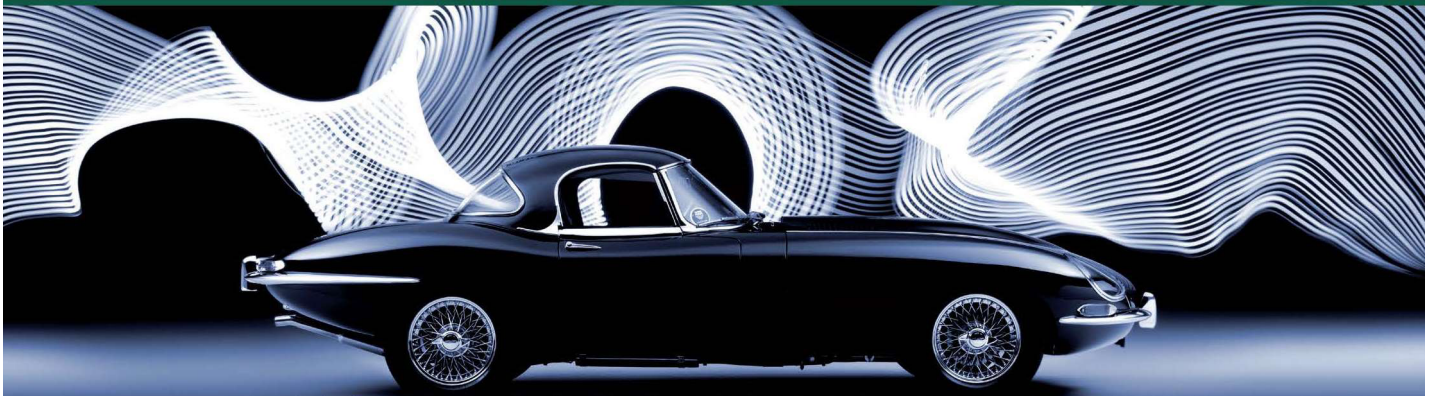
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Best regards.

Eric

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MAY CLUB EVENT – TRIANGLE BRITISH CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Please join us on 5/20 at the Hendrick Center - Building R on Wake Tech North Campus at 6600 Louisburg Rd., Raleigh NC for the 26th Annual Triangle Classic British Car Show, put on by NC MG Car Club. Students will be selling pizza and soft drinks on site and there is also Heyday Brew Pub on site.

Link to the NCMGCClub is below, where you can register to show your car and also access their event flyer, with more event details:
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Address is: 900 Old Salem Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

Plan to arrive before 10 AM. Park in the Museum parking lot (there are 2 – one out front and one in the back). After our group is assembled at 10 AM, we will receive tickets to the attractions and proceed with a self-guided tour.

Website link is : <https://www.oldsalem.org/> where you can see all about the facility and attractions. Tickets are \$26.50 per person and must be purchased in advance on the CJC website. Please act quickly as our deadline requires our commitment by 4/30/23.

Optional lunch at 1 PM at the Muddy Creek Café onsite. This will be self-pay with separate checks. <https://www.oldsalem.org/muddy-creek-cafe-at-old-salem/>

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There is an on-site food vendor, lots of door prizes, and special **Electrifying** car displays!

Get registration information & form, directions, maps, & show updates at <http://www.svbcc.net/carshow.html>
Registration forms may also be printed to mail with a check.

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A portion of 2023 Car Show profits will go to the **Blue Ridge Area Food Bank**. The Welcome Tent will also accept your donations!



REGISTER NOW!

MAIL TO:

It's time once again to

Head to the Mountains

Carolina Jaguar Club
2023 Concours



July 27 – 30, 2023

Switzerland Inn, Little Switzerland, NC

Planning is well underway for the 2023 CJC Concours at Little Switzerland, NC.

We will begin the festivities on Thursday, July 27th with an informal after-dinner gathering. The weekend will include a driving event on Friday, and of course the actual show and judging on Saturday, July 29th.

Our Guest Speaker for Friday night is Richard Lentinello, a self-confessed car fanatic of the highest order! Among other things, Richard had a 22-year career at Hemming Motor News as Editor-in-Chief, retiring in 2020. Upon leaving Hemmings, Richard started his own collector-car magazine: Crankshaft. This is a high-quality, quarterly publication of 144 pages, which many consider to be a modern-day Automobile Quarterly, but with a soft cover.

In addition to Hemings Motor News, Richard has also been the editor-in-chief of eight other car magazines, including Hemmings Classic Car, Special Interest Autos, Hemmings Muscle Machines and Hemmings Sports & Exotic Car. He has also authored numerous books.

We're fortunate and excited to have Richard join us for our Concours, as he has judged at numerous prestigious events including The Amelia, The Elegance at Hershey and The Hilton Head Island Concours.

Registration for the Concours will open April 1st. All registration will be online at the club website.

The firm deadlines are as follows:

Saturday, July 8 Last day to register any and all Judged cars.

Saturday, July 15th. Last day to register Display cars

There will be no registrations at the door, and late registrations will not be accepted.

This is a JCNA sanctioned event governed by the rules found at www.jcna.com. You **MUST BE** a registered JCNA member in order to have a car judged.

If you are in need of hotel reservations, contact Switzerland Inn directly at (828) 385-4500 and Whitney will take good care of you. Please note that the room cancelation deadline for the Inn is Tuesday, June 20th.

We hope you will join us for a weekend in the mountains where we can enjoy both some time together as well as the beauty of our Jaguars!

Brad and Barbara Merlie,
Chairs, Concours Committee
concours@carolinajaguarclub.com

**JCNA Annual General Meeting
March 14-17, 2024
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The Carolina Jaguar Club is looking forward to hosting the 2024 JCNA Annual General Meeting in Charlotte.

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The British Motor Club of the Cape Fear (BMCCF) is pleased to announce it is hosting the 23rd Annual British Car Show on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023 in Wilmington, NC.

The BMCCF is partnering with the Scottish Society of Wilmington and the Port City Highland Games benefiting paws4vets assistance dog placement program. paws4vets provides customized assistance dogs to veterans, service members, and their dependents.

This year's car show will be a wonderful opportunity to see over 100 classic and modern British motor cars. There is no charge for spectators enjoying the car show, but you will want to take advantage of the Port City Highland Games' pipe bands, heavy athletics, dancing, food, beer, merchandise, clans & societies. Entrance to the highland games is \$15 in advance and \$20 cash at the door.

Advanced registration for the car show closes May 31st and is \$25. Car show registration includes one complimentary pass to the Port City Highland Games, and the first 100 cars registered will receive dash plaques. Cars will be grouped by marque.

For more information visit: <https://www.bmccf.org/car-show/>

COMING SOON: On line registration at <https://www.bmccf.org/car-show/> If you prefer to register by mail, a paper registration form may be downloaded.

We look forward to seeing you in 2023!

Best regards,

Paul Clarkson
BMCCF Car Show Chairman

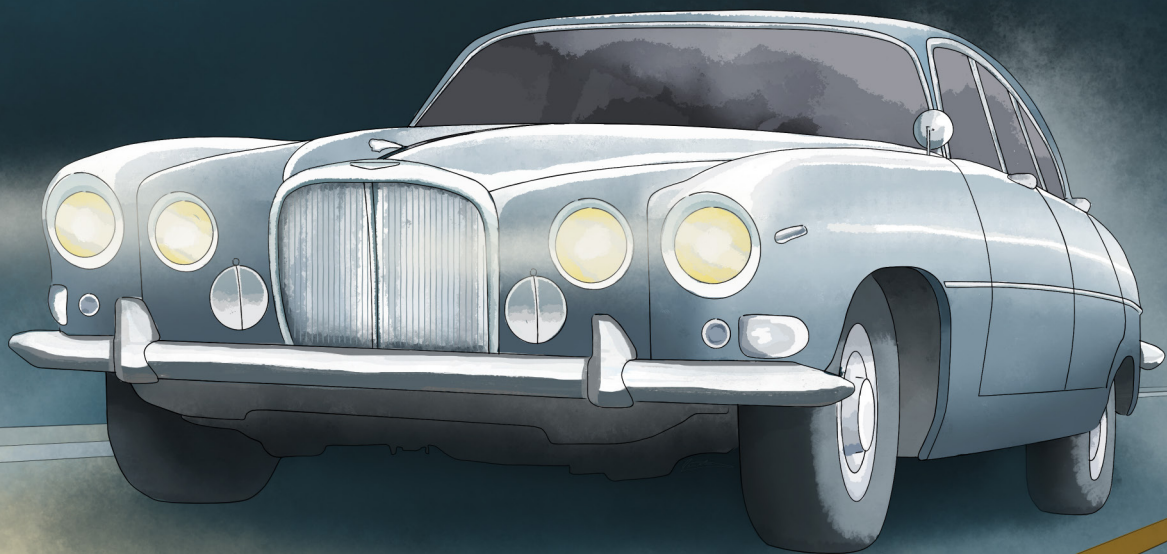


Tenth Annual Myrtle Beach Britfest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at The Market Common, Johnson & Hendrick Ave., Myrtle Beach, SC. Come and enjoy a British car extravaganza and celebrate Octoberfest in the balmy warmth of autumn at the beach. And a special Recognition of the 100th Anniversary of M.G. Sports Cars! More information and a registration flyer will become available at GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com as the date nears.

Bill Unger, GSBCC Newsletter Editor
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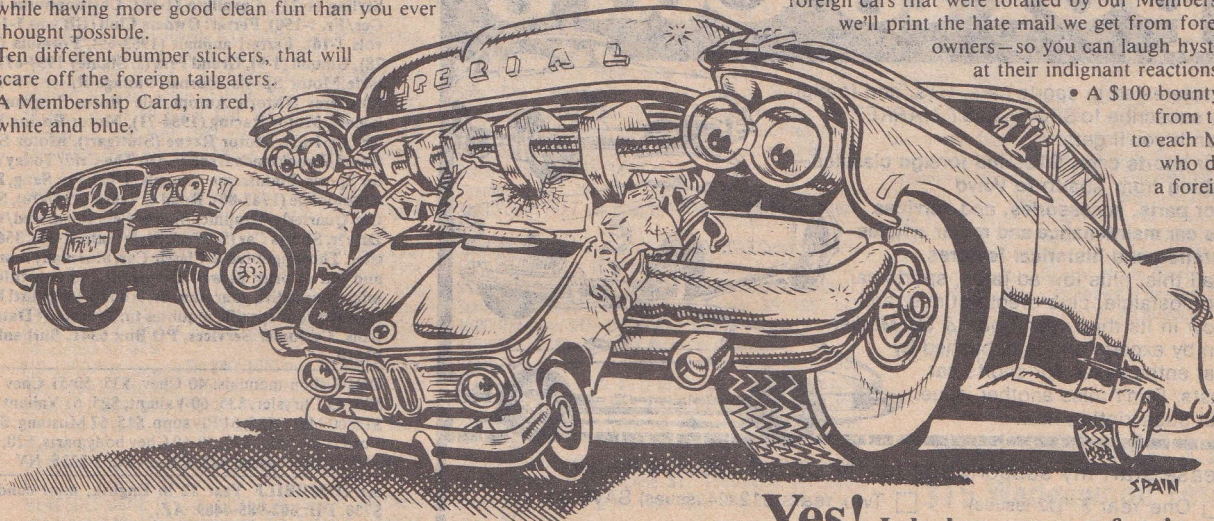
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Familiar scenario? Sure it is! We, lovers of great American steel put up with this crap every day. Swarms of foreign cars infest our highways like germs. They insult us, abuse us, and sneer at our big, beautiful babies. Well, we're sick and tired of the whole damn lot of 'em. We're madder'n hell and we're not gonna take it any more.

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The membership term corresponds to the 2023 calendar year.

Renewals are due by January 1 of the renewal year and new memberships are accepted yearlong.

Please attach your check made payable to **Carolina Jaguar Club, Inc.**, and send it with this application to:

Kevin and Nancy Willis
1120 Claverton Court
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

Applicant's Signature _____

Date: _____

Note: In accordance with Article III of the **Carolina Jaguar Club, Inc.**, by-laws, all applications are subject to approval by the club's Board of Directors.



Greetings fellow members,

Our Club continues to grow! We now have 181 members and counting.

We want to invite you to become an ACTIVE member of the Club. Each month, there is an interesting and fun activity planned for our enjoyment. Please join us for at least one event this year, we know you will enjoy the people you meet.

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Kevin and Nancy

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- MAY 20 Triangle British Classic Car Show 6600 Lewisburg Rd Raleigh, NC
- JUN 10 Old Salem Museum, 600 S. Main Street, Winston Salem, NC
- JUL 27 30 CJC Annual CONCOURS, Switzerland Inn, Little Switzerland, NC
- AUG 19 NC Transportation Museum, 1 Samuel Spencer Drive, Spencer, NC.
- SEPT 23 Autumn in the Mountains Car Show Mills River Brewing Co. NC
- OCT 8 14 Week long ROAD TRIP Eastern Shore MD/VA
- NOV 4 Concours D' Elegance – Car Club Showcase @ Hilton Head Island SC
- NOV TBA CJC Officer Elections Location TBA (NOT at Hilton Head)
- DEC 12/ 12/2 CJC Christmas Weekend Asheville, NC Renaissance Hotel







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Bear with me. The title will make sense by the time I'm done. We've all heard of the adage "measure twice, cut once." This probably was established by the first caveman when he learned to use tools. In my case, I had a "fail" on the 63 E-Type FHC project. In the rear area behind the seats there are metal strips with rubber inserts that serve to keep your luggage from tearing up the upholstery. In the case of my car, the upholstery in question is called Hardura, which is aptly named, as it is a tough vinyl material with a pebble grain. Tough stuff. So as part of my upholstery efforts, I had to fit my pre-cut (by the upholstery supplier) hardura pieces into the rear of the car. Fail number one was the pieces originally sent me were appropriate for a slightly later car than mine. My car has a "two piece" design. What I got was a "one piece" design, put into play later in the year that my car was built. An honest mistake. In an abundance of caution, I made a paper template of the rear area, which I mailed to the supplier in the UK. After a suitable period of time, DHL dropped a package off at my door with the new pieces. I laid them in and they fit very well. Next up was to install the snaps that hold them in place. I found some suitable snaps from a firm called Sailrite. I also got the installation tools. I put in a few snaps on some scrap material to hone my technique. Then I reviewed the original piece from the car and starting adding snaps to my new hardura pieces. Well, at some point, I noticed that two snaps on either side of the joint between two pieces were not lined up. My OCD did not do well with this state of affairs. Fortunately, the snaps were large enough that I could shift them into alignment without the "bad holes" showing. Wow, close call but it worked out. Measure twice, cut once!

Next, I pulled off the luggage rails from the old piece. Fortunately they are stainless, not chrome. They cleaned up nicely on my buffing wheel. There are five rails. One is centered and then there are two on each side of it. I remember distinctly. I measured the opening as 38". And quickly in my head, I calculated $1/2$ of 38" is 18". And I duly laid out the center rail 18" from the side. Well, this is extremely embarrassing, as I am very good with math and we can all agree that $1/2$ of 38 is 19! I did not discover my mistake until I was laying in the rail closet to the edge and found out it wouldn't fit. By then, I had already popped holes to secure the previous 2 strips. There was no way I could cover up this mistake! I contacted the upholstery supplier and he is quite willing to cut me new hardura pieces. My "stupid tax" in this case will be a few hundred dollars. Measure twice, cut once!



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But there are times when you really don't want to cut at all. Especially if your fingers are involved. I have been working on a complicated project to re-create the aluminum panels for the various center and dash consoles, using new but period correct material. This has required that I make up wooden bucks to form the aluminum over. The bucks need to be stout so I am using some high dollar knot free oak from Lowes Home Improvement. And my trusty table saw, which I have had for many decades without nary an incident. Well, I guess eventually your number comes up. I was cutting a piece of oak on the table saw. I was correctly using a "push stick" to pass a smallish piece through the blade. There was a triangular shaped "off cut" that I needed to clear out of the way. I nudged it with my push stick. It rotated into the spinning blade and ejected straight back into my right index finger. Let me just say that the finger was still attached but there was copious blood. I gave my wife the veterinary surgeon the chance to sew me up but she directed me to proceed directly to the emergency room. Six stiches later it was patched up. I was basically out of commission for two weeks. One doesn't miss their right hand until it is covered up with splints and bandages! I am happy to report it is totally healed now, if not a little reluctant to go through its full range of motion. As I stated in the title, in this case the best policy is to "not cut at all!"



