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From the EDITOR

Richard Lloyd-Roberts

Welcome to the Carolina Jaguar Club June Newsletter.

In the absense of our anual concours Jerry Tester, Jerry Cohen, Ted Hill and I decided to create an online peoples choice awards. Please scroll down to the concours section to see the rules aplenty. The lineup is as follows.

You have until July 15th to submit your entry.

From July 15th to the 30th I will place these entries on our website where you will be able to vote on them.

We will send out an email when voting is to commence. Probably August 1st

We will announce the votes in the August/Sept Newsletter on the 15th.

I need articles, cars for sale member photos etc to be sent to me by thr 10th of each month for inclusion in the next months newsletter.

Your car for sale will be included in the newsletter until you tell me its sold for a maximum of 3 months. Make sure to send updates price increases or decreases etc.

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From The President

Hello everyone, it is already June and difficult to determine what lies ahead for the remaining portion of 2020. I pray for our country and the many people who have been adversely effected from the events that have transpired this year. I sincerely hope we can get past the covid-19 virus and it does not return. My heart breaks to see our country in such turmoil. Hopefully we can find common ground and heal our nation. If not our adversaries will surely take advantage.

We would all like to get together, enjoy the Jags we love so much and renew our acquaintances and friendships. Members of our board are in discussions about the feasibility of future events for the remaining portion of the year. When you combine health issues with economic and political issues it makes planning events challenging. I do not want to plan a club event where we are limited to the number of members that can attend. If we are limited by a percentage of capacity and social distancing then we will have to explore other avenues. It appears covid-19 cases are on the rise in North Carolina, which gives us pause to schedule any events in the immediate future.

The JCNA AGM is still scheduled for the weekend of August 21st and 22nd in Columbia, SC.. Steve Thomas and I still plan on attending and as CJC's delegates.

For those who are interested in Concours events this year, the Virginia Jaguar Club was considering having a Concours later this year but I do not have information about a confirmed date. The North Georgia Jaguar Club is having their concours October 25th at the Chattahoochee Country Club on the shores of Lake Lanier. To continue this traditional club event they are asking members of other Jaguar clubs who plan on attending to volunteer their services. Opportunities include judges, registration, parking guiders and scoring helpers. If you would like to be a part of this event you may reach out to Philip DiTrolio at jaguar@georgiaexpo. com.. The International Jaguar Festival is scheduled from October 28th thru November 1st 2020. The event is being hosted by the Jaguar Club of Southwest Florida. They have a very comprehensive website listing the schedule of events, registration and reservations. We certainly thank them for the tremendous amount of work and effort they have made hosting this event.

At a minimum we are discussing a November meeting to elect 2021 club officers and a Christmas event. I will not be available to run for President next year and there will possibly be other officer positions that will need to be filled. I also need someone to volunteer as our nominating chairman. It is quite possible there will be an increased amount of absentee ballots cast this year, so this is an important position that needs to be filled. I ask for your consideration in service to our club.

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This virtual concours is of course a sanctioned one – sanctioned by the authority of those having authority.

Like the Little Switzerland concours, this event is also held in July and like all JCNA events, you must follow rules, rules, and more rules. You are invited to enter this contest by observing the following protocols:

1. Decide to participate (i.e. register in your mind)

2. Clean, clean, clean your car

3. Choose a location to take a photo of your car

4. You and your spouse or significant other must also be in the shot

a. Your car is clean, so be sure to have taken a bath yourself within a week or so of taking the photo

b. This step is important since we haven't seen each other in months – a virtual reunion of sorts

5. Prepare to take a perspective angle shot of your car showing the front and drivers side

6. Use the following link to review your photographic expertise

a. https://expertphotography.com/professional-car-pictures/

b. Since many of us are in our golden years, we should use the golden hours of the day for the photo shoot

7. In light of COVID19, you must position yourself on the right side of the photo and your spouse on the left side of the photo

a. Be sure to "social distance" at least 12 inches from the car

b. In lieu of actually wearing your mask, you may instead hold it in your hand by your side – we need to be sure it is indeed you after all

8. Submit the photo along with your name and JCNA concours class in which you wish to compete to Richard at: rlloydroberts@gmail.com

9. The deadline for submission is midnight July 15, 2020.

10. Each one of us is a "qualified" judge and will use our expertise to vote in every class category we choose.

a. More on viewing (judging) the cars and the voting process in the July Litter Box

Winners will be presented in the Awards Ceremony edition of the Litter Box in August

We look forward to"seeing" each other and our beautiful cars soon! Jerry Tester, Concours Committee Chair 2020 Officers and Committee Chairs President Ted Hill Phone 704-668-7641 E-Mail tedwh2@icloud.com

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They Just Don't Look Like Jaguars Anymore. By Jerry Cohen

When the 2009 Jaguar S-type replacement rolled out as the XF with an all new Ian Callum design the critics began to chime in, "they just don't look like Jaguars anymore." Then in 2010 the all new XJ made an appearance and the same group of Jaguar owners and want to be owners said, "They just don't look like Jaguars anymore." "You might as well be driving a Lexus." "You will never catch me buying one of those." "I am going to hold on to my old XJ." It went on and on. You would have thought that they tore down Buckingham Palace and replaced it with The Guggenheim.



If you were not an enthusiast you would think that over the many years of Jaguar car production they all looked alike. Here is a photo example of all of these look alike Jaguars that all looked just like Jaguars.



Obituary for Brian Myerscough

Brian Edward Myerscough of Huntersville (86), passed peacefully at his sons' house after a short battle with congestive heart failure.

He was born in Crosby, England, where he attended school as well as met his loving wife of 63 years, Pamela Nora Myerscough, who preceded him in death by several months.

His work as a chemist as well as a director of sales and marketing took him and his family all over the world, from Europe to South Africa and finally to Huntersville, where he retired after many years of work. His diligent work ethic and effervescent personality made him well-loved by everyone he met at and outside work. Brian was always quick with a joke, and together with his wife, they were mainstays of small parties and high society gatherings alike. His analytical mind also led him to collect many things, including rocks and coins, while his gentle and kind disposition allowed him to keep many dogs and in his later years, birds.

His many years of service in the lab and outside it kept him busy up until retirement, and after that he could never keep busy enough, and filled his time with many hobbies and vocations and while in South Africa, he served as the President of the Jaycees and the Rotary Club. One of the ways he spent his time was taking up and playing doubles badminton, progressing to the Senior Olympic Games several times and placing each time, taking home medals. His lifelong love of driving first manifested in membership in the Carolina Jaguar Club, where he was a beloved member known for his technical know-how and his keen eye, becoming head judge for three years, as well as contributing many technical articles in the club's newsletter. He spent many years restoring, driving, and showing many models of Jaguar cars, and has passed down both the cars and his love of them to his children and grandchildren. His love of driving never faded, but once he put his cars in the garage for the last time, he took up the building and piloting of model planes, and was a mainstay at the Waymer flying fields airstrip on weekends, Later in his life, he started attending the Huntersville United Methodist Church and spent many Sundays with the congregation. No activity was too difficult or too strange for him, and he could never be too busy, always filling all of his free time and then some with family, friends, and his hobbies, all of which he loved. He enjoyed events at Beaver Dam House where his love for children and friends was clearly evident. He is reunited with his wife Pamela, and they can finally travel together again.

He will be missed by everyone he touched, and is survived by his five children, Susan and Bruce Beard, Wendy and Sean Spann, Gary Myerscough and Armin Desch, Carol and Kerry Schilf, and Steven and Connie Myerscough, five loving grandchildren (Michael and Barry Lilford, Shanna Camlin, Bryan and Danielle Myerscough) and great-grandchildren (Seth, Brooklyn, Saige, Erin, Bryce and Patric). Brian is also survived by siblings, cousins, nieces and nephews around the world.

Services are to be held privately by Brian's family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to Hospice and Palliative Care of Lake Norman or the Huntersville United Methodist Church. A special thank you to all those who loved and cared for Brian throughout his life that were not mentioned previously, neighbors, friends, family, and nurses. A celebration of life is to be held in the fall. https://www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com/obituaries/Brian-Myerscough/#!/Obituary

1963 FHC- The Plan By Harvey Ferrris

Every good project needs a Project Plan. In my life in nuclear power, these plans were very complex and a pain in the neck to develop. Somehow, management expected you to see into the future, predict costs and schedule, and stick to it. I'm not going to be so hard on myself. That said, from a cost side, I only have \$5000 invested at this point. You read that right. That is what I paid for this car in boxes back in 2002. I could probably sell it as is on Bring A Trailer for 10 times that amount. But that's not what I'm in it for. I enjoy the process, the hands on, the restoration. So that is what I am going to do. As far as schedule, there is none. Oh, before I die would be nice. And getting done in time for the 60th anniversary of the Etype would be nice. I'm going to to do my best to meet the "before I die part" but we'll just have to see.

So what is my "Mission Statement". Because, all good projects need one, don't they? My Mission Statement is "I will restore this car to the highest standards within my capabilities". "Highest Standards" to me means within the guidelines of the Jaguar Club of North America (JCNA) for a Championship Level concours car, or another way of saying it is "how the car was originally built but nicer". I am prepared to spend what it takes, as from what I can see top cars fetch top money when it comes time to sell. I'll save all my receipts, never add them up, my labor is free and if I need a part, tool, or service, I will buy it, no remorse! With a few exceptions, in order to improve reliability, I will stick to the original standards for the car. Right now, my list of intentional deviations is short. Both are mechanical in nature. I will install a modern radiator and fan from CoolCat Express. I will install a modern distributor from 123 Ignitions. I have the CoolCat and 123 parts on my 67 2+2 and really like them! So that's my list of deviations for right now.

On the other hand, what are some guidelines that I will adhere to. First of all, I obtained the Heritage Certificate for this car from the Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust. This is basically the cars "birth certificate". It states, among other things, that my car was built on January 2nd, 1963 (the day after a holiday. Ominous!). Its first owner was Mr. T. Ritchy, Inc. of Downey, California. The exterior color was Opalescent Golden Sand. The interior color was Light Tan. There is absolutely no area on my car that contains any original paint. That said, I have worked with my paint supplier, Finishmasters, and we mixed up their "formula of record" for this color and I have sprayed out some on a piece of sheet metal. I am excited about this original color that the car was painted in and am going to stick with it. That, and I am bored with red, silver, black , and white cars. I do have some original, if faded, interior pieces and will seek to match them with my new upholstery kit. My primary originality guidelines will be the "JCNA Series 1 E-type Judge's Guide". A significant supplemental source will be "Jaguar E-Type Six-Cylinder Originality Guide by Haddock and Mueller". My "assembly manual" will be the "Jaguar Spare Parts Catalogue for the Jaguar 'E' Type Grand Touring Models". Another reference that I really like from a "how to" standpoint is the "E-Type Jaguar Restoration Manual by David Barzilay". Although it is not a direct comparison, it doesn't hurt that I have a 1967 2+2 to refer to!



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They Don't Look Like Jags Anymore By Jerry Cohen



As they say beauty is in the eye of the beholder. To me a beautiful Jaguar is a beautiful Jaguar even as they change throughout the years. But one thing that never changes is; nothing handles and drives like a Jaguar. If you have not driven the "they just don't look like Jaguars anymore" models you owe it to yourself to go to your Jaguar dealer and drive one. That is one thing that hasn't changed it has just gotten better. When I drive the XJS, I think nothing rides or handles like a Jaguar. Then when I am behind the wheel of my XF-S, I think the exact same thing.



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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.

1963 FHC- The Plan Continued... By Harvey Ferrris

So the general plan is as follows. First do another inventory (here is an article about my first one). Establish once again if there are any difficult to obtain parts missing and get cracking on finding those. It might take a while. Next, tackle the main body shell. Evaluate it and perform any neccesary repairs. Then I will have the body shell media blasted and put into primer. At that stage, I will trial fit all of the exterior components such as doors, bumpers, light fixtures, etc. that may require "fettling" of the body shell to obtain a good fit. Then, identify all the items requiring chrome and get them sent off to the chrome platers (Pauls Chrome Plating). Also identify all the parts that require cadmium plating and get them out for plating. On days when nothing else is pressing, I will work on major sub-systems like the IRS, suspension, and brakes.

After some thought, I have decided to farm out restoration of the engine, transmission, and differential to Dick Maury at Coventry West. This decision pains me as I love doing that kind of work (see my 5 part series on Porsche 944 engine rebuilding). But these parts have been sitting around in my shop for at least 15 years and no telling how long before that. I'm sure "issues" will come up. There is no one better than Dick and Coventry West to make it all right. Not cheap but worth every penny.

I will do my own paint. I have the equipment, the expertese, and the time. Paint is very time consuming (it's all in the prep!) and there is serious "sweat equity" to be had in this part of the project. I will do all the mechanical assembly. Ditto for the electrical and hydraulics. I will buy an upholstery kit from Original Spec Jaguar Interiors (OSJI) in Muncie, Indiana. I'll do the final installation of the upholstery. And before you know it, it will be done! Sounds easy. I'm not naive. It will be a slog. But it should be fun and the final result should be fantastic! I'm looking forward to it. Harvey





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All 1968 cars sold in the United States had to meet a long list of safety requirements. Jaguar engineering not only met these requirements. It exceeded them.

The XKE comes in three models: Roadster (shown above). Coupe and 2+2 Family Coupe. The 2+2 has more passenger and luggage space, and offers optional automatic transmission.

Isn't it great someone still makes a car that lives up to your dreams?



1967 Etype 2+2: Quick June Update By Harvey Ferris

A quick update on the 1967 Etype 2+2 re-restoration. The really good news is that the re-restoration is virtually done. The only thing left on my punchlist is to install a replacement windscreen. This was a disappointing turn of events in that I obtained a replacement Pilkington windscreen from the UK via SNG Barrett. After we had installed it, I noticed 2 internal blemishes in the glass, one of them directly in my line of sight while seated in the car. SNG has graciously agreed to replace the windscreen free of charge but, as they are an item with limited demand, they do not foresee getting me a replacement until this fall. I suspect Pilkington only gears up to make them once or twice a year. Anyway, the current windscreen looks very presentable. And I am getting better at installing the chrome pieces around it.

The other big job that is behind me is that I had to repaint the center section of the bonnet. It is very stressful doing all the final details on a car with new paint but I was doing fine. That is until I created a new scenario in "aw-\$hits" when the car slipped off a floor jack, which struck the bottom of the radiator, which popped straight up into the bottom of the bonnet, and left 2 cracked out paint divots. You couldn't make this stuff up! Very painful. Fortunately, as I did the original paint work, I had everything I needed to tackle the job and was able to make it right with a hard weeks work.

More minor details included installing all the mud shields in the engine, re-doing the upholstery on the boot boards in the rear of the car, installing the OEM Series 1 seats, and installing my brand new wire wheels and tires.

This last weekend my son-in-law Andy, who is living with us during the Covid crisis, did an initial photo shoot of the car. This session was in full sun. We will do another session on an overcast day, which is more ammendable to taking shots of the interior. After he curates his photos and we select the best, I will present them in a final article about this car. But let me say, it was a proud moment to see it gleaming in the afternoon sun. Too bad there are no car shows near by that I am willing to go to. First world problem. Everyone take care and be safe.





An Invitation to Attend GSBCC's Eighth Annual "Myrtle Beach Britfest"

The Grand Strand British Car Club would like to encourage all British car owners to attend our annual car show to be held on October 3, 2020, at The Market Common of Myrtle Beach!

The Myrtle Beach Britfest will be held at The Market Common located on Farrow Parkway between Highway 17 Business and Highway 17 By-Pass in Myrtle Beach. In addition to all of the beautiful British cars, only a block away is The Market Common which boasts lots of shops, restaurants, cinema, and seasonal festivals so your weekend will be packed with fun for everyone!

Dash Plaques will be given to all early registration entrants and will be available for some late and "dayof" registrations. Award Plaques or Trophies will be presented to winners in each class. A Special Award for the entry with the "Best Picnic Presentation" will be given. And back by popular demand will be an "English Tea" featuring a contest for the "Best Hat". Special "Britfest" t-shirts will also be available. Food vendors, restrooms, local restaurants, and shopping are available nearby all day!

Special Room Rates are Available at DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Myrtle Beach Oceanfront (old Springmaid Beach Resort). A block of standard guest rooms is being held at a special rate until Sep. 1.

Friday Evening Reception: 6:00 – 9:00 pm Nacho Hippo Restaurant

Saturday Events Agenda: 9:00 Show Field Opens to Parking 10:00 – 11:00 am Ladies English Tea 11:00 Late Registration Closes and Voting Begins 1:30 pm Popular Voting Ends 2:30 pm Awards Presentation, Raffles, Etc. Off-Road Trailer Parking available next to show field. If you would like to show off your British automotive beauty, then you need to fill out and mail a registration form today. Early registrations by Sep. 1 are \$25 first car entered plus \$15 for each additional car entered. Late registrations after Sep. 1 are \$30 first car entered and \$15 for each additional car entered.

entered. Late registrations after Sep. 1 are \$30 first car entered and \$15 for each additional car entered. Early registrations by Sep. 1 are also eligible for a \$100 gift card drawing. There are over 30 classes from which to choose. Register early and plan to stay all weekend to soak up the fun!

For more information, contact Rod Smith, Myrtle Beach Britfest Committee Chairman, at<u>jrodsmith22@gmail.com</u> or tel. (843) 651-7644. Or visit our website at <u>www.GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com</u>. This will be a fantastic event, and we would hate for anyone to miss out on the fun!

JAGUAR BOOKS, MANUALS, MODELS & TRINKETS FOR SALE

I reluctantly sold my '54 XK120 S/E (with a '67 4.2 E-Type engine) four years ago and we moved to Mooresville, NC in the following year. During the 44 years that I owned the car, and the four years that I also had a '66 S-Type, I accumulated a fair amount of Jaguar "stuff". Before advertising it in some other media, I am offering it first to the Carolina Jaguar Club members. Here is what is available: BOOKS: (\$15 each unless otherwise stated).

- 1. Jaguar Sports Cars, Paul Skilleter (signed by author) \$25
- 2. Jaguar Driver's Yearbook (1977), Paul Skilleter
- 3. Jaguar E-Type, A Collector's Guide, Paul Skilleter
- 4. Jaguar XK Series, The Complete Story, Jeremy Boyce (signed by author)
- 5. Jaguar XK in Detail, A.D. Clausager. \$30 this is the best reference book for XK owners.
- 6. The Jaguar XK, Chris Harvey
- 7. Jaguar Scrapbook, Phillip Porter
- 8. Jaguar, History of Classic Marque, Phillip Porter \$20
- 9. Jaguar XK120/140/150, Duncan Wherrett
- 10. Jaguar from the Shop Floor, Brian James Martin
- 11. The Jaguar Story, Joseph Wherry
- 12. Jaguar, Lord Montague of Beaulieu (large, 187 pages)
- 13. Jaguar, Lord Montague of Beaulieu (paperback), free with purchase.

WORKSHOP MANUALS, Etc.:

14. An original Service Manual for Jaguar 420, original cover. \$40. Although rare, the 420 engine, transmission, rear drive assembly are E-Type/S-Type.

- 15. Complete Official Jaguar "E", published by Robert Bentley, Inc. \$20
- 16. Chilton's Repair and Tune-Up Guide. 340, 420, 420G, XKE. \$10
- 17. Jaguar XK120/140/150, Mk7, 7M, 8 & 9, Kenneth Ball, Autopress Ltd. \$10
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21. Whitworth open ended spanners (yes, they are British). Qty 11various, from 3/16W to 5/8W. If you have a Jaguar with Whitworth nuts and bolts, they are free to the first person.

MAGAZINES: Jaguar Driver (Jaguar Driver's Club) 17 issues, April/May 1972 – February '76. Jaguar Journal (JCNA) 14 issues, Spring '72 – Fall/Winter '80. Also, The Bulletin, (Vintage Sports Car Club, UK) 11 issues, Spring '70 – Autumn '75.

MISC.: Grill Bar Badges: JDC, JCNA, CJA, VSCC. Cloth Jacket Patches: Jaguar, JDC, British Leyland/ Jaguar, England/Union Jack. Belt Buckles: Jaguar (3, different), JCNA. Lapel Pins: Jaguar (round, 3 different), classic style (2), XK120 & E-Type image, leaper, JCNA (2), Lucas, "Prince of Darkness" logo JAGUAR MODEL CAR COLLECTION – This is a great collection of over 50 Jaguars ranging from SS100 to the current XK. A few are in the original container; some models are quite old and rare. There are too many to list individually so a summary: SS100 – qty 4; XK120 – 19; D-Type – 5: E-Type – 10 (1 is glass); XJS – 6 (incl. TWR #12); XJ6 – 3; XJ12C; XJR9 #60; XJR #50 (metal hinged container!); current XK – 3; EuroSport group (small): E-Type Coupe, Mk II, MG TF, TR3 & Alfa Giulietta. I would prefer to sell the entire collection to one enthusiast. Offers?

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