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To Do List

1. Don't Forget to Register for the 2025 Carolina Jaguar Annual Road Trip
2. Renew '25 Membership
3. Stay cool out there!

From The President

John Stewart

I just got home from the mountains and our annual Concours d'Elegance at Little Switzerland was a great success. There were a record number of cars this year and we had good luck with the weather. There was a bitter sweetness about the event this year, returning to this area after the loss of life and horrible devastation caused by Hurricane Helene last fall. The area still hasn't fully recovered and our club dedicated all of the proceeds from our fund-raising events at the concours to the Little Switzerland Relief Fund.



The concours is a massive event and so many of our members contribute to the effort that it would take the whole article to thank each individually. However, Karoline and John O'Rourke, our Concours Co-Chairs, deserve huge credit for organizing all the moving parts of the social part of the concours; accommodation, meals, speakers, fund raising and all the little details that make this event so much more than just a car show. Also, we need to give Steve Thomas, our Chief Judge, thanks for overseeing all of the technical piece of getting all the cars on the field, organizing the judging teams, and overseeing the awards. And remember, all of this could not be accomplished without the

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army of volunteers who make it all work.

There were a couple of significant announcements made at the award dinner Saturday night. As many of you may know, from time to time the club makes an award to members who have served the club with



distinction over a long period of time. This year, the award was given to Nancy and Kevin Willis who have served as our membership co-chairs for the last nine years, doing the job with efficiency and dynamic fun-loving high spirits. They are definitely one of the club's treasures. Second, one of our long-time members, Rod Taylor, aged 93, announced his engagement to his companion, Lenora. Best wishes to the happy couple.

Be sure to look through the rest of this issue for details on the upcoming events. On August 9 we will be at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Winston-Salem for cars and coffee and a museum tour. Coming up, we have the International Jaguar Festival in September, our annual Road Trip in October, election meet in November and Holiday Weekend in December. I hope to see you all at one or more of these events.

From The President
John Stewart

CJC Membership Report

Kevin and Nancy Willis

Membership Co-Chairs

Wow, we thought that June was hot and humid, July is proving to be even more so. We hope that you are staying cool and you are keeping your cats cool.



This month we are reporting we now have 203 members!! That is fantastic and puts us in the top 5 clubs with the JCNA. Way to go club members, keep it up. It is because of all of you that we have this great fun and active club! We hope to see you at one of our upcoming monthly events. We just got home from the Little Switzerland Concours weekend where we had 13 of our new club members attend! That is amazing. We hope you all had a great time and we'll see you again soon. Kevin and I would also like to say thank you to the club for the presentation of The Carolina Jaguar Club Meritorious Service Award during the Concours. We were both very surprised and humbled that you all recognized us for this. We love being the Membership Co-chairs and do our very best to make each of you feel a part of this club.

Fondly,
Kevin and Nancy Willis
Membership Co-Chairs

2025 Carolina Jaguar Club Membership Application

You can easily register online by going to <https://carolinajaguarclub.com/product/membership/>

If using the form below, please print clearly

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For new members, and renewals who have moved in the last year, provide your home address:

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Please List the Jaguar Cars You Currently Own (optional):

Annual membership dues for the Carolina Jaguar Club, Inc., are \$75.00.

Your dues entitle you to membership in the Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) and eligibility in all JCNA-sanctioned events nation-wide. Other benefits include the bi-monthly JCNA magazine, the monthly club newsletter and numerous events held throughout the year including social gatherings, technical sessions, shows, and road events.

The membership term corresponds to the 2025 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.



Event Calendar

Official CJC Meetings in Bold



Aug 9th - Cars & Coffee NCMA tour (Pg 8)

Sept 25th-28th —2025 JCNA INT'L JAGUAR FESTIVAL (Pg 9-11)

Oct 5th-11th—Nashville TN Annual Road Trip (Pg 12)

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What: Cars & Coffee featuring British Cars on the grounds of NC Museum of Art.

WHERE: 750 Marguerite Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106 - 336.725.1904

WHEN: Saturday Aug 9th - 8:30 am – 10:30 am

ITINERARY:

Arrive before 9 am

Visit the SECCA Museum anytime after 11 am.

Lunch on your own – suggest Village Tavern or River Birch Lodge

COST: Register and make a small donation to the Museum here:

<https://visit.ncartmuseum.org/18029/20701>

HELPFUL LINKS:

<https://ncmawinstonsalem.gov/calendar-detail.php?EventOccId=915348725>

CONTACT: Kevin Mann 770-856-1056 or mannkm@aol.com



2025 International Jaguar Festival – Sept 25th to 28th

What: The North Georgia Jaguar Club will be hosting the 2025 International Jaguar Festival. The Savoy, as the host venue for the Concours d'Elegance, has an exceptional display of cars and Jaguars to be brought in specially for the IJF. <https://savoymuseum.org/>

The annual International Jaguar Festival celebrates all Jaguar vehicles. This event is anticipated to draw attendees and Jaguar vehicles from all areas of North America. We welcome you all to come and enter your car(s) to be judged and/or displayed and enjoy a few days of fun events.

WHERE: Savoy Automobile Museum, conveniently located off I-75, in Cartersville Georgia with lodging and parking nearby

WHEN: Friday September 26 through Monday September 29

HELPFUL LINKS: Online Registration: <https://rcmaury.wufoo.com/forms/mirpoin0xkm9fn/>

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Event Details:

THURSDAY, Sept 25: Registration opens at 2:00pm at the Marriott Courtyard (Host Hotel) “Meet and Greet” 4:00pm to 8:00pm. (heavy hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar at nearby location).

FRIDAY, Sept 26: Registration from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Savoy Automobile Museum Pavilion. Besides getting your Jaguar ready for the Saturday Concours or Display, spend part of the afternoon at the Five Star Booth Western Art Museum, the Tellus Science Museum, or visit the boutique shops in downtown Cartersville.

FRIDAY, Sept 26: Slalom: Date, time, location, and entry cost to be determined on finding a suitable location to hold the event.

FRIDAY NIGHT, Sept 26: “TIRESIDE CHAT” the Savoy Automobile Museum <https://savoymuseum.org/> is bringing five or six Jaguar race cars to the museum as part of their Fall and Winter Museum exhibits. This event starts after the museum closes and is only open to ticket holders. A selection of sandwiches and an open bar is available from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Ken Gross and Wayne Carini (who is sending his Jaguar SS as part of the display) and others will host a discussion of Jaguar race cars followed by an audience question and answer session from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

SATURDAY, Sept 27: Registration packets will be available from 8:00am to 10:00 am for Concours Judged entrants and from 10:00am to noon for Display Only entrants at the Savoy Pavilion.

2025 International Jaguar Festival – Sept 25th to 28th

Event Details: (ctd)

SATURDAY, Sept 27: CONCOURS and DISPLAY JAGUARS: Held on the spacious lawns of the Savoy Automobile Museum, adjacent to the outdoor covered Pavilion. starting at 1:00pm. The Pavilion seats over one hundred and has multiple tables. Water and a Box Lunch will be provided for those who have ordered one. The Savoy Museum Café is also available for lunch but does not include admission to the collection.

SATURDAY NIGHT, Sept 27: Banquet and Awards Ceremony from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. Advance reservations only include afterhours admission to the museum, banquet, and awards ceremony.

SUNDAY MORNING, Sept 28:

National Points Rally. Requires six teams to receive national points. First three teams receive IJF trophies. Register if interested and we will notify you in September if a significant number of teams have registered. The rally starts and ends at the Savoy Museum. Gather at the Savoy at 8:30am with first car out at 9:00am. Rally ends in time for lunch at the Savoy Café.

One Stoplight Monte Carlo Fun Rally with Prizes. Open to all entrants. No rally experience necessary as complete instructions and directions will be provided. Gather at the Savoy at 8:30am with the first car out at 9:00am. The rally starts and ends at the Savoy in time for lunch in the Savoy Café.

Scenic Drive: Will run simultaneously and in the opposite direction to the Monte Carlo Fun Rally so participants can all the incredible Jaguars on the prowl! Gather at 8:30am for a 9:00am start. The scenic drive starts and ends at the Savoy in time for lunch in the Savoy Café.

2025 CAROLINA JAGUAR CLUB ANNUAL ROAD TRIP
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Where - Nashville, TN

When - Oct. 5 - Oct. 11

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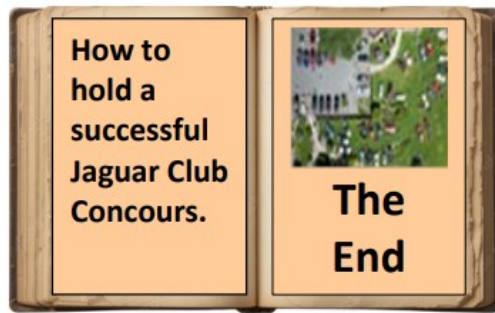
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2 - Residence Inn by Marriott
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These two hotels are in the same parking lot even though the two addresses don't show that to be true. The Garden Inn is only 7 months old, while the Residence Inn is 7-8 years old. Both are extremely clean and located right next to the Opryland complex of shopping mall, Gaylord Hotel, etc. While the rooms at the Garden Inn are very normal in size for a hotel, the rooms at the Residence Inn are very large with a kitchen and separate sitting area (with sofa and table) in addition to the sleeping and bath areas. Note the included Breakfast at the Residence Inn, while the breakfast at the Garden Inn is from the onsite restaurant at \$14.95 per person. You may need to ask for a walk in shower or a tub/shower layout as well as a comfort rise commode.



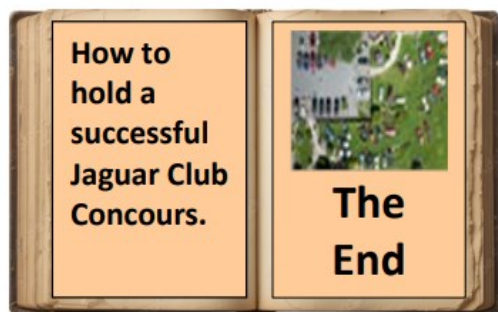
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2025 CJC Concours d'Elegance

The Carolina Jaguar Club held its annual Concours d'Elegance over July 10-13 at the Little Switzerland Inn. This is an annual halo event that our club has conducted since 2002. The event is held over 4 days at the Inn, with different social and dinner functions. The key event is the showing of our Jaguars in a Concours d'Elegance on Saturday.

The Inn was packed full of attendees, who enjoyed the cooler temperatures. A few thunderstorms did pass through during the weekend but they spared the main event on Saturday morning. Highlights included the Jaguar and Gemstones Road Rally Friday morning and a dinner Friday night featuring storyteller Evan Gray. On Saturday night the Awards Banquet was conducted. Many of the beautifully prepared cars received trophies, with a 1964 Daimler sedan receiving the Peoples Choice award. It was also announced that well over \$1000 was raised to go as a charitable donation to the Little Switzerland Relief Charity.

A special Meritorious Service Award was presented on Saturday night to Kevin and Nancy Willis, the long standing club membership co-chairs. It was noted that during their decade long tenure in this position that membership has risen to over 200. Several new members were recognized at the banquet. The club welcomes all of our new members and hopes that they will continue to participate in our club activities. It takes quite a few people to conduct our Concours. Special recognition and thanks go out to co-chairs Karoline and John O'Rourke as well as Chief Judge Steve Thomas, who do all the hard work to make our event successful. In addition, there are too many people to mention that contribute behind the scenes including registration, charity functions, parking, photographers, and judging, not to mention the hard work demonstrated by all of the hotel staff.



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2025 CJC Concours d'Elegance (ctd)

It was announced that next years Concours will take place on July 16-19, 2026. Note that if you stayed at the Inn, they will hold your room reservation for you. This feature will expire a few months before the next concours so if you think you are going to attend next year, be sure and contact them and discuss options.

Thank you again to everyone that attended our event and helped make it memorable!

Here in no particular order is a photo review of the concours!



Concours co-chairs Karoline and John O'Rourke



Heading out on the Friday road Rally



Concours photos continued:**Friday speaker Collector Mike Grosso****Lovely Volunteers****Friday and Saturday night cocktail receptions**

Third Page of Concours in photos.



Two of the score tabulators, Kenny and Neal.

Concours Photos page 4



Just in case you did not know it Harvey Ferris finally fully assembled his XKE and took First in Champion C5/CE. We have about 450 photos from 4 folks and I have run out of energy to post anymore this month. Thank you Brad Merlie, Lorraine McArtor, Russell Hodge, and Phillip Reid for your photo skills. For all the winners please go to the 2025 Concours page on the CJC website for the whole picture. No pun intended.





HEAD FOR THE MOUNTAINS 2025

Thank You

to ALL Our Volunteers!!!

We extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your incredible support and dedication at the CJC Concours d'Elegance. Your tireless efforts and enthusiasm played a pivotal role in making the event a resounding success. From coordinating logistics to ensuring everything ran smoothly on the day, your contributions were invaluable. It's volunteers like you who bring our community events to life, creating memorable experiences for everyone involved. Thank you for your hard work, commitment, and passion. We couldn't have done it without you!



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**Kevin and Nancy Willis
Receive
Carolina Jaguar Club Meritorious Service Award**

(Remarks delivered by Bill Bingham at the CJC Concours July 12, 2025)

In 2011, the Executive Board of the Carolina Jaguar Club established the "Meritorious Service Award." More than a member of the year award, the Meritorious Service Award is reserved to honor recipients who have made significant long-lasting contributions to the success of CJC over an extended period of time. Since its inception in 2011 only five such awards have been presented. It is my honor tonight to announce the presentation of this Meritorious Service Award to a truly deserving member.

It is customary at these presentations to spend a few minutes explaining to those in attendance why the recipient is deserving of this honor. Unless you are a non-member or very new to the club, you'll quickly know to whom I am referring.

In January 2015, the couple we are honoring tonight became new members of the Carolina Jaguar Club. Less than a year later, they somewhat suddenly and unexpectedly found themselves the Membership Co-Chairs of CJC. Despite this unusual start, our intrepid couple soon displayed the dedication and enthusiasm that would mark the impact they would have on the club in their role as Membership Co-Chairs.

Let's start with their dedication to the basics of membership. For the most part, the rest of us in the club take membership for granted: we send the payment and application off and down the road our membership card arrives, the Litter Box appears, the Jaguar Journal shows up, and we receive notice of upcoming events. What's the big deal?

What we don't see are the hours that go into encouraging renewals to come in, chasing down missing or incorrect info, communicating with Jaguar Clubs of North America regarding their rules and deadlines for membership information, finalizing the starting roster for the year, and ensuring that the roster information is available in a useful format for the purposes of the club members. Our honorees have been dedicated to the performance of these tasks for nine years. NINE YEARS! No Vacay!

Speaking of No Vacay, another major role of the Membership Chair is what I would call the Customer Service Hotline. Because of their involvement with membership, our honorees contact info is OUT THERE. Inquiries roll in from members and non-members alike: Where can I find a Jag to buy? Where can I find a good mechanic? Where can I sell my Jag? The questions seem endless. Our honorees have accepted this role as the "Face" of our club and approached these inquiries as opportunities to foster a positive image of CJC to members and to the public in general.

Of course, the vital mission of membership is growth and retention. Our current CJC memberships total over 200 which represents close to 400 individual members in our CJC family. Our numbers have grown steadily over the last nine years. We are one of the largest clubs in JCNA at a time when many clubs are struggling with membership. Our honorees have been instrumental to this phenomenal growth.

Here is an illustration of why our honorees have been so successful. For many years, we have had our February meeting devoted to New Member Orientation. The honorees have put their mark on this event. We have outgrown the original room at Starmount Country Club in Greensboro and the February meeting has become an event that draws new and veteran members alike: this February it included sixty plus in attendance, a decorated club cake, and a drawing for an assortment of Jaguar themed gifts. It's more like a party than a meeting.

However, it is a party with a purpose. Our honorees are there to welcome new members, introduce them around, and make them part of the group.

As you all probably know, the original movie "Jaws" is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year. Do you remember that soundtrack by John Williams that had that two note "heart beat" that told you trouble was coming for some solo swimmer paddling around out in the water? When our honorees are "working" the room at a meeting, I hear that "Jaws" BAH DUM BAH DUM BAH DUM in my head. If you are a new member paddling around in the corner of the room by yourself, our honorees—the Membership sharks—are coming to pull you into the gathering and get you involved.

This dedication to recruitment and retention of members is not reserved for just the February meeting. Over the course of nine years, our honorees have gone the extra mile at every event to seek out that new member or seldom-attending veteran member and to make them feel a part of the CJC "family." Oh, and it doesn't hurt that when they tell someone they'll have a good time at a CJC event our honorees prove it by having a good time themselves. Their enthusiasm is contagious.

One final point further illustrates the impact of our honorees on CJC over the last nine years. Membership Co-Chairs serve on the CJC Executive Board that forms the leadership of our club. All other positions on the Board have changed hands at least once during the last nine years. Therefore, our honorees have been the one constant influence on club planning for almost a decade. They're in danger of becoming TRIBAL ELDERS! We may soon have to help them in and out of their car! However, for now CJC can continue to receive the tremendous benefit of their passion for helping to shape and promote a club that delivers a good time to its members.

For their dedication and enthusiasm in promoting the growth and vitality of the Carolina Jaguar Club over the last nine years, I am pleased on behalf of the CJC Executive Board and the Club Membership to present the Carolina Jaguar Club Meritorious Service Award to Kevin and Nancy Willis.





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Some Assembly Required – Our CJC Concours

As you may have noticed, the Some Assembly Required part of my 1963 E-Type restoration is just about complete. As such, I'm going to be branching out into additional story lines. Which brings me to Our CJC Concours. As I write this, I am just back from our 2025 event at Little Switzerland. Many of you will have attended this event and probably have fond memories. But I'm not quite sure that we all really appreciate what a gem our event really is. It was mentioned at the event that we have attendees from multiple clubs. There is a good reason for this. Our event has a well deserved good reputation. Folks want to attend our concours and are willing to drive from as far away as Canada to do so. Over the years that I have been attending, I've had more than a few folks tell me that it is their favorite CJC event. I'm sure they like to see the cars on display. I am very sure they like the cooler weather! Was I the only one that felt assaulted with the heat when I got back to the flatlands of Carolina? I know that the accommodations are a little bit dated but the Inn is doing their part to keep the facility in good shape. They have also consistently upped their game from a food standpoint. Yes, we do suffer from the compromises of serving over a hundred folks in a short timeframe. I personally think the buffet option works pretty well in this regard. Pro tip-sit near the back of the dining room!

There is something special about being able to park the cars on the grass. Unfortunately we are a victims of our own success, as we have enough cars that we are forced to park

some in the paved parking lot. We had a good turnout this year, with a large bump over our usual 20 odd cars to be judged. We just about doubled that. From a personal standpoint, I was happy to see a good turnout with the E-Types. It can be somewhat of a subdued victory to be first in a class of one.

I understand that the club first held a concours at Little Switzerland in 2002. Coincidentally the same year as the Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee. So our event has been at Little Switzerland for over 20 years. Prior to that, we held concours in conjunction with larger car show events, such as the British car show at Dobson and the BMW event near Greenville. There has been discussion of trying something new. It is frankly difficult to match the key features that we obtain at Little Switzerland at other venues. Little Switzerland does not charge us a surcharge or fee. To be honest, the previous owner told me he prefers a "car crowd" to a "wedding crowd" any day of the week. Lower stress levels maybe? I understand the Inn is under new ownership and they have indicated they are delighted to have us back as long as we are willing. Yes, there has been some creep in fees over the years but what hasn't gone up? And in this year in particular we can know that we are contributing vital dollars to a community that was hit hard by the flooding last fall.

I was the concours chairperson some 10 years ago. Let me be frank. It is a lot of work! We owe a big debt of gratitude to our co-chairs Karoline and John O'Rourke and to our Chief Judge Steve Thomas. I have seen the

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preparation checklist that our previous co-chair team, Barbara and Brad Merle, handed over to Karoline. The takeoff checklist for a 747 probably had fewer steps! There are a lot of balls in the air and rest assured, when you attend the event and everything seems to be going pretty smoothly, that is no accident. Fortunately, we have club members who are quite accomplished in managing complex organizations. Again, hats off to Karoline and Steve. Next year, around this time, think about this. Be proactive to contact them and see what you can do to help. In particular, we never seem to have enough judges. Keep in mind that we start judges training typically in conjunction with the new members meeting in February or March. You can do it! I can say from experience that it is very interesting to look at these cars in such a mindful manner. You will see and learn!

I will conclude with a recognition of the charitable aspect of our event. We are driving Jaguars. We are very fortunate. It is good to give back where we can. The charitable aspects of our event have been modified over the years to be more streamlined and relatively painless. I don't know what our contribution to the mountain community will be this year but it is never enough. We heard some heartfelt testimonials from local folks at our Saturday night dinner. In case you missed it, here are two ways to contact them.

LittleSwitzerlandRelief@gmail.com
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Safe travels- Harvey

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2025 Jaguars and Gemstones GTA Rally

Friday morning 26 teams gathered to participate in the 2025 Road Rally. After receiving instructions, the teams left Switzerland Inn to follow written driving instructions which lead them through the surrounding area with a stop at Emerald Village and ending in Spruce Pine.

Along the way, questions had to be answered. Nineteen answers could be found along the driving route. Answers to an additional seven questions could be found by exploring downtown Spruce Pine, and five bonus questions could be answered by reading the material provided to each team at Emerald Village.

We are proud to report that all 26 teams made it back to the Inn in time for the Concours on Saturday.



Special thanks to Emerald Village, and the wonderful staff at Switzerland Inn for their help with this endeavor.

Mark and Lori Havemann were the winners of the Jerry Ellison Award for getting lost. Don Koepnick and John Stewart were honored as Good Samaritans for clearing rocks from one section of the road.

There were multiple ties for second and third place, but the overall winners of the Rally were Jerry Cohen and Judy Johnson Cohen. Congratulations to all!

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The following are the answers (that the Rallymasters were looking for) to the questions.

The height of the bridge is 13' 5".

The animal depicted on the small white signs informing you that you are not on the Parkway is a bison or buffalo.

The colors found on the barn quilt hanging on the Little Switzerland Fire Station are yellow, blue, green, red, cream and white.

The sum of the address of the Little Switzerland Fire Station (516) and the number of the Station (22) is 538.

The speed limit on McKinney Mine Road is 40 mph.

The creatures found on the side of Jewelry by Anita's building are butterflies and bears.

The Company Store Questions

The mailbox number for the mailbox in the middle of the 4th row of the right bank of boxes is 54.

There are 46 mailboxes.

The power source for Doc Howell's drill was a treadle.

Feldspar was the main mineral mined at the site.

Coke and Pepsi bottle caps were used for checkers on the checkerboard.

The Postage Stamp is considered the world's greatest art and portrait gallery.

The Rev. Matt Woody is Pastor of Chestnut Grove Baptist Church.

The speed limit on 226 A is 35 mph.

You left McDowell County.

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There were 3 rows of hay bales on your right.

A farm on your left is named after the Goldfinch.

The name of the country club is Grassy Creek.

Spruce Pine Questions

The engine number on the mural near the Mitchell Credit Co Customer Parking is 3.

10/6 on the Mad Hatter sign represents the price – 10 shilling, six pence.

The phone number for City Cab was 765-2323.

There are two pieces of art by Heidi McKinney along Locust St., the following wording is incorporated into them:

- Helene. Hope will overcome despair.
- Helene. Beauty will grow out of destruction.

The following animals depicted are the large mural on Locust St – deer, possum, lizard, fish, bird, wasp, bee.

Judicious marksmanship is appreciated on the notice sign at 286 Oak Ave.

Clouds (or mountains) are depicted in the mural beside Needle Tattoo Studio.

Bonus Questions

According to the brochure that you received at the Emerald Mine Museum, 77 different minerals and rocks have been found in the Spruce Pine Mining Area.

Bon AMI is the name of the mine at Emerald Village.

The quartz found at the mine was gray due to exposure to uranium.

The water of Burnett Branch provides an ideal environment for geese, mallards, herons, and giant rainbow trout.

A slusher-scraper is a machine used to load 'muck' into ore cars.

The XK Corner (#14)

The XK Corner (aka "TXC" for short) is the place to share questions, answers, problems, solutions, and everything else about your 1996-2015 Jaguar XK8, XK, or XKR. This month we feature another contribution from Bart Groeneveld, on using his XK8 in manner that would have certainly pleased Sir William. Plus the usual miscellanea. Any and all future contributions to TXC are welcomed!

Touring in the XK8 - by Bart Groeneveld

One purpose of owning ANY car is the lure of the occasional "trip on the open road". This is especially true for many of us who are Jaguar owners. I would say that the pleasure of driving our Jaguars is the overriding reason for owning one, regardless of model or vintage.

Certainly, vintage DOES have some limiting factors when it comes to flinging oneself down the thousands and thousands of road miles available. A Champion early XK or E-Type is not exactly what many would expose to the vagaries of extended touring, for obvious reasons. Those will be trailered. But we who have the more modern Jaguars should feel comfortable taking moderate to extended road trips in our cars – even rallies!

This does not mean, of course, that one should drop everything, jump into the car and just GO ... though the excitement factor would be tempting. Some prep and planning are essential to ensure a pleasant time will be had.

Since the moment I became the third owner of my 2003 XK8 convertible, road trips were on my mind. This particular series of Jaguar is eminently comfortable and practical: a respectable Grand Touring car. The drive home

to Kentucky after purchasing the car in North Carolina was the first test of the car (and me). It started out well enough, but it soon became evident that I did not know enough about the car to feel as comfortable as I thought I did. Despite a thorough mechanical review by qualified mechanics plus personal 'preflights' by myself, troubles started within 50 miles of starting out.

The first was a 'gearbox fault' message after a spirited downshift to pass. Then, 'DSC fault' messages when braking was moderate. Sometimes the coolant temperature gauge would peg, but there was no actual overheating. And so on. I learned that pulling over, shutting down the car and then restarting would clear the offending messages. But that did not clue me in on what actually was going on.

Long story short, I finished the eight-hour drive and survived. After, as time went by and I became more 'learned', the problems were slowly resolved and since then the car has been essentially trouble-free on 14 years' worth of road trips.

So, the first rule is to make sure the car is mechanically (and electronically) up to snuff. Even if you are a die-hard DIY mechanic, have your favorite Indi mechanic or Jag dealer give the car a once-over and fix any niggly stuff. This will provide additional peace of mind. Tires, brakes, alignment, fluid levels should all be in good stead.

Second: be sure your AAA is paid up... 'nuff said about that.

Plan your route! Don't just bowl down the interstate. At least take some of the many available and lovely two-lane alternatives. Just

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punching “Avoid Highways” on the GPS is enough to send you into some really interesting routings.

Don’t overdo it. For even the most ardent and enthusiastic drivers, five or six hours of driving in a day is plenty. Personally, if I start mid-morning, run along and stop for lunch, then run some more in the afternoon, I’m ready to quit by 5pm, look for refreshments and food, then hit the hay.

When stopping for fuel, due diligence is required: pop the bonnet and take a good sniff, check the fluids (well, not the coolant, of course – do that in the morning before start), condition of the tires (pressure, if no TPS); check your lights ... I always drive with the headlamps on (no daytime running lights on my car).

Range on these cars is surprisingly good. I average 25-28 mpg, which will take the car well over 500 miles. I run premium fuel as requested, but it will run fine on lesser octane.

As Far as What to Take....

The XK8 convertible is amazingly flexible in available space. It has a huge boot, more than sufficient for two standard roll-aboard bags, two umbrella chairs, various totes with miscellaneous stuff plus a bucket or box with essential cleaning supplies. A jug of windscreen washer fluid, plus a jug of premixed coolant also fit. I have a fire extinguisher easily accessible as well. In the spare tire compartment, there is lots of room for (besides the spare – check its pressure, too) other things such as extra oil, a funnel, toolkit, emergency flares and reflectors, jumper cables, a compact air compressor. And more.

With the top up, the convertible has a nice space behind the rear seat-back that accommodates plenty of stuff. We like to bring our own pillows for layovers – they go in there, along with the tonneau in its storage bag (handily non-reflective) so rear visibility is not impaired. Don’t be absent minded and put the top down ... not good. If you REALLY want the top down for even part of the drive – leave that nook empty.

The “grocery rack” -aka: rear seat- has plenty of uses. For me, normally a small cooler lives there along with a snacks box, coffee thermos, jackets and umbrellas, box of tissues and anything else that one may need from inside the car. There is even a little space in the foot-well behind the bucket seats that can accommodate some items (good for wine bottle storage, I’ve found).

Up front, be sure you have a cigarette lighter receptacle splitter so you can run at least two electronic items (for me, one phone and the Garmin navigation head).

And... We’re Off!

My wife and I have taken our XK8 many places. Our yearly trek to the CJC Concours at Little Switzerland is a standard... it’s about 550 miles each way from northern Kentucky. We often go off the beaten path and find new ways to get there. We’ve cruised down to Florida to visit family with the car ... around 1,800 miles round-trip. A very interesting run was from Cincinnati to Door County, Wisconsin (near Green Bay) and back, with stops in Chicago, Oshkosh, Sturgeon Bay, Manitowoc (from there we sailed on the SS Badger ferry across Lake Michigan – the last coal-fired passenger

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vessel on the Great Lakes and a 1953 National Historic Landmark!), Luddington MI, Holland MI, South Bend IN then home. A leisurely 1,200-mile trip (not counting 62 miles on the ferry crossing).

This year, besides the CJC Concours trip, we hope to drive from Cincinnati to Acadia National Park in Maine and back. Planning will be critical on this one, especially for accommodations, as it will be leaf-peeping season. Mileage? Nominally 1,200 miles each way. Our mettle shall be tested! And so will our XK8.

So many places and sights to see – so little time. I enjoy reading Jaguar travel stories in the newsletters and in the *Jaguar Journal*. Often lots of folks braver than I, bless their hearts! But we all love the open road. Happy Jaguar motoring!

>>insert two photos from Bart: 1. In Michigan; 2. Off the SS Badger<<

I Hate Nekkid Shokk Nutzz (or, Ozzie Magic) – by Qraytr

My 2006 XKR, unlike in previous model years, came with exposed bolt ends poking up at the front shock mountings. And every 2006 that I have seen shows the same barren, ugly (to me) landscape. Someone told me that for the final run of the X100, Jaguar just left off the black nut covers on those bolts. Maybe they ran out of those items in preparing for the upcoming X150. Or maybe the bean counters decided to save a couple of tuppence per car. Fear not, your TXC concierge has the solution.

Not many may realize that Australia has pio-

neered some high quality (better than OEM!) X100 reproduction parts. The problem has been that they are Down Under. But now, the high quality repro nut covers that I had been searching for are being produced in Oz by Steve Davis, with a (local!) US rep – Kevin Lang – near Atlanta, from whom a set of six nut covers can be ordered for \$50. See the photos to get an idea of this product on my XKR. If you are interested in covering your Nutzz (or in some of the other items becoming available here from Oz, like the caps for the front shock mount openings, or truly indestructible polyurethane top shock mounts, or replacement gear shift pattern bezels), just drop an email to Kevin: hdpartsman8354@yahoo.com – tell him that *The CJC XK Corner* sent you.

>>>insert two nut cover photos: 1. Before; 2. After<<<

This Month's Easter Egg – by Qraytr

Another Blast from the Past, resurrecting a most brilliant Jaguar privateer's race victory. (My own nostalgia at work - I was roaming the track and in the pits at the SCCA National Championships at Road Atlanta that weekend, courtesy of my press credentials, and scribbled down my cover-story piece for the December 1980 issue of "The EJAG News Magazine".) See the literally bang-up race video:

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