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#### WISCONSIN JAGUAR/HEALEY SUMMER PICNIC

#### By: Carrol Jensen

The weather dawned rainy and muggy but Carl and I were optimistic to host our first post COVID Jaguar club event and had invited the Austin-Healey club to join us in the fun!

The early rain did not dampen the spirits of the Jaguar and Healey enthusiasts who mostly drove vehicles worthy of placement in the backyard for a small car show...with no judging! We were thrilled that John and Bunni Boswell trailered their brand-new acquisition, a 1938 Jaguar 3.5ltr drophead and put it on display in the backyard; it was the star of the show!

65 people joined us for a great afternoon of food and fun, giving and receiving hugs and catching up with folks we haven't seen in too long. We also loved welcoming new members like Gary Schoof and Rachel Breit who came practically from next door in Mukwonago, Tim and Trish Butts from Milton who drove their Jaguar SUV for the event and Bim and Fran Moeglein drove over from Madison. Welcome to all new members, great to have you along for the ride!

The 'perfect potluck' online signup sheet is a great way to facilitate these events; we had a tremendous amount of food, many different items to choose from and the club provided beverages and brats, Italians and hot dogs cooked up and ready to go! Once again, the dessert stole the show with pie and cupcakes decorated for the Jaguar club!

The longest drive award once again goes to Chuck and Carolyn Stork who made the trek across the state from East Dubuque IA. We don't often get to see these long-time members of the club, so it is always appreciated when they make the 150-mile drive. Dan and Barb Pankratz were 2<sup>nd</sup> with their 100+ mile drive and based on their newfound fame in the June 2021 Porsche Panorama magazine article on their 1967 912 which they bought new; we are just happy they still talk to us! *Note: A Youtube video is also available, properly entitled "Dans 1967 Porsche 912".* 

Already looking forward to seeing folks again at the Jaguar Concours event on August 7. Last year was the first year at The Corners in Brookfield and it was a great location with plenty of pedestrian traffic to enjoy the cars, great places to eat food and more than one place to get ice cream! Hope to see you there.

## <u>REMINDER</u> <u>WISCONSIN JAGUARS LTD.</u> CONCOURS d' ELEGANCE

AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> at the Corners in Brookfield

You received a packet with the calendar of events and forms for upcoming events.

The concours form was included. Fill it out today and mail it in!

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#### AUTOBIOGRAPY OF: "The 83 Year Old Gear Head" Chapter 19

By: Jan Schlabowske: Retiring From Restoration. (The First Time)

After the completion of the two major projects, I reflected upon who I wanted to be in the near future. I have always had a great attachment to woodworking. Rebuilding all the wood framing of the SS100 stimulated the desire to change my craft to a woodworker. Building our home in Hot Springs Arkansas, also reminded me of my enjoyment of working with wood. Stacked under our house there were many board feet of oak that came from trees cut down to make room for the house. All the interior trim came from those trees. I had no interest in woodworking as a hobby. I was only interested in creating usable items. We had a bedroom that needed a bed. Our son David had a need for a cabinet that would match those in his Craftsman style house.

So, how did I make the transition from restorer to woodworker? First refused any new jobs. Second I sold all my 40 year accumulation of tools, parts, manuals, books, and hardware. Third, as the selling progressed started working with wood.

The sales of tools etc. was actually quite rewarding. I placed a notice in Jag Lovers. Org, that I was retiring and would offer all my stuff to other Jag lovers. The response was overwhelming; everything went at fair prices in about six months. Some went to Europe, to Australia and Hawaii. I received several well wishes.

During the next year or so I was happy with the change, enjoying the smell of wood being worked and the sawdust on the floor. The Bed was made, the cabinets were made and installed and a live edge coffee table from a cedar tree that came down was claimed by my son Dean.

Then came the suggestion by our son David. "Hey guy's, why don't you move back to Milwaukee? We pondered his suggestion and concluded," why not"? I won't go into the details of selling our home. Only to say we did it without a realtor, got our price and were happy with the entire deal. Off we were, back to Milwaukee. To be honest we were sort of cultural misfits in the deep red south. An acquaintance of David's helped us with house hunting. I had only a couple criteria. Either a un remodeled basement, where I could see all four walls, or a large oversize garage for my new woodshop. We found our new home the first day. It met both Bonnie's and my needs.

We moved in shortly and I painted every square foot, outside and in. I built my wood shop, a bathroom, and a chest of Drawers. Everything was cool. Then Bonnie was diagnosed with cancer. We/She went through all the usual, Chemo, surgery, and all that medicine had to offer. When it became terminal, she made one of the bravest decisions that I can imagine anyone could make. She said that she would stop eating, and only take water. I'm not sure if any of these details should be included in this long story, but it's part of the story. Bonnie lived about six weeks; Died where and how she chose, in her house, nursed by me. She was the most brilliant person that I have ever met.

For reasons I fail to understand, after Bonnie's death my gearhead personality returned. I bought a 1972 Lotus Super Seven. Loved it but it just did not fit for an 80 year old guy. Then a series of Jaguars, an XK 8, a Vanden Plas, an X Type and a S type passed through my collection. I attended the Concours on the lake front. Reconnecting with some the members of WJL, someone asked me if I was still working on Jaguars. I responded that I was not; but the question triggered something in my mind. Coming home, I looked at my 22ft X 22ft garage, and thought this won't do. I contacted a garage builder and tore down a perfectly good garage and had the 26ft x 30ft shop that I now have built. In short order, the requests for work came in. I hired a

retired Milwaukee Fire Department mechanic, who is also a gear head, and my son Dean. While the shop is small, we have become selective on the jobs that we take in. I have always had a philosophy regarding what we work on. I either have to like the car, or the client. No Boring cars. Few Jaguars are boring and most Jaguar owners are likeable. In chapter 20 I will describe some of the recent projects and end this long saga of the 83Year Old Gearhead.







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John Boswell Chairman

#### BRITISH CAR FIELD DAY AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>

for more info Google British car field day

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Mike or Deb Korneli race chairs

## FALL PHOTO RALLEY OCTOBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

Cleveland to Elkhart Lake

See the flyer in this newsletter Barb and Dan Pankratz pankvdan@gmail.com

HOLIDAY PARTY ANNUAL MEETING DECEMBER TBD

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Newsletter articles needed!
Tell us about a car show, race
or rally you attended.
What cars made you turn
your head while on vacation?

PLEASE HELP ME OUT!

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Buck & Anne Buth 1998 XK8 Conv. Red

Gary Schoof & Rachel Breit 2006 XJ8L 2017 F-Type R, Black

Putting together a newsletter is fun but requires content. To keep it interesting it needs articles from different people.

"Peek Inside the Pride"
Is a section where members write a little something about "Who they are" "What kind of car they have" "Where they got it from" "When they became interested in Jaguars" and "Why they joined the club" Please consider writing something for the newsletter.

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MERCEDES CLUB, PORSCHE CLUB FOX VALLEY REGION &WISCONSIN JAGUARS LTD, REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 19TH FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DAN OR BARB PANKRATZ

920-323-6148 OR pankydan@gmail.com

# Suggested Reading: From Bob Roth Jaguar E-Type Unleashed review: a big cat with claws

The Jaguar E-Type is a work of art, literally. A dark blue 1963 Roadster is among nine cars on permanent display at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Justifying its choice, MoMA said: 'The sleek, bullet-like shape of the <u>Jaguar E-Type</u> continues to be one of the most influential and imitated styling forms in sports car design'.

The E-Type, then, is more than just a car. It's a cultural icon, a thing of beauty, a sacred cow. Trying to modernise one is like adding double glazing to a Grade II Georgian townhouse. Or is it? Read the full article by clicking on the link below

https://www.cityam.com/jaguar-e-type-unleashedreview/?utm\_source=sendinblue&utm\_campaign=Welsh\_Weekend\_Specials&utm\_mediu

