

The Special Breed

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From the Litter Box

By: Mike Korneli



In 1949 the new XK120 Jaguar was introduced at a cost of \$4000.00. Below is a list of food items. Try to guess their 1949 price. Remember; they had to be produced, trucked to processing, processed, packaged, shipped to the stores and then the stores needed to make a profit. I suggest you write down all your guesses first and then look at the answers.

1. A loaf of bread
 2. A gallon of milk
 3. A lb, of bacon
 4. A 13 oz box of Kellogs Cornflakes
 5. A 10 ½ oz can of Campbells Soup
 6. A Pound of beef
 7. 2, 6 oz cans of tuna
 8. 2, 9 oz cans of olives
 9. 1 lb of carrots
 10. 1 lb of cabbage
- answers on page 2

WISCONSIN JAGUAR LTD. CONCOURS

SATURDAY AUGUST 3RD

AT THE CORNERS IN BROOKFIELD

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR THE

REGISTRATION FORM it's also on the website

wisconsinjaguars.org

Mike & I have only missed one show in 38 years. It's so much fun and gives you a great excuse to clean your Jaguar really well. The show field opens at 7:00 am & judging starts at noon.

2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 19th, Afternoon Spring Drive

Southern Kettle Moraine

Dick Diercksmeier

Bob Roth

RSVP By May 16th Dan Jorvig 702-485-7353

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June 16th British Car Field Day, Sussex

find the registration form

britishcarfieldday.org

July 21, Summer Picnic

Roger & Sharon Phelps

414-303-1761

All information is on this link

www.PerfectPotluck.com/REI13256

August 3rd, WJL Concours d' Elegance

At the "Corners" in Brookfield. Contact John

Boswell 414-840-1317

September 6, 7 & 8th. Over Night tour & Dinner on

the Chief Waupaca Sternwheeler River Boat and

more. Contact Jeannie Bode 262-565-3801

December 14, Holiday Party, at

Westmoor Country Club in Brookfield.

Contact Kristie Malone 414-378-0150

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Welcome New Members

Thomas & Jacquelyn Alberti
 55 XK 140 SE OTS Pearl Grey

THE LITTER BOX ANSWERS

1. 13 cents
2. 84 cents
3. 50 cents
4. 19 cents
5. 10 cents
6. 37 cents
7. 49 cents
8. 39 cents
9. 5 cents
10. 2 cents

The income for the average family was \$3100.00 a year. This was somewhat lower than the figure of the preceding year. It was still about \$500.00 higher than the war years of 1944 & 1945

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DID – U – KNOW

by Facia Nearside

By definition a wire wheel is a wheel whose rim is connected to the hub by wire spokes. The advantage is both weight savings and strength compared to previous designs which had either a solid disk or wooden spokes.

Like so many seemingly simple things the concept was the idea of someone looking for a better way to solve an existing problem. That someone was Sir George Cayley, who designed the first wire wheel in 1808. (Cayley was a British inventor and engineer who described the principles of flight and aircraft design in the early 1800s. He correctly predicted sustained flight would not occur until a light weight engine was developed to provide adequate power for the machine. Cayley passed away 46 years before the Wright brothers' flight in 1903 which proved his principles and designs were correct!) Wire wheels were used only for bicycles for almost 100 years, until the development of tangentially spoked wheels, which made them strong enough for automobiles.

At this time the wheels were permanently attached to the vehicle, a situation which made changing a puncture a very difficult proposition. Rudge-Whitworth LTD was a British wheel producer, making wheels for bicycles, motorcycles, and sports cars. John Pugh, son of the company founder, decided there had to be a better way to deal with punctures. His work resulted in the detachable wire wheels which slid onto a splined hub and was locked in place by a large nut or "spinner". One of the keys of the Pugh design was that the nut was self-tightening due to having clockwise threads on the nearside and anti-clockwise threads on the offside. The advantage of the removable wheel was obvious and the system was immediately embraced by the racing fraternity.

In the 1908 Isle of Man TT Race, 21 of the 35 entrants used Rudge-Whitworth easy to change wire wheels. The design became the standard of the industry and by 1913 the use of detachable wire wheels was universal in Grand Prix racing. After WWII the rights to the Rudge-Whitworth wheel was acquired by Jaguar, and the brand's dominance continued well into the 1960s.



In 2022, the Jag club visited Cooper Technica. This man's job was to lace wire wheels. He felt it was important to dress well while working on these beautiful wheels!



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The Spring Tour,
“Korkscrewing through the Kettles”
May 19th

RSVP by May 16th

Dan Jorvig

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This Spring Tour, 'Korkscrewing through the Kettles' is a bit of a challenging ride. It is between 48 and 50 miles in length and will last about an hour and half. In case you get detached from the main body of cars you may need GPS to get to the Bar & Restaurant in a timely way. There will be detailed route maps for all...

The assembly point is the McDonalds parking lot at the intersection of I94 and Wis. State Highway 83. The address is 211 Hwy 83 Delafield, WI 53018. This is a large parking lot and we'll congregate in the northeast corner. Please plan to be there for the opening briefing at 1:15 PM on Sunday, May 19th. Weather permitting we will give an outdoor overview of the trip. It will include showing locations for the several times we plan to stop to assemble the car line, if stretched out. We will point out some of the more interesting "korkscrew" locations along the route. You are going to want to have a navigator if possible, and both of you will benefit from the briefing. We plan to roll out no later than 1:45 PM.

We start out by going westbound through downtown Delafield. We will be on some roads in the Southern Kettles you probably have not been on. One section of a one lane roadway is corduroy in nature and will wake you up. It's about half way along the route. You'll do some cornering you probably haven't done for a while too.

We'll end the route at the 841 Brewhouse, 841 East Milwaukee Street, Whitewater WI. The food is mildly upscale, service good, beer above average. We are fairly certain there will be some good war stories about the ride to share, along with good eats, and good company. We'd like to head for home by five PM.

CONCOURS

WHAT EXACTLY IS A CONCOURS?

Concours d' Elegance is a term of French origin that means "competition of excellence". It dates back to 17th century France. Then it was about carriages, not automobiles. As the name says, it was about beauty and elegance. For our club concours that is only partly true. It is divided into many classes based on the type of car that you have. All of the lights on your car need to be working; if not you get a deduction. Your car should not have any dents; if it does you get a deduction. While there are cars that score 100 points, perfect; A 100 point car in actuality does not exist. Most of the time, no one knows the hidden imperfection better than the owner. Don't be afraid to join in. There is a Championship Class & a Driven Class. You just might win a trophy. You can also go in the non-judged display class. It's a great reason to get your car really clean once a year!



PEAK INSIDE THE PRIDE

By: Jim Falcione

Owning a classic car of any heritage holds a special allure for many enthusiasts. The reasons vary, from an admiration for design and engineering to a deep sense of nostalgia or a desire to stand out while also being part of a larger community. Whether it's a creation from Detroit, Stuttgart, Modena, or Coventry (Japanese cars haven't quite reached classic status in my mind), all "car guys (and girls)" share a mutual appreciation for automotive history.

My journey into classic car ownership began at the age of 15, a time when I landed a job as a valet at a high-end restaurant, despite not yet having a license. It was a dream job, as I found myself behind the wheels of Porsches, Bentleys, Cadillacs, and even Jaguars on a weekly basis, all while getting paid for the privilege. **It was the best job in the world!** But it was my own 1966 Mustang GT convertible, purchased from Arizona and shipped back to Illinois, that held the most significance for me. On evenings at the restaurant when it would slow down, I would pull my mustang up front and add one more coat of wax to what must've been 30 layers already applied. I swear that car must have been two inches wider from the factory specs. However, when I headed off to college in Chicago, I realized that the bustling city was no place for a car of its caliber. Reluctantly, I parted ways with my beloved Mustang, but the memories lingered on.

Life took its course, with careers, relationships, and children shaping my priorities over the next 35 years. Yet, the allure of classic cars never faded. Finally, circumstances aligned, and I found myself behind the wheel of a 1965 Mustang GT convertible, picking up where I had left off so many years back. Though time had passed, and the car felt a bit snuggier, the ride harsher, and the AM radio a bit less fulfilling, the nostalgia and joy remained as potent as ever.

In recent years, I've expanded my collection with a 560 SL and my fourth Jaguar, a 1993 XJS with only 6,200 miles on the odometer. Each car holds a special place in my heart, offering unique driving experiences and a pure sense of satisfaction. As I set my sights on acquiring a Porsche 928 next, I'm unsure if I'm up for the challenge of memorizing all 256 variations of the iconic 911 throughout the years (I understand those guys give a test to join!) Yet, through it all, I remain keenly aware of my role as a custodian, preserving these automotive treasures for future generations of enthusiasts.

In the end, my journey with classic cars is not just about the vehicles themselves, but about the memories, experiences, and connections they evoke. It's a testament to the enduring power of automotive passion and the timeless appeal of these beloved machines.

Join us in welcoming, new members, Jim and Kelly Falcione to the club!



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Jaguar Club Pot Luck

By: Carrol Jensen

Mike and Deb Korneli's home was the setting for another successful PotLuck for the WI Region of the Jag Club. 40 members and friends gathered first for a judging seminar facilitated by John Boswell (Chief Judge) and 8 judges took the necessary test needed for judging at the upcoming Jaguar Concours, at the Corners in Brookfield, on August 3rd (and other judging meets with JCNA).

New members Mike and Elizabeth Beech from West Bend, via England and Jim and Kelly Falcione from Delafield joined the group and all enjoyed not only the walk to Mike's garage where his 1949 Healey Silverstone was on display but loved checking the progress of his most recent project, the 1934 SS1 Coupe that is getting close to the finish line for restoration.

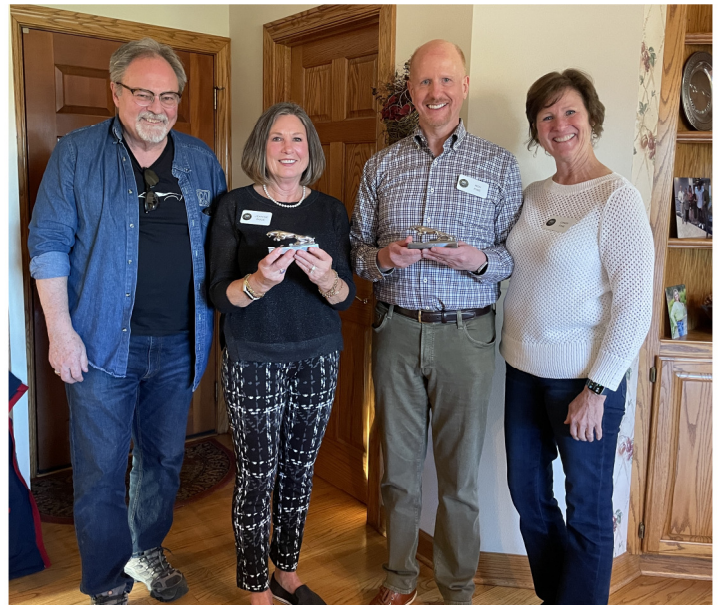
Conversation ranged from the upcoming solar eclipse scheduled for the following Monday; Roy and Cindy Edwards were headed to see it in Indy, (while others raced onto Amazon to purchase protective eyewear to arrive before Monday), British Car Field Days that Bruce Tammi is involved with to the topic of the Fall Tour, planned by Jeannie and Bill Bode. Some additional details on hotel reservations were provided that night and in a subsequent email from Deb Korneli.

Carl and I had two remaining jaguar leaper statues from the Jerry and Kathy Nell collection that we raffled off. Both Bill Bode and Roy Fine went home with a new shelf piece!

Thanks to all who contributed food to the club sponsored main course and beverages, we loved the appetizers, all the side dishes and of course, great desserts! Thanks in particular to Deb Korneli who always puts so much effort into these events for our members!



Happy 90th Birthday to the 1934 SS1
7 years in restoration due to parts collecting,
stock car & partial Excalibur restorations



Bill & Jeannie

Roy & Cindy

The winners of Jaguar Leaper statues