

The Special Breed

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JOIN US FOR

“ONE NIGHT IN MEMPHIS”

AT THE SCHAURER ART CENTER IN
HARTFORD, WI

SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2026 AT 2:00 pm



Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Louis and Jonny cash gather together for an impromptu jam session at the legendary Sun Studios in Memphis.

Created and directed by John Mueller from the highly acclaimed show “Winter Dance Party”, this show has met with the same accolades, sell-out shows, and audience standing ovations.

Sign up deadline is: January 5th, 2026

Tickets are: \$35.00

Send payment payable to “Wisconsin Jaguars”
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To: Don Huebschen, 7730 Cannelwood Drive,
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Dinner to follow: At the Mine Shaft, 2 blocks
away. Order off the menu and pay on your
own.

To add to your afternoon
Visit the Wisconsin Automotive Museum
It’s attached to the Art Center and opens at
10:00 am

RSVP Lanette Brill at
lkbrill@yahoo.com

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

POTLUCK

April 11th

At The Jensens

Watch your email for the Perfect Potluck registration

Spring Tour

Chairman needed

British Car Field Day

Sunday June 21st

Sussex Village Park

10:00 – 2:00

Summer Picnic

Chairman needed

Concours D’ Elegance

Date and place TBA

Coal Dock Car Show

August 16th

Fall Over Night Tour

TBA

Booswell Halloween Party

October 31st

Christmas Party

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Christmas Party Report By: Kristie Malone Pictures By: Bunni Boswell

The Christmas party held at the Westmoor Country Club was attended by 28 members of the Jaguar Club. Those who attended were Quintin & Nadine Adamski, John & Bunni Boswell, Buck & Andie Buth, Dick & Kathy Clarey, Dick Diercksmeier, Kelly & Jim Falcione, Lee & Sherry Fickau, Roy & Cindy Fine, Don & Trisch Huebschen, Carl & Carrol Jensen, Dan Jorvig, Kristie Malone, Mark & Kris O'Meara, Bob Roth, Jan Schlabowske & Karen Volz and Tom Vilter & Jean Davidson. The club members enjoyed the food, conversation and dressing up for an evening out! Thanks to Kristie for organizing a great Christmas Party.



Left to right
 Bunni & John Boswell
 Kristie Malone & Trish
 Huebschen
 Tom Vilter & Lee Fickau



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FROM THE LITTER BOX:



CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

1. What was the name of the little Girl in “Miracle on 34th Street”?
2. In the movie, “White Christmas” what was the name of the town that the lodge was located in?
3. When was the First “Ball Drop” in Time Square, New York City?
4. Where does the “Ball Drop” come from?
5. Which two of Santa’s reindeer share names with meteorological terms?
6. The Pointsettia plant is a popular Christmas decoration. Where is it’s origin?
7. The states of Georgia, Arizona and Indiana all have towns that share which Christmas related name?
8. In “It’s a Wonderful Life” what happens every time a bell rings?
9. How many ghosts appear in “A Christmas Carol”?
10. What is the bestselling Christmas song of all time?
11. Fruitcake originated from which ancient country?
12. What country invented Eggnog?
13. Eating Kentucky Fried Chicken, on Christmas Day, has been a tradition since the 1970’s, in what nation on the other side of the world from Kentucky?
14. Who narrated and played Sam the Snowman in the animated version Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer?
15. What US President made Christmas a federal holiday, and in what year?

Answers on page 5

Notes From the Shop

January 2026

What a year 2025 was. The move to a larger shop did not turn out well. The loss of two technicians made it unsustainable. Maybe at 87 years it is for the best. Moving from 3600 sf to 700 was hard, but all has mostly been resolved. I added an a/c-Heat Mini split and a four-post lift.

An Austin Healey and an E type are now in residence, along with a 3.8 Engine rebuild and the longtime project 1923 Lancia. Plenty of work. The Lancia Lambda has been held up until now because finding Piston Rings and a head gasket was difficult. I found a custom Ring fabricator as well as a company to build me a couple head gaskets. As some of you know , the Lancia had a long crack in the block. Replacing the engine in this historic vehicle was not an option. I used the stitching process with success. This car was raced at Wilmot Hills in the early 50’s and at The Fair Park in 1954. The grandson of the owner at that time is now its caretaker. We are not restoring it since it is mostly original with much patina showing its age. Just a resurrection.

As I packed up to move I discovered a publication. I do not recall where it came from. It is titled Auto-Biography of passenger cars manufactured since the inception of the automobile industry. Copyright 1951. National used car Market Report. Inc. Chicago.

Some info 1775 gasoline and steam passenger cars. 477 Electric Vehicles 35 Cycle cars and 123 Foreign makes. In many cases the name of the company that built the car, the starting date, the final date, the town where the factory was located. With no production numbers. Example; Mabohm 1917 to 1922. Racine Wisconsin. Petrel 1909 to 1913 Milwaukee. It’s a fascinating booklet, that I will make available when I resume my 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the shop. That will likely be on January 17th

A final sad note Daisey is no longer with me. Her cancer became too much for her to have a quality life.

Ginger is now my four- legged companion
Jan

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PARTS FOR SALE

Federal Bumper Parts from XJ6

In restoring my 77XJ6C, a big project was the installation of Euro Bumpers. As a result all the Federal parts are left over. The only part not included would be the Front Bumper Main Support, which was beyond hope. The rear is in great shape. I know they may have some value, but they are "FREE" for the gas money to come to Elkhart Lake ! Contact Al at 612-220-9078

XJ6 Radiator

Freshly re-cored XJ6 Radiator from my S2 XJ6C. It never leaked but the copper fins had deteriorated at the bottom. Work was performed by Don's Radiator in Fond Du Lac Lac. The work took long enough that I went ahead and used a different one to complete my project.

Asking \$600 . Contact Al at 612-220-9078

Answers from the Litter Box

1. SUSAN WALKER
2. PINE TREE, VERMONT
3. 1907
4. IN 1833, ENGLANDS OBSERVATORY AT GREENWICH INSTALLED THE FIRST "TIME BALL" ON ITS ROOF. EVERY DAY AT 1PM THE BALL DROPPED DOWN A POLE, GIVING SHIP CAPTAINS, IN THE THAMES RIVER, A VISUAL SIGNAL TO SET THEIR CHRONOMETERS.
5. DONNER(THUNDER) BLITZEN (LIGHTNING) IN GERMAN
6. MEXICO
7. SANTA CLAUS
8. AN ANGEL GOT ITS WINGS
9. 4. PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE. ALSO BOB MARLEY. DID YOU FORGET?
10. WHITE CHRISTMAS
11. EGYPT
12. ENGLAND
13. JAPAN
14. BURL IVES
15. ULYSSES S GRANT, JUNE 28,1870



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The Bremer

In the late 1700s the predominant mode of transportation in Great Britain was the horse and carriage, just like it had been for centuries. But that was all about to change. The new century ushered in new technology in the form of steam. The first steam powered road carriage in Britain appeared in 1801. Then in the 1830s inventors began experimenting with battery powered vehicles. The first electrically powered car in Britain was credited to a Scotsman in 1832. Although successful for their time both of these forms of propulsion had limitations which the next innovation was about to overcome.

Fredrich William Bremer was born in 1872, the son of German immigrants. He has been described as a gas fitter, electrician, bicycle maker and engineer. Living in East London he saw information about a stationary gas engine developed by William Priestman. Although only 18 years old at the time Bremer was intrigued to see if this stationary engine could be adapted to power a vehicle. With assistance from his friend Tom Bates work was begun in the back garden behind his parents' home. The result was a four-wheel vehicle they called "The Bremer". The Priestman engine they chose had one cylinder and was fueled with paraffin. (Today many countries call paraffin kerosene.) The car had no clutch or gears, but used a leather belt to engage one of two pulleys resulting in two different forward speeds. There was no reverse. Top speed was about eight miles per hour but even this required a person carrying a red flag to walk in front of the vehicle. (Remember the British Locomotive Act of 1861!) First driven in 1892 the car is recognized as Great Britain's first motorcar, as it is the first car built in Great Britain to be powered by an internal combustion engine. In 1912 the car was displayed in the British Motor Museum then moved to the Vestry House Museum in 1931.

Arguably one of the most important people in British automotive history, Frederick Bremer died in 1941 and is all but forgotten. In 1965 his car was refreshed and entered into the Vintage London to Brighton Rally. Commanding pride of place it proudly displayed number 1. The car completed the 58-mile distance in 7 hours 55 minutes using three gallons of petrol and half a gallon of oil. Following the vintage run the car was returned to the Vestry House Museum where it can still be viewed today.



Fredrich William Bremer

The Bremer