



THE Cat Fancier

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JOCU's World-Famous "Jags On the Farm"

Postponed to July 19th



JOCU's Jaguars at the Edwards Center's Prom Night

As the Rank Turns

With the month of July making its appearance on our calendars, we have officially entered what is known far and wide as "peak season." Which, in our case, coincidentally has as much to do with a local mountain and the club's drive to Timberline Lodge for lunch as the burgeoning number of local car shows which are increasing in abundance. Now there are even some midweek events (like the re-imagined event at PIR that was formerly known as the Beaches Cruise-In) just to be sure that you don't run out of activity options. It seems that this is also to ensure that you have a standing order for refills of your favourite car care products.



I am remiss in not reminding everyone to please check the JOCO website early and often. We strive to keep the information there as current and accurate as possible. A case in point is the nearly eleventh-hour cancellation of the June JOTF (Jags On The Farm) event. Since we are already on the subject of JOTF, be sure to re-register for the event and the drive-out. Details are on our website, and, as always with JOTF events, we need a variety of main dishes, salads, and desserts to fill the tables. The hosts are asking for a variety of food, and there is always a demand for vegetarian options. A side note for all you chefs and "chef-etts": A few club members have food allergies for onions, so please label your specialty if those are in your particular dish if onions are in the recipe.

On to other topics.... Another item on the JOCO event horizon is Rick Martin's July 12th drive to Mt.

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YOU are welcome and encouraged to submit ideas/comments to the JOCO board. The editor is actively seeking articles / photos. Send submissions by e-mail

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Hood, where participants will have a chance to have lunch in at any of several venues within Timberline Lodge. PLEASE NOTE: If you want to have lunch in the Cascade Dining Room, you should go online to the Timberline Lodge website and make reservations, since seating is not necessarily guaranteed. Details about the drive-out are forthcoming and will be posted on the club's website so everyone can sign up.

Regarding the Edwards Center Show & Shine: Profound thanks are extended to every one of the JOCO members who made the effort to join the Edwards Center Prom event. You helped make the Edwards Center Prom Night the success it was. We were there for about an hour from parking cars until the Prom got into full swing and everyone was inside boppin' to the music. Two cars were the standout crowd favorites of the evening: Dan & Jeanette Simons' "Shaguar" (even Austin Powers made a guest appearance), and Rick Martin's XK150. Sue Kornahrens wishes to personally extend her gratitude to everyone on behalf of the Edwards staff, Prom participants, their families, and herself. (There was even a bit of chatter about the possibility of repeating this event next year, so please stay tuned.) As an aside, the "after party" included pizza and libations, which was a perfect way to cap off the evening. (Photos on pg. 11.)

Another event worth mentioning was a semi-impromptu get together honchoed by Tim Ashcroft. With the speed of an email blast and a quick note on the club's website, several JOCO members got together for a trip to "British Car Day" at PDX Cars and Coffee at Langer's in Sherwood. Except for having to roll out of the hay at "zero dark thirty" for most of us, we assembled in the Sherwood Panera location (very close to Langers). One could grab a cup of morning java (as needed), and at 0730 hours we got into the queue to be placed in the primary display area. Talk about a great turnout! Jaguars, at least one McLaren, Lotus' (a good show of several generations), Mini's (old and new), Triumphs, MG's, (and at least one or two marque's I didn't get 'round to seeing) all turned out to show a little love (okay...a lot of love) to our favourite British marques. What a great way to spend a couple of hours car-gazing without devoting your entire day to traveling to and from the venue. Thanks for organizing that, Tim!

See you at the next event! £

All the best! Carl

JULY EVENTS: A DOUBLE HEADER: LUNCH AT MT. HOOD 7/12, AND JAGUARS ON THE FARM 7/19

by Carl Folcen, photos by author from JOTF, August, 2023 .

It's time to double-check your tyres tread depth, touch-up the inflation for those four complex balloons that keep your Jag's exhaust pipes off the ground, and make sure the fuel tank and all of the running gear fluids are reasonably fresh and topped up to their optimum levels.

First off, on Saturday, July 12th, Rick Martin will lead us on a fun drive up to Mt. Hood's Timberline Lodge to have lunch and take in some magnificent scenery enroute and on location. The drive will terminate at Timberline Lodge. We will break into small groups for lunch. If you wish to dine in the Cascade Dining Room, you will need make reservations online. Better do that soon!

For the drive-out: Meet at 9:30 AM at Lewis & Clark State Park, exit 18 off I-84. Turn left at the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left & cross under the railroad bridge, left again into the park (restrooms only at the park). Food and fuel are available at exit 17.

There is an easy return to the eastbound freeway from there. The drive to Timberline Lodge will take about two hours. Details and sign-up information are also on the JOCO website.

Next, on Saturday, July 19th is our once-delayed Jaguars On The Farm potluck lunch at Mark and Rhonda Hull's house in Albany, Oregon.

JOCO's inestimable VP Tim Ashcroft (along with spouse/copilot/ chief navigator Mandy) has concocted a once-in-a-lifetime, never-once-in-a-lifetime, never-to-be-forgotten drive-out to kick off this year's event, which Rick Martin will lead.

The drive-out starts at



the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, 19255 SW Pacific Hwy., Sherwood,

Oregon. Arrival time is 11:15 AM, and the drive-out will commence at 11:30 AM. Anticipated arrival is 1:00 PM at Mark and Rhonda's. The caravan will wend its way through mostly bucolic scenery and "B" roads as much as possible prior to arriving at "Casa Grande, Hull Farms."

There is plenty of shade (thus a plethora of shady characters) to help keep you and your motorcar cool. If this year's event can be measured using previous JOTF events as a yard stick, the food, libations, and camaraderie will be as close to a family picnic as one could wish for. The added blessing is that you don't have to put up with that one annoying relative that always shows up. (Although, to be fair, there is the inevitable shutter bug that's always poking around.)

So, circle July 19th on your calendar, and prepare that favourite dish for the potluck.

DON'T FORGET: Be sure to sign up on the JOCO website so there will be an accurate count of participants for the picnic and the drive-out. £



Rob Enderle Tells All:

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Read it Here

Driving into Tomorrow: Five Game-Changing Technologies Electrifying Cars in 2026

The automotive industry is in the midst of its most profound transformation in a century, and 2026 is shaping up to be a pivotal year. Beyond simply electrifying powertrains, the cars hitting showrooms will integrate a suite of advanced technologies that promise to redefine safety, convenience and the very concept of driving.

For brands like Jaguar, which are poised to unveil an entirely new electric lineup in 2026, these advancements aren't just features; they are foundational pillars for reclaiming a place at the pinnacle of luxury and performance. Get ready, because your next Jaguar might just be smarter, safer and more connected than your house.

1. Next-Generation Battery Chemistry: The Marathon Runners Get a Boost

While current lithium-ion batteries have brought EVs mainstream, 2026 is expected to usher in significant advancements in battery chemistry, potentially including the wider adoption of solid-state batteries or vastly improved lithium-metal/silicon variants. Companies like China's Gotion High-Tech are already touting solid-state cells that promise astounding leaps: full charges in as little as 7 minutes and lifespans exceeding 800,000 km. The benefits are multifold:

- Dramatic increases in range: Enabling journeys far beyond current anxiety limits.
- Lightning-fast charging: Making



“refueling” EVs as quick as gasoline cars.

- Enhanced safety: Reducing the risk of thermal runaway and fires.
- Lighter weight and smaller packaging: Improving vehicle dynamics and interior space.

For Jaguar's new EVs, this is absolutely critical. In the luxury segment, range anxiety is a non-starter. Customers expect effortless long-distance travel. Access to these next-gen batteries would allow Jaguar to offer truly competitive ranges, fast charging that matches a premium lifestyle, and the peace of mind that comes with enhanced safety, allowing their electric grand tourers to truly live up to their name.

2. Widespread Level 3 and Emerging Level 4 Autonomous Driving: Your Car Becomes a Chauffeur

While fully self-driving cars (Level 5) remain a distant dream, 2026 will see a significant expansion of Level 3 autonomous driving capabilities, moving beyond limited highway pilot systems. This means vehicles capable of handling complex highway

scenarios, including lane changes, merges and even some urban driving conditions, without constant driver supervision. Crucially, Level 4 systems designed for specific operational design domains (ODDs) like geo-fenced urban areas or specific routes may also start to appear in limited deployments. This transformation turns the car into a part-time chauffeur, freeing up driver attention for other tasks.

For Jaguar, known for its refined driving experience, Level 3 and 4 autonomy will be a hallmark of luxury. Imagine gliding effortlessly along the motorway as the car handles the mundane aspects of driving while you relax or engage in productive work. This technology elevates comfort and convenience, transforming travel from a chore into a truly relaxing experience, fitting perfectly with the grand tourer ethos of new Jaguar EVs.

3. Hyper-Integrated AI Assistants: Your Car's Brain Gets a Major Upgrade

Forget clunky voice commands that barely understand your simple requests. By 2026, hyper-integrated AI assistants will become the norm, offering proactive help and genuinely conversational interactions. These AI systems will deeply understand context, learn driver preferences and seamlessly integrate with various vehicle functions and cloud services. We're already seeing glimpses with Google's Gemini AI coming to Volvo cars (we also have a Volvo Hybrid), promising natural dialogue, intelligent

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entertainment discovery and even conversational interaction to combat driver fatigue.

For Jaguar, a sophisticated AI assistant will be key to a truly personalized luxury experience. It won't just adjust the temperature; it will anticipate your needs, optimize your route based on live traffic and your calendar, curate personalized media and serve as a seamless co-pilot, all through natural conversation. This deep AI integration will enhance usability and create a truly intuitive digital cockpit.

4. Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) Communication: Cars That Talk (and Warn)

Beyond individual vehicle intelligence, 2026 will see a significant push towards Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication. This technology allows cars to "talk" to each other (V2V) about traffic infrastructure (V2I), pedestrians (V2P) and the cloud, and share real-time information about road conditions, traffic flow, hazards and even the intentions of other road users. This network of communication promises a revolution in road safety and traffic efficiency.

For new Jaguar EVs, V2X will

enhance their already strong safety credentials. Imagine being alerted to a black ice patch around a blind corner (black ice is nasty in Bend, Oregon where I live) by another Jaguar or Land Rover (or eventually any other connected car) miles ahead, or fog, which tends to create huge freeway accidents, or receiving real-time warnings about a pedestrian obscured by parked cars. Enabled by V2X, this proactive awareness will significantly reduce accidents, improve traffic flow and create a safer, more predictable driving environment, aligning perfectly with the luxury expectation of advanced safety and effortless travel.

5. True Software-Defined Vehicles (SDVs): Your Car Gets Smarter Over Time

The concept of a software-defined vehicle (SDV) will reach new maturity by 2026. This means that a car's capabilities are increasingly determined by its software rather than solely by its initial hardware. Extensive over-the-air (OTA) updates will not just fix bugs but deliver new features, performance enhancements and even entirely new functionalities to the vehicle long after purchase. This keeps the car fresh and relevant, much like your smartphone constantly evolves with new app updates.

For Jaguar, embracing true SDV architecture is vital for long-term competitiveness. It allows the company to deliver continuous innovation, adapt to changing consumer preferences and introduce new luxury features without requiring a new model year. This ensures that a 2026 Jaguar EV remains cutting edge for years, offering enhanced customization and adaptability that a static hardware design simply cannot match.

Wrapping Up: Jaguar's Moment to Roar Electrically

The automotive landscape of 2026 promises to be a vibrant tapestry woven with breakthroughs in battery technology, autonomous driving, hyper-integrated AI, V2X communication and software-defined architectures. For Jaguar, whose new electric lineup is slated for this pivotal year, these five technological shifts are not just trends; they are indispensable elements for crafting a truly competitive and desirable luxury EV. By embracing and integrating these innovations, the new Jaguar EVs have the potential to deliver unparalleled performance, safety and a seamless digital experience, making them genuinely worth looking forward to as the brand seeks to reclaim its roar in the electric age. £

Hear De!



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The next scheduled meeting of your JOCO Board will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, July 10th, 2025 at Roger Rollins house, 17621 Lake Haven Dr., Lake Oswego, Oregon 970355. The Board's agenda will include: 1) Review of previous meeting's minutes; 2) Treasurer's Update; 3) ABFM Update; 4) Membership Update; 5) Historian's Update; 6) Webmaster's update; 7) Events / Calendar Update; 8) Old Business (this is not related to age discrimination); 9) New Business. Followed by any further discussion prior to the meeting's adjournment. £

EVENT REVIEW

Article by Sue Kornahrens and Carl Foleen Photos by Carl Foleen & Edwards Staff

Edwards Center Prom Night

This all began last year in August. Sue Kornahrens has served on the board of the Edwards Center in Aloha for quite a few years, and the staff at Edwards Center wanted to do something special for the residents, so a "Prom Night" was arranged. Sue was asked if some of the people in her car club would bring their special cars to the Edwards Center for a small "show and shine" to help make the event that much more special for everyone.



Sure! Why not? Asked Sue. Thus a cadre of JOCO members agreed to gather in the Edwards Center's parking lot for about an hour to let the prom attendees and their families could look at the cars and pose for some pre-event photos prior to dancing the night away.

Someone once opined about "the best laid plans of mice and men..." and of all the goofy misfortune, the closer the event day got, the more it looked like there was rain in the forecast. In August. On the day of

the show! Of all the rotten low-down twists of fate.

Of course Sue had to contact every JOCO member that was going to bring a car and let them know that the car show portion of the event would be called off.

Shucks! (Along with other maledictions and imprecations not suitable for print media.)

"Fast forward" a year, and JOCO had another opportunity to help



make this event special.

Seven cars were there: Two XK8's, the crowd-favourite "Shaguar," an F-type, an XK, and an XK150, which was the other big hit of the evening.

We "formed up" at a bit after 1735 hours and made our way into the parking lot to be placed on display. It didn't take very long to nestle the cars into their places, which left a

few minutes for one of the group to break out a polishing rag and perform a quick wipe-down of the car to take off at least the first layer of road dust.

Sue says that the comments from the Edwards crowd was



overwhelmingly favourable. That was doubly confirmed by the smiles and many photos that were snapped in front of each car on display.

Our turn in the spotlight was over by 1830 hours. Sue guided us to Godfather's Pizza (about a mile and a half away) where we could shamelessly indulge in the seventh of the Seven Cardinal Sins (depending on which order they are placed in - but the specific reference is "gluttony").

Let's do this again next year! £



Driven to Vintage Underground and the Haugland Collection

Words by Glen Enright, photos by Carl Foleen

Tim and Mandy Ashcroft organized another splendid outing for the edification of our membership. Namely they brought us another trip to Vintage Underground, a custom fabrication shop in Eugene. JOCO has been before on several other occasions, over the past few years, but this trip also included an additional stop at the Haugland Collection.

Vintage Underground has been busy lately expanding their repertoire of car-related offerings. They now, not only do classic car restorations, but they have branched out into custom building, resto-mods and one-offs. Joe Potter, co-owner and CEO, says that within the industry, many shops that once were are either no longer of "aging out." That means that there are now far fewer shops that car enthusiasts can turn to for help in their own restorations, but parts and services availability are also on the decline. Vintage Underground's mission is to find and foster talent today so that future car nuts, such as us, will have a reliable resource on which to draw for years to come.

Along those lines VU has expanded its facilities from one crowded shop to a total of three buildings in the Eugene area, each one specializing in certain aspects of the car recreation arts: drive lines and engines, body work and customizations and upholstery and paint. And to that end they have teamed up with McPherson, a classic/custom automotive education institution in Kansas, which specializes in training young technicians in the art of traditional/classical auto building. They had two apprentices in the shop



from McPherson the day we visited.

After our time at Vintage Underground, Tim and Mandy headed us out for a lunch break at wonderful Brewpub/restaurant. Considering the size of our crowd (about 20) and the fact that we were there about the usual lunch time, the wait staff were completely prepared to get our orders taken and bring noon time libations, all with good humor and pleasant attitudes. Here we chatted about what we had just experienced and of course, car stuff in general. Mrs Yrs Trly and moi sat with a couple from Albany who were experiencing Jaguars for the first time and seemed eager to join in on more JOCOite activities. Matthew indicated that they were planning on going to "Jags on the Farm" at Mark and Rhonda's in two weeks.

After having a very enjoyable lunch, we motored over to the Haugland Collection, or at least about ¼ of it! In a secret locale somewhere else in Eugene we were treated to about 100(?) nicely turned out classic automobiles. Alex and Amy Haugland, the gracious hosts of this collection, allowed us to wander about at will and ask any questions we had about the variety of cars on display. If you went to the Brother's collection a while back, you were probably

blown away by the sheer numbers and repeats of mostly American iron. Not so with the Haugland Collection. Fewer cars, but more personal and extremely approachable. I wouldn't call it eccentric, but I would call it very personal. British, Italian, German, Japanese all countries that make cars seemed to be represented. Amy likes the little cars: Autobianca and a couple of Abarth-modified Fiats. In the back of the shop on a lift was a 50s series Austin being restored, sporting a shiny Burgundy paint job. Then there was a gorgeous Jaguar Mk 2 and a rare Triumph Italia. All the cars in this building were carefully tended and shiny bright. Just for fun, Alex fired up a twelve cylinder Lamborghini Espada, a car that looked to be 18 feet long and seated four.

The trip down was smooth and uneventful, the perfect start to a great car nut experience. When it was time to leave we thanked our hosts for letting us in on some special cars. We hope to make another trip down south to see Alex and Amy's other cars in other buildings. They also host a youtube channel: [youtube.com/@everyday2exotic](https://www.youtube.com/@everyday2exotic), and on instagram @everyday2exotic Check it out. £



“Trunk-aided Tech Session”

Words courtesy of Glen Enright, photos by Carl Foleen t

I want to thank Dan Simons for putting on an impromptu tech session to help me get new boot springs on my 1969 E-type OTS. My car has had trunk lid saggitis ever since I got the car way back before the turn of the century. This never really bothered me, I just used “Mr. Stick” to prop up the lid whenever I had to gain access to stuff in the boot.



Now my Jag is not what you'd call a show car, although it does present pretty well from say 10 feet on a bright day after I've washed it. But, evidently my make shift boot prop bothered Dan enough that after seeing me use “Mr. Stick” on any of several occasions, he just couldn't stand it any longer. A couple of years ago, he had replaced the saggy springs on his own Brit-flag turned-out V-12 roadster. He wasn't interested in a stop gap method, like “Mr. Stick.”

Anyway, at one of our usual

Monday brunch/lunch get-togethers, Dan said (pleaded?) that if I would deign to buy a set of boot springs he would assist with (actually, do) the installation. Naturally, since I am a tightwad and somewhat lethargic, it took me awhile to get my act together, boot springs-wise. But just last week we decided to get it done!



We all are happy to announce that the operation was a success, the patient did NOT die and NO ONE lost blood or body parts in the completion of the project. I'd sent an e-mail blast to all via a mailing list I had, and approximately 7 folks showed up to watch the procedure. What happened, in fact, was that almost everyone who thought they would be spectators, ended up lending the proverbial hand, finger or moral support. The attendees were: Rick Martin, Rich Stevens, Jim Hubbard, Sue Kornahrens, Rich Olsen, Bill Lopnow, and Carl (Manual Phocus) Foleen, plus Dan and myself.

Though not as straight forward as one would have hoped, after much head scratching and

consensus taking all was done satisfactorily!

Following the clean up, we visited Dan's man cave and then motored off to the “FORK” food carts in Fairview for a late lunch, some adult beverages, a rehash of the day's activities and more car-related discussions. Then it was off for home and, for your scribe, a restorative nap. Thanks Dan, and all. £



The Olde JOCO Event Calendar

Where are you likely to meet other JOCO members and their cars this summer? Here is a list of the events that are currently on the JOCO calendar, **and be sure to check the JOCO website often.** If you have an event(s) to add or want to tell others about, please notify JOCO's Event Coordinator, Rick Martin. With that in mind:



§ **July 12th**, Timberline Lodge Driveout & "Driver's Choice Lunch" on Mt. Hood. Sign up on the club's website

§ **July 13th**, Potluck at Wynne Wakkila's RSVP: wynnew22@yahoo.com or (503) 521-0222

§ **July 18 - 20, 2025 JOTI Jaguars On the Island**, Victoria, B.C. Canada. Lodging reservations: Delta Ocean Pointe Resort

§ **July 19th, Driveout & Potluck Lunch.** Our world renowned "Jags on the Farm" at Mark & Rhonda's (Albany, Oregon). **(Please bring a favorite dish & libation.)** The Hulls will provide hamburgers and bratwurst sausages, we bring the rest (salads, main dish, "finger food," chips, etc.). Driveout meets at 11:15 AM, 19255 SW Pacific Hwy., Sherwood (Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center) Drive-out departs at 11:30 AM. Expected arrival at Mark and Rhonda's - 1:00 PM. **Be sure to sign up on the club's website**

§ **July 20th**, Forest Grove Concours

§ **SJC's (Seattle Jaguar Club) "Jaguars on the Green"** August 1 - 3, 2025, Swinomish Casino and Resort, Anacortes, WA. <https://www.seattlejagclub.org/jotg>

§ **August 9th Joint Drive with the Seattle Jaguar Club to the Carriage Museum in Raymond, WA.** Details in this issue - these are always fun, well organized drive-outs. (More info on pg. 14)

§ **August 22nd, 2025 CXKJR (Vancouver, BC) Jaguar Heritage Concours** August 22, 2025

§ **August 23rd**, Jim & Sue's Oregon Trail Drive to Detroit Lake. More details coming. **Be sure to sign up on the club's website.**

§ **JOCO/ABFM (Portland International Raceway) September 5th - 7th, 2025** **Sign up on the ABFM Website and on the club's website as well.**

§ **September 13th**, Tim's End of Summer Drive More details TBD

§ **September 20-21**, Southwest Idaho All British Field Meet. The Village at Meridian, Meridian, Idaho. <https://idahobritishcars.org/swiabfm>

§ **October 11th**, Matt's "Fall into October" Drive & short hike

§ **November 15th**, Next Level Pinball & Arcade Games

§ **December, 2025 Christmas Dinner** (Jake's Grill, 611 SW 10th Ave.,)



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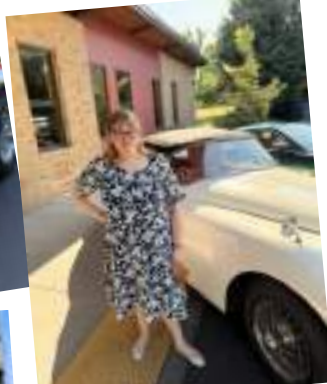
FOR SALE:

For Sale - Triple Weber 45 DCOE Carburetors, manifold and linkage for XKE. Price \$2,100. Contact Jerry Kenney (JOCO member) at 503-970-5700 or pizzapride.jk@gmail.com.



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE! Be sure you are also checking the club's website for the latest events and event sign-up options.

[A few photos from events in this issue]



JOCO REGALIA

Available for the discerning member



Celebrate JOCO with any of the items below. Hats are tan with a full color club logo embroidered on the front. Adjustable size fits most.

Embroidered patches are suitable for attaching to coats, skirts, shirts, coveralls, vests, blankets, or what-have-you. Show your club pride!



Hats: \$35.00 / ea. *

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Stemless Wine Glasses: \$7.50 / ea. *

License Plate Frame (pair): \$5.00 *

We have the ability to put our club logo on a variety of regalia items: coffee mugs, cocktail glasses, tumblers, even jackets and other types of hats.

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From the editor's desk:

Well, it's no secret that I managed a FUBAR! The first and second edition of this "July" newsletter were nearly carbon copies of the June issue. There are no excuses - I managed to just go brain-dead (more than usual, anyway) and didn't pay close attention to what was going on - it just had to get out on time. So, gentle readers, here is what is hopefully the third and final edition of the "July" Cat Fancier. £

Drive with Seattle Jaguar Club to the Northwest Carriage Museum & Lunch in Raymond WA

by Kurt Jacobson, Seattle Jaguar Club

More info and register, please at <https://www.seattlejagclub.org/events/nw-carriage-museum-drive-with-joco>
Contact KurtGJacobson@gmail.com, 253.229.6905. Here's the lowdown.

Saturday, August 9th, 9:30 a.m. gather at the Chevron mini mart, I-5 Exit 59 near Toledo WA where I-5 crosses the Cowlitz River. The Northwest Carriage Museum in Raymond, WA surprised all of us when we visited it with members of the Seattle Jaguar Club in 2020. Since then, it has added attractions. Jerry Bowman will be our guide again. He is like a one-person Ken Burns documentary about horse-drawn conveyances and the history of the times and places they served, some of it relates to our Jaguars.

Lunch will be at the Pitchwood Alehouse, which has added oysters to the menu (this is Willapa Bay, after all) and an expansive outdoor seating area.

SCHEDULE:

- * 9:30 arrive at the Chevron mini mart south of Chehalis at Exit 59,
- * 9:45 a.m., drivers and navigators meeting.
- * 10:00 a.m., depart to the museum via Vader, Wildwood, and Pe Ell.
- * 12:45 p.m., drive to Pitchwood Alehouse.
- * 2:15 p.m., depart to I-5, either northbound to Chehalis or southbound by backtracking to Exit 59, a more direct route toward Portland.

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The Agony and the Ecstasy

by Rick Martin

The title is a bit dramatic for just a couple of local car shows but I thought it was rather catchy and am glad I thought of it... hmm. I went to a couple of local show and shines this last month and am reporting back on what I experienced. The first was the Portland Transmission Warehouse car show in SE Portland. It has been going on for about 40 years now. Officially it starts at 7 A.M. but cars start arriving as early as 5 to get a favorite parking spot. At 7 you can come in and register, get a number to put on your headlight and pick up free coffee and cookies. The number is for the judges to use if you should get an award. There are judging teams that go out and pick the winners from the blocks and blocks of cars-700 to 900 of them when the weather is good. They give awards for the usual hot rod stuff like "Best Flames" and "Most Chrome" but for many other things too and they don't leave out the European makes either. One year I was on the team judging military vehicles and there were sixteen of them!

I guess because they start so early in the morning that's why they fire up the BBQ's about 10 A.M. and start cooking up some very good hot dogs again, they are free for participants. All the roads are full of cars parked on both sides and the streets are full of people. It is a really relaxed show with something for everyone and always something you have never seen. By noon everyone has gone home.

The second show I went to was in a small town south of Portland and as my comments are mostly not positive, I'm going to not mention a name. This show was scheduled to start at 10 A.M. but knowing the lingo I showed up at 9. They had no signs up of any kind. I could not find where to register or where to park. The one smallish parking lot that was for sure car show was crammed full of cars just waiting for a nice door ding. Other cars were parking on the street but mixed in with the usual daily drivers. Traffic was running north, south, east and west with no consideration for the show or the people trying to view it. I cruised around or through the area again hoping I had just missed something but alas, I had not. I really did not feel it was a safe place for my car or me, so I did not stay. Had a nice drive in the XK150 on a beautiful sunny morning so it certainly was not a total loss. £



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