

December 29, 2024

Hello Cat Lover!

As December brings 2024 to a close, we naturally reflect on the days gone by. It was an eventful year for JCOF, filled with driving events to fabulous venues, meetings with interesting guest speakers, and "fun-tastic" parties. Some members travelled abroad and around the U.S., recounting their journeys to us, while others remained close to home, routinely attending JCOF meetings. The final month of 2024 also marked JCOF's step forward in the age of technology, with our initial JCOF Zoom meeting. The Annual General Meeting, held during the Holiday Party, was live-streamed, and Zoom participants were able to vote for the 2025 Officers.

Our "snow bird" members have now returned to spend the winter with us and enjoy the warmth of the Sunshine State. Guinness and

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting was really something special! It combined a Holiday-Light Cruise, our Holiday Party, and our Annual General Meeting (AGM). The evening began on the dock, below the Lakeside Inn, in Mt. Dora, FL. Forty-three JCOF party-goers gathered and boarded two pontoons for a sunset cruise and holiday light tour. While afloat, they enjoyed hot cider, warm cookies, and holiday music. After the cruise, the group walked up the hill to the British-themed Magical Meat Boutique for dinner and the AGM. The AGM was a pioneering moment for JCOF, marking our first-ever live-streamed meeting using Zoom. Distant members were able to be present virtually

I have gone in the opposite direction. We have returned to South Carolina, where she can run free and play all day in the cool mountain air.



NOVEMBER MEETING

Slalom for Glory
Do you have what it takes?

The Jaguar Club of Florida challenges you to test your driving skill on a closed Slalom Track! All vehicle makes accepted.

Date: November 16, 2024 Time: 8:30a–12:00p
Price: \$30 per car Spectators: Free (bring a chair)
Location: 13000 Frankies Road, Taveres, FL, 32778

After the Slalom, all drivers and spectators are invited to a **FREE** lunch, with bar-b-q, beer, and other beverages!

Register for the Slalom at: <https://www.jaguarclubfl.com/slalom-register-online/>



and vote for the 2025 Board of Directors. Following the election of the Board of Directors, the festivities continued, culminating with a 50/50 drawing and an Art Auction of pieces provided by Gary Thomas and Delilah Davis.



RING IN THE NEW YEAR!

25 Traditions for the Best 2025!

1. DRIZZLE HONEY ON A DISH

In a belief that dates back to Roman times, honey is said to ensure sweetness for the coming year. Share this good fortune with friends and family by serving a menu that includes at least one

The November Monthly Meeting was held at the beautiful lakefront home of Ian Crawford, following our Slalom for Glory. Lunch, famously known as "The Freeloaders Lunch," was a magnificent bar-b-q feast, graciously provided by Ian.

JCOF's Slalom, a JCNA sanctioned event, is an annual event held at Lake Tech, in Tavares, FL. JCNA members have the opportunity to compete against other JCNA members for the fastest time. The results of our Sizzlin' Slalom for Glory are provided here.



MASTER REPORT

Event Name: 2024 Sizzlin' Slalom and Freeloader's Lunch (/events/2024-sizzlin-slaloms-and-freeloaders-lunch)

Event Date: Sat, Nov 16, 2024

Type: Slalom

Location: 13000 Frankies Rd Tavares, FL

Club: Jaguar Club of Florida (JCof) (SE09)

Chairperson: Thomas Wright

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Class	Entrant Name	Specific Member	Member	Car Description	Score
H - Modified Class - Lightweight Jaguar sports cars (XK, 120, 140, 150, C, D, XKSS, and E Types); Jaguar powered specials and replicas (Concours eligible)	Ian Crawford	Ian Crawford	SE09-34122CJ (/user/se09-34122c)	1971 E-Type	44.605
J - XJS - Including XJS-R and XJS-C (1976-1996)	Fred Kaufmann	Fred Kaufmann	SE09-28799 (/user/se09-28799)	1995 XJS-12	96.287
K - Two Wheel Drive Non-Supercharged GT Cars - XK, XK8 and S-Type (1996-present)	Juan Sierra	Juan Sierra	SE09-48478 (/user/se09-48478)	2011 XK	50.937
L - Two Wheel Drive Supercharged GT Cars - XK8, XJR and S-Type R (1999-present)	Delilah Davis	Don Matthews	SE09-61887 (/user/se09-61887)	2002 XKR	49.188
L - Two Wheel Drive Supercharged GT Cars - XK8, XJR and S-Type R (1999-present)	Garry and Sue Hagopian	Garry Hagopian	NE19-03614 (/user/ne19-03614)	2015 XKR	44.367
R - F-Type - All models (2013-present)	Melanie Rodgers	Melanie Rodgers	SE11-62120 (/user/se11-62120)	2017 F-Type, V6	44.513
Z - All non-Jaguar powered cars	Barry Ratchford	Barry Ratchford	SE09-52231 (/user/se09-52231)	1972 Triumph TR6	53.548
Z - All non-Jaguar powered cars	Tom Wright III	Tom Wright III	SE09-47744 (/user/se09-47744)	2014 Porsche 911	41.724

You can go to the JCNA website to view the times of winners from all club slaloms. Get your name on

dish drenched in the delicious ingredient, such as a scrumptious [honey-apple baked brie hors d'oeuvre](#).

2. JUMP OFF A CHAIR

A traditional New Year's Eve superstition in Denmark is to leap from a sofa or chair as the clock strikes midnight. It's considered good luck if you jump, and bad luck if you don't, so make your decision wisely.

3. CRACK OPEN A POMEGRANATE

This pretty red fruit is considered a symbol of good luck and prosperity in Turkey and other countries near the Mediterranean. New Year's Eve revelers smash pomegranates and eat the seeds to bring some of that good luck their way in the upcoming year. Try serving them in a [Harvest Salad with Pickled Pomegranate Seeds](#) or in this delicious [Poinsettia Cocktail](#).

4. WEAR POLKA DOTS

In the Philippines, it's considered good luck to wear polka dots on December 31st.

5. PUT MISTLETOE UNDER YOUR PILLOW

In this Irish superstition, people hoping to find a romantic partner place a sprig of mistletoe under

the Leader Board; sign up next year!

JCNA

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JCOF President: Jay Hixson

Dear Jaguar Club of Florida,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you. 2024 was a very busy and successful year for the “Funnest” car club in Florida with numerous events and some changes. We ended the year with 120 members. Here are a few highlights and accomplishments:

1. We standardized the monthly membership meeting to the third Saturday of each month, but varying the location to accommodate our geographically diverse membership. When possible, we also tried to combine the meeting with an additional attraction such as a driving tour or a visit to a historic site or museum.

2. Our Concours d'Elegance was a huge success covering three days, including a Friday “Meet and

their pillow before they fall asleep on New Year's Eve. Legend has it that it'll cause you to dream of your future spouse!

6. WEAR RED UNDERWEAR

In Latin American countries and Italy, donning red undergarments on New Year's Eve is thought to help bring romance in the year to come.

7. OPEN THE WINDOWS AND DOORS

Though it may be chilly outside, New Year's superstitions tell us to leave the windows open so you can let the old year out and the new one in.

8. BANG BREAD AGAINST THE WALL

Another Irish superstition is to knock a loaf of bread around the walls of your family home. The act is said to drive away evil spirits while simultaneously inviting good luck in.

9. WAKE UP EARLY

Polish tradition suggests that if you're up early on January 1st, you'll easily rise on the early side every day for the rest of year.

10. GET A KISS AT MIDNIGHT

It may seem like kissing someone at midnight is a way to show your

Greet", Saturday Concours and Banquet, and a Sunday Driving Tour.

3. Our Summer Pool Party, at the home of Delilah Davis, was very well attended and the weather and camaraderie were perfect.

4. We had a total of 4 driving events, to all corners of Central Florida.

5. Our recent Holiday Party, which included a boat tour and casual dinner in Mt Dora, was a sell-out.

6. We completed a survey of members that will be used to guide us in the future. For example, the Holiday Party was more casual and less expensive because your feedback on the survey asked us for those changes.

At the Holiday Party you voted in the Board of Directors for 2025: I will continue as President, Gary Berglin will continue as Vice President, Sandy Lewis will continue as Secretary, Juan Sierra will continue as Concours Chairperson and Barry Ratchford will replace Robert Delmar as Treasurer. I am extremely fortunate to have such a strong group of leaders and friends surrounding

excitement for the new year. But actually, it's thought that if you kiss someone you love as the clock strikes midnight, those sentiments will continue for the next 12 months.

11. EAT 12 GRAPES

This food superstition, that originated in Spain, is meant to bring you luck for the year ahead. Eat 12 grapes at midnight—one for every month—or put them on a skewer and serve as a fun [New Year's Eve cocktail](#) garnish.

12. FILL YOUR WALLET WITH CASH

Want to enter a year full of financial prosperity? Then make a run to the ATM so you can fill your wallet with cash. Also, don't loan out any money on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, and don't start the year with any unpaid debts, or you could set a precedent for the months ahead.

13. FILL YOUR CUPBOARDS

It's considered bad luck to start the new year with bare cupboards (signaling poverty and hardship), so do your grocery shopping before New Year's Eve.

14. DON'T DO ANY CLEANING

If you're concerned about "sweeping" or "washing" away any

me. Robert Delmar, thank you for your years of dedication as both Treasurer and Membership Chairperson. Other positions for 2025 are: Membership Chairperson - Alan Winer, Communications/ Webmaster - Jill Casiple, Slalom Chairperson - Tom Wright, Chief Judge - Ian Crawford, Advertisement, Sponsorship, and Regalia - Bob Lewis, and Unofficial Club Hostess - Delilah Davis. We can always use more volunteers, judges, and leaders - please consider helping.

You will be hearing shortly about upcoming club events in the new year and you can always check the JCOF website (jaguarclubfl.com). For now, the Concours d'Elegance has been set for 21-22 March at the Alaquia Country Club, and remember that the 3rd Saturday of every month is our club membership meeting. We are always open to suggestions to make our club stronger and a better experience for members. Again, thank you for a great 2024 and I look forward to an even more successful and fun 2025.

Sincerely and with Warm Regards,
Jay Hixson
JCOF President

luck coming your way, don't do any cleaning- including dishes and laundry- on New Year's day.

15. FILL UP ON BLACK EYED PEAS AND COLLARD GREENS

If you want to keep with Southern tradition, eating [black-eyed peas](#) and [collard greens](#) on New Year's Day will supposedly bring good luck and prosperity, respectively, in the months ahead.

16. AVOID TEARS

Save your tears for another day, because crying on New Year's Day could set a year of sadness in motion.

17. DON'T LEAVE THE HOUSE

...until someone enters from the outside first. And *who* that person is will supposedly say a lot about the luck you'll have in the new year. In Scotland, the first person, aka First Footer, in your home also has to bring you a gift, preferably salt and whisky to bless your home in the coming year!

18. EAT HERRING

Whether you like your herring pickled or fresh, eating it in some form at midnight is considered good luck in Germany and Sweden. (I wonder if Swedish Fish count!)

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Membership Chair: Alan Winer

Welcome to our 4th Quarter new members:

Tom Green - Daytona Beach

Phillip Anderson - Winter Park

Peter Lee - New Port Richey

Caroline Padbury - Naples

Samual Zucker - St. Augustine

John Staines - Oviedo

Dues are due! Thank you to everyone who has submitted their renewal form. If you have not already renewed your membership for 2025, click the button below to go to our membership renewal page. We look forward to spending another fun-filled year with you.

RENEW

CLASSIFIEDS

This 1962 Jaguar Mk II is offered for sale by Bruce Sedelmeyer
- \$25,000

19. MAKE SOME NOISE

You may love buying noisemakers and fireworks to set off at midnight for the fun of it, but the tradition originated from a superstition that making loud noise at midnight would scare evil spirits and omens away.

20. CARRY AN EMPTY SUITCASE

It can just be around your house for a few minutes, but in Colombia, it's seen as setting yourself up for adventures in the new year.

21. EAT A SUGAR PIG

In Germany, it is believed that pigs equal wealth, so for New Year's, it's commonplace to eat glücksschwein, pig-shaped marzipan candies that are both adorable and sweet. They're thought to bring financial luck for the year ahead.

22. SPRINKLE SUGAR ON YOUR FRONT STEP

In Puerto Rico, people dash a bit of sugar outside of their homes to bring good luck in.

23. STEER CLEAR OF LOBSTER AND CHICKEN

Eating lobster or chicken on January 1 might give you bad luck in the new year. Chickens have

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wings, so your luck could fly away.
Lobsters walk backward;
consuming them might hold you
back.

24. PREDICT WHAT LIES AHEAD

In Germany, people use a
Bleigießen (Bleigiessen) kit which
will supposedly give hints for
what's to come in the year ahead.

[The tradition is to melt lead](#) (now
we use tin or wax, since lead is
poisonous) on a spoon over a
candle and then pour the melt into
cold water. The resulting shape will
reveal your fortune. Round balls
represent good luck rolling your
way, for example, while swords
predict risk-taking.

25. MAKE A RESOLUTION

[Historians believe](#) that the idea of
New Year's resolutions, in one
form or another, dates back more
than 4,000 years. They say the
Babylonians, one of the first
cultures to actually celebrate the
changing of the year, made
promises to pay debts or return
borrowed objects.

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Contact Bruce for details.

Thank you to all our members, co-members, and friends for helping us make 2024 such a successful year. We have seen much growth and improvement this year and will continue in 2025. We wish you and your loved ones wealth, health, and happiness in the New Year.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Cheers,



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