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JCOF Concours d' Elegance - 2025



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Greetings Fellow Jag Lovers!

Spring is in full fling! Winter threatened to be brutal, with the polar blast in December, but ended up being an "average" winter, after all the weather data was averaged out.

Spring is inarguably one of the most beautiful times of year! The flowering trees and shrubs make their showy debut all across the Southeast and the April showers bring May flowers. This year, in Central Florida, the first day of spring also brings gleaming Jaguars of all shapes and sizes out of hibernation, for Florida's first JCNA sanctioned, Jaguar-only Concours d'Elegance of the year.

Read on for exciting details and pictures of JCOF's 37th Annual Concours.



We're Growing!

The Jaguar Club of Florida is growing. We are happy to welcome 18 new members, plus their co-members, into our fold, since January!

We want to *keep* growing! Spread the word to every Jag owner you see, even if you don't know them. Talking about our cars is a great way to make friends.

JCOF has "calling cards." Cards can be handed out in conversations or left in driver-side window frames (not under wipers). These are great tools for building our membership. Talk with a Board Member at the next meeting to get JCOF calling cards and help grow JCOF.

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We're affiliated with Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) with over 60 affiliate clubs. We have monthly meetings that often take us to places we might never have found but will want to return.

Our annual **Sizzlin' Slalom and Freeloaders Lunch** will test your driving skills and satisfy your appetite. We even hold an annual **Concours d'Elegance for Jaguars only, and our parties are not soon forgotten.**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JCOF President: Jay Hixson

Dear JCOF Members,

As I write this note, I am attending the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for Jaguar Clubs of North America, in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. I have learned many things over the last several days and especially wanted to pass along to you two wonderful resources, available for free.

First is the Jaguar Land Rover Archives. They have over 16,000 digitized images and over 500 digitized video pieces available to club members and newsletter editors. These can be used without copyright issues (all they ask is that they not be posted on internet/social websites). They also can help members looking for information on their cars, or on cars they are considering purchasing. JLR Archives are open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and you can contact Fred Hammond at 201-341-1112 or Fhammond51@gmail.com for specific help.

The second resource is the [Coventry Foundation](#). This organization was formed to promote the heritage of Jaguar cars in North America and to preserve the marque for future generations. Among many assets, they have volumes of books, videos, and maintenance manuals for your information. The foundation has the most extensive Jaguar

tool loan program in existence with access to people having years of knowledge and expertise on how to use them. They also have a fine collection of donated classic Jaguars for viewing and reference, and they host the British Sports Car Hall of Fame. They can be reached at coventryfoundation.org/contact/.

I hope the above information makes your membership and ownership more enjoyable and I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming JCOF event.

Warm Regards, Jay Hixson

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Price: \$8,000 USD

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Robert Delmar sold his beautiful '07 XK within hours of posting his ad!



CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

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Clean Carfax

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NAME TAGS

Good day to all JCOF Members!

There has been a significant uptick in JCOF name tag requests. The club leadership team noted this increase during the membership renewal process. The membership renewal form stated "Have Name Tag" or "Need Name Tag." The response from both new and renewing members, was an implied request for a name tag.

The purpose of this note is to clarify the JCOF name tag process:

1. Name tags are provided to new members joining the club, at no cost.

2. Replacement or additional name tags may be purchased through the JCOF website by clicking the "[Merchandise](#)" tab.

The ordering process is straight forward, allowing members to purchase replacement name tags thru the JCOF PayPal portal for \$10.00.

JCOF Concours d' Elegance

Memories of the Chairman

- Juan Sierra

As we conclude this year's JCOF Concours, I am left with some wonderful memories that I would like to share.

First of all, I need to thank the many people who made it possible to bring our 2025 Concours d' Elegance to all who participated. It is difficult to express my thanks to so many who helped. From the runners during the Concours, the ones who helped park cars, to ALL the judges, and most of all, to everyone who attended all the meetings and contributed with

ideas on how to make the Concours better. I will add a simple note for those of you who have not been a part of one of these endeavors in the past: this is a real team effort.

There may be a coach, but the team is not going anywhere without great players.

Preparation meetings began back in October 2024. I was pleased and gratified with the number of folks who volunteered to help.

The task was broken down into steps, and different folks volunteered to handle the different steps. We continued to meet a few times all through the Holidays and measured our progress. I still consider the best part of these meetings to be the spirit of cooperation, motivation, and desire to just plain have a good time with friends with whom you share a common love of Jaguars.



There are some critical aspects that all sanctioned Concours require. First, you need a venue, then a dinner or place to give the deserved awards, and lastly, you need certified judges. This is a big deal, and many clubs do not hold sanctioned Concours because they do not have certified judges. Our Chief Judge, Ian Crawford, holds the qualifying classes and testing once a year and keeps us alerted to all the new regulations that come down from JCNA. Our previous Chief Judge and current Scrutineer, Tom Wright, is also a big help in this important task.



I want to honor and give special thanks other good friends. Will Hoehndorf, who is a past co-Chairman, helped put all the judging packages together, not an easy job. Bob Lewis, who is our

our advertising expert, provided the hats and shirts we sold, and convinced our sponsors to give a little more. Barry Ratchford, our club Treasurer, came to our meetings and volunteered to collect and keep track of all the entry fees, and maintain the long spread sheet of those who had paid to attend. The spread sheet contained valuable information needed for determining what class of cars were being registered, and provided timely information to Ian for the judging assignments and to myself.

*Alaqua
Country Club*



This was our third year of holding the Concours at Alaqua Country Club, in Longwood. I hope that everyone who participated enjoyed the surroundings, including a phenomenal meal. We were also fortunate (blessed actually) to have such great weather. I also have to add that holding the Concours at the same place helps in the planning and execution, as some of the issues have been faced before.

OK, moving forward; now that we had done all this homework and the big day arrived, what happened next? I was so pleased to see so many really beautiful cars. We had a total of 7 E-Types, 4 F-Types, and just about every class was represented in our Concours. As I looked at the cars,



I thought to myself; boy, I am glad I am not judging the E-Types, they are all beautiful." Eventually, one emerged as the winner of Best in Show, the highest award that ALL the judges can bestow. It went to a 1967 Silver E-Type coupe, owned by David Wagner. Giving this award was a unanimous decision by the judges.



photo credit: Delilah Davis



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The next most important award is called People's choice. Here, the judges have less to say and the will and choice of the entrants is heard. The People's Choice Award went to a 2004 XKR, owned by Ted Hill, of the Carolina Jaguar Club. I am happy to say that I was one of the judges of this car, and the car is truly remarkable. The interior color can best be described as Bronze or looked like Bronze to me. This car was one of only 100 made by Jaguar. It had a special upholstery, special rims, and bronze wood that were all factory installed. The car sparkled. Easy to see why the other contestants also saw something special in this car.



Photo Credit: Carolina Jaguar Club



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Now we are at the awards and dinner venue. My memory of the event tells me that everyone I spoke with had praises for the quality and flavor of the food, as well as the surroundings. I am a member of the Club and I can vouch for the fact that this club only serves great meals.

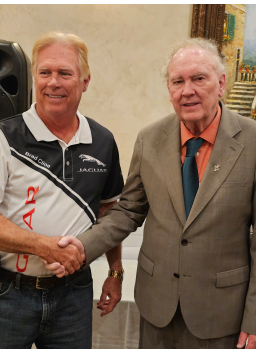
I am happy to remember the many great donations that were made and resulted in a spirited auction, where our club benefited from the

proceeds. Thank you very much to all who competed and made purchases at the auction. Those car badges were truly unique and great. There were also total-car-detail coupons auctioned, offered by Parks Lincoln of Longwood, one of our sponsors, valued at \$199.00 each; so, everyone who purchased one got a deal.

As usual, a special thanks to Delilah Davis, who made all the decorations for the tables and made a good-looking room look great. Delilah also took most of the pictures during the judging of the cars as well as during the Award Presentation. Thank you, Delilah!

Our President, Jay Hixson, is to be commended for his fine job of being the Master of Ceremonies at the Awards Dinner. Jay is always ready to volunteer, whatever the job.







In closing, it is my hope and wish that all who attended came away with fond memories of our Concours and will wish to participate in next year's Concours. I also want to remind everyone who wishes to help in next year's Concours, that everyone is welcomed. We want everyone to participate; remember, everyone has talents. No experience is necessary, only your desire to be part of a team. In fact, if anyone wants to try to be the next Chairman of the Concours, it will be kindly appreciated.

Until then,
Be well my friends,
Juan Sierra
Chairman of the JCOF 2025 Concours

CAT TALES

Member Stories

A GLORIOUS ROAD TRIP - Summer 2024

by Dr. Dan Kunz

SHORT VERSION: XK8 solo drive just under 6K miles on every twisty, curvy, focus-needed mountain road from southwest NY to TN and then home. Great fun, kitty ran great.

LONG VERSION:

"most 'youtz' of today have no idea what these are!"

Just under 6K solo miles, mostly on mountain or secondary and tertiary (and a few dirt) roads. I avoided highways whenever possible. WAZE didn't like me! Yelling and hitting it didn't help...unlike when replacing parts on LBCs, for which that approach is often necessary. Maps and dividers still seem to work quite well (Note: most "youtz" of today have no idea what these are!).

Drove a moving truck to NJ via the outer banks areas of NC and DE. My daughter moved back to NJ. I shipped my green Jag XK8 to NJ for this year's drive. Other drives are planned for the next two summers (Americana Music Triangle and then west to and thru the Rockies). Maybe I'll grow up at 80, but don't bet on it...just middle age for a car nut.

My goal was to drive great roads, avoiding highways and only stop to see friends or very unique and interesting museums/sites but mostly just to drive and enjoy the roads. Hit virtually every mountain and side road from southern NY state to TN that I could find. All of the Southern Appalachians, Poconos,

Skyline, Blue Ridge, Smokies. Took every possible route on most maps, doubling back if thought I missed something or even a small segment of the mountain parkways. Even did the Tail of the Dragon (318 turns in 11 miles) -- so much fun I ran it both ways! This trip was sports car heaven. My recommendation is to drive it, a passenger would either be bored or scared to death.

Some things I noticed: Skyline has railings on most drop-offs for 97 overlooks, with good, spacious, and well announced pull offs. Blue Ridge and Smokies seem somewhat less concerned with possible cars parts at the bottom of 1,000+ drop offs. Guess the trees grow thru them eventually. Hence, fewer guardrails and fewer well announced overlooks and again, some without guardrails or even tire stops at the edge of parking spaces. Paying focused attention is critical.

I've heard, but of course can't obviously personally verify, that the 45-mph speed limit is extremely conservative for a great handling car. During the entire mountain trip (well over 600 miles), I encountered fewer than 50 cars or bikes in front of me. If I had such an unfortunate encounter with an interloper, I just pulled into an overlook, waited 10 minutes, and proceed on MY private road. More than 600++ miles of a nearly private, curvy, interesting, and 'concentration/focus-encouraging' drive. Radio was never on; top was down most of the time. The essence of driving. My shortest driving day was 6 hours, the longest 13. I would get onto the road at sunrise. Magnificent! Most of my stops were at hotels or friends' homes along the way and nearby towns. But I carried a tent, map, and basic camping gear 'just in case'.

“the essence of driving”

(continued)

My lady ran perfectly – except for two burps. A record for a BC daily driver? The first was a warning light that went off quickly in about 20 miles. The warning message was inconsequential. No reason, no problem, no concern. The second burp had me saying some very unpleasant expletives to the god of twisty roads. A lightening strike was VERY close. She literally jumped off the ground and came down hard. Every light in the car and on the dash, as well as the outside lights flashed and cycled with every warning message possible. Some for parts I never knew I had or seemed not to be in the owner's manual. Very unhappy. I pulled over, turned her off, started planning shipment of my unhappy lady back (From where???? Where the hell am I? I think somewhere still in NC. Do they know of AAA or Uber here? I then knew where I was...that tree looks familiar, hmmm that rock looks familiar too. Wishful thinking of course.)

Like any LBC with unknown roadside issues, it is best to talk softly to her, pet her dash with gentle and loving strokes, and encourage a renewed positive attitude. It worked. I restarted her after a conversation and rest of about 20 minutes and all was well the rest of the trip. Wet and upset, but not damaged. Nice kitty! I wonder what would have happened to my past LBC's with Lucas electrics.

I stopped to see friends in nearly every state and then a few unique and very interesting museums including; the Cherokee Indian Nation museum; the Great Smokie Mountain Railroad; the Gap, museum and town where Deliverance was filmed; two car museums (including Deezerland in Orlando on the way home); and a few other particularly notable and interesting historic stops. But, again, the object was to drive.

- Dr. Dan Kunz, JCOF member



APRIL MEETING

JAGUAR CLUB OF FLORIDA

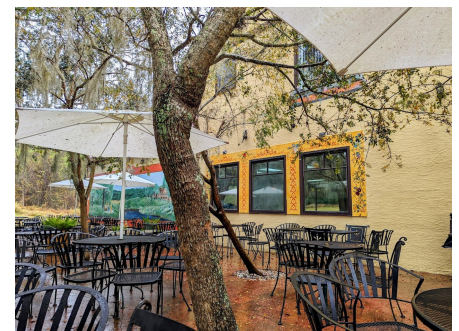
"PAST N PRESENT MOTORCAR MUSEUM
AND DRIVING TOUR"

SATURDAY, 19 APRIL 2025



Wow - what an event! There was a great turn out for April's Drive, Tour, and Lunch. Twenty-seven people met Jay Hixson at a BP Gas Station, eager to find out where he would lead them. Of course, it was through scenic back roads, with picturesque farms and "real" central Florida nature (oak hammocks), to yet another place that had been missing from their lives, the Yalaha Bakery!

The [Yalaha Bakery](#) is a family-owned German bakery/deli, hidden in the obscure little town of Yalaha. Traditional German breakfast foods are served until about 10:30, then traditional lunch foods are served. Scrumptious pastries are available all day, and to complete the German experience, there is a traditional Biergarten. Hey, why not?



After the break at the Yalaha Bakery, that was likely regarded as "too short" for those with a sweet tooth, the 16-car convoy continued, to Past and Present Motor Cars (PPMC).

PPMC is located in Ocoee, FL, another Orlando suburb. It has a unique set of inventory and a unique business model. Its museum-quality showroom displays vehicles for sale, from every decade since the 1930's. Some vehicles are sold as a regular car dealer and others are sold on consignment. Some are sold in mint condition while others are sold as project cars. JCOF members were given about an hour to tour the 150 cars and trucks in their care. PPMC says if it doesn't have a car the shopper wants, they'll try to find it. And, with a 25-point inspection on all their vehicles, there's no need to worry about getting a lemon!



But wait; there's more! Not only did lucky participants get the scenic drive, the delicious German bakery stop, and the fascinating tour of PPMC, they got *more!* Lunch at the cutest little place east of the Mississippi, or least east of the Yalaha bakery.

The [Dixie Cream Cafe](#), in Windermere, FL, serves comfort food and

beverages from 8:00a - 2:30p, six days per week. It's the kind of quaint little place you would want to meet your friends for brunch, once a week, forever. The staff are cheery, the food is fantastic, and the cafe has a fido-friendly outdoor seating area. JCOF members relaxed, chatted, and ate, before and after the brief meeting, and then said their good-byes.



photo credit: Delilah Davis



Both Yalaha and Windemere are suburbs of Orlando, with terrific, hidden-gem restaurants. But did you know they each have more to offer?

Yalaha remains an unincorporated area in Lake County, although it was one of the first areas inhabited by non-natives. The first known permanent residents were South Carolina migrants, Captain and Mrs. W.J. McEaddy, who established orange groves in 1869. Legend has it that the Captain suggested "Yalaha" for the town name, meaning "yellow orange" in the native language, at a meeting with two other men. Yalaha was a major port for transporting supplies across Florida, until the Tampa-Jacksonville railroad was constructed in the mid 1880's. It was then that Yalaha "retired" to a quiet life of farming. Speaking of farms...Blue Bayou Farms is still a working farm in Yalaha. It offers seasonal U-Pick blueberries and has a Country Store

selling farm-fresh products. There is also a moonshine distillery on the farm, [Yalaha Bootlegging Company](#). The distillery has a colorful local history, dating back to the prohibition era. They have several award-winning products and offer "free tastings with every visit." It is just a stone's throw away from the Yalaha Bakery, so if you're looking for a fun day trip, with a scenic drive, you can visit both!

[Windermere](#), situated in the middle of the Butler Chain of Lakes, is about 15 miles south-west of Orlando. It is preparing for its Centennial Celebration, later this year. It offers quite a few public amenities, despite being a small town. If your Friday mornings are open, consider going to their Farmers Market. Or, plan a casual evening at one of their Food Truck Friday events. Windermere appears to have a lot going on, and while you're there, you may spot a celebrity. The town boasts several luxury subdivisions with famous residents like Shaquille O'Neal and Dwight Howard.

So, where will you go? Yalaha? Windermere? Go anywhere! Just hop in your jag and explore the area. It's a great day for a drive! (Remember to share your findings with us 😊)



Ezra Dyer: Jaguars in the Driveway



EZRA DYER | CAR AND DRIVER

From the March/April 2025 issue of Car and Driver.

I have neighbors I haven't met, but I know their vehicles. There's the guy with a Saab 900 Turbo convertible, a Volkswagen Karmann Ghia, and a square-body Chevy pickup making unlikely bedfellows under a carport. There's the one with a Mercedes G-wagen RV, a Volvo C30, and an adventure bike. And there's another neighbor whose driveway looks like its own Jaguar-themed Cars & Coffee, with a 1997 XK8 coupe, a 1998 XK8 convertible, a 2005 S-type R, a 2004 XJR, and an early-'60s Mark 2.

One day I decide to stop by and introduce myself, given that I have the key to a 2024 F-type convertible—the last new Jaguar I'll drive for a while and certainly the last one that'll have much in common with the cars in this driveway. I don't know if you've been paying attention, but Jaguar is in its Eat, Pray, Love phase, on a journey of

self-discovery that most definitely does not include supercharged V-8s. I have a feeling my neighbor will be disappointed about that. And, as is so often the case, I am right.



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His name is Kemp Neal, and besides the visible Jaguars, his garage includes an XJ coupe that he's owned for 40 years. Kemp's father had an XK-150 and an E-type, and his brother has an E-type now. Since Kemp is busy working on the trunk panel of yet another British car—a 2006 Bentley Continental GT—we agree that I should return in a couple of days for a Jaguar meetup.

When I do, Kemp's brother, John, is there with his E-type droptop. "My first Jag was a Mark 1 when I was in college," Kemp says. "John gave it to me because it had a bad transmission. I figured out that it used a Borg-Warner from an old Studebaker, so I went to a junkyard that had 10 of them and bought them all for \$50. Eventually, I cut a hole in the floorboard so I could fix the

transmission without removing it." This sounds like the kind of origin story that would lead to a lifetime of Camry ownership, but Kemp doesn't mind the foibles that old Jags present. And there are a few.



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"I drove the XJR to New York to look at another Jag, and when I got there, the trunk wouldn't open. So to get my luggage, I had to cut a hole behind the seat and pull the emergency release with a coat hanger." A stuck trunk also afflicted the Bentley, hence the work on the trim panel. "I ended up having to take it to the dealer," he says. "They won't tell me how they got it open, but I think you have to go in through the taillight—you pull it out with a toilet plunger." Here I will point out that Kemp's wife drives a Toyota.

Kemp scours the country for cars. The S-type came from

California, and he flew out to purchase it. When I ask whether he road-tripped it back, he replies, "No, I'm not that trusting of British cars." This is a surprisingly pragmatic statement from someone who owns six Jaguars.

I ask the brothers their thoughts on the Type 00, the new concept car. Kemp replies, "That monstrosity? I think one challenge is that Jaguars have never cost that much, and then all of a sudden you're going to ask \$150,000?" Jaguar hasn't specified a price for its next model, but either way, both men agree the company needs to do something.



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"I'm 77, and he's 70," John says. "So you see the problem." Actually, I see another problem, in that the newest Jag of theirs is 20 years old. I ask whether either of them has ever bought a new Jaguar. Nope. They like old Jaguars, which, unfortunately, are not what Jaguar sells.

A drive in the F-type elicits admiration, particularly for the curves of the fenders—a subtle modern echo of the E-type—and the tunes played by the supercharged 5.0-liter V-8. Kemp, though, has doubts about the motorized HVAC ductwork. "That will definitely break," he says. "The vents in my XKs are manual, and they're broken."

I doubt that potential HVAC hiccups would dissuade a guy who once collected 10 spare transmissions, but depreciation certainly would, and this car costs about \$92,000. Meanwhile, used vehicles that are essentially the same are available for \$30,000 all day long. "I'll let someone else take that beating," he says.



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But he's not ruling out the F-type entirely. This is, after all, the last Jaguar as we know it, the highest evolution of the company's front-engine, two-seat formula. Glancing from the F-type to the arc of cars wrapping around his driveway, Kemp says, "I've probably got space for one more."

Ezra Dyer
Senior Editor

Ezra Dyer is a Car and Driver senior editor and columnist. He's now based in North Carolina but still remembers how to turn right. He owns a 2009 GEM e4 and once drove 206 mph. Those facts are mutually exclusive.

REGIONAL CLUBS

JCNA SANCTIONED CONCOURS

JUNE 21st

Virginia Jaguar Club is hosting its spectacular "Show Within a Show," JCNA sanctioned Concours in Richmond.



JULY 10 - 13

Carolina Jaguar Club's marvelous "Come to the Mountains" Concours is in Little Switzerland, NC.



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