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## President's Message

## Save Another Date

Put the weekend of October 5th - 8th on your calendar, you won't want to miss this one.

Our Fall Drive officially named "The Hunt for the Reds of October" will run with the Michigan Club this year.

Michigan's weekend drives normally encompass four days but with this one you can hook up at day 2 and leave a day early if you want.

Planning in the works includes a Lake Michigan Dune Ride, SS City of Milwaukee ghost tour, Manistee, Leland "Fishtown" for lunch, Wineries, Shops and plenty of "Hunting for the Reds of October".



*Rod*

## Cover Photo

Holiday Party at Cress Creek: Photos from Mike Ksiazek and Rod Lindoo

Oh, That's right, we don't have one



*IJC Member Marv Ruback Selfie with Jay Leno at a car event in Florida.*



# *The Official 2018 Club Calendar*



Watch the Jag Rag & your emails for updated information on these coming events.

| Month / Date / Time                           | Event  | Location / Contact  |
|---|--|---|
| January 27th:                                 | Holiday Party  | Cress Creek Country Club<br>Naperville, Illinois            |
| February 11th: 9 am                           | Get Together/Sunday Brunch<br>Brunch \$17/ Parking \$5                                       | Cantigny Reopening/Wheaton, IL<br>Mike Smith 630-837-6346   |
| March 3rd: 10 am<br><b>Board Meeting 18th</b> | Get Together/Lunch<br>\$15 admission/ Lunch extra  | Volo Auto Museum/Volo, IL.<br>Mike Smith (630) 837-6346     |
| May 5-6th:                                    | Spring Drive #2<br>"The Little Known Museum Tour"  | Northern Illinois<br>Mike Smith (630) 837-6346              |
| May 19th:                                     | Another Spring Drive   | Princeton   |
| June 16th:<br><b>Board Meeting 24th</b>       | Highland Games   | Itasca, IL  |
| July 21st - 22nd:                             | Concours d'Elegance<br><a href="http://www.icj.clubexpress.com">www.icj.clubexpress.com</a>  | Oakbrook Polo Club/Oakbrook IL.<br>Alan Wilson 847-508-3238 |
| August 17th- 19th:                            | Art & Oil Leak Tour  | Northern Wisconsin<br>Ken Katch 309-370-3368                |
| September: 9th:<br><b>Board Meeting 23rd</b>  | British Car Festival<br><a href="http://www.britishcarunion.com">www.britishcarunion.com</a> | Harper College, Palatine<br>Mark Havemann 847-888-3924      |
| October 5-8th:                                | The Hunt for the Reds<br>of October Drive"   | Manistee, Traverse City Michigan<br>Rod Lindoo 630-327-8854 |
| November 3rd:<br><b>Board Meeting 25th</b>    | Get Together/Lunch   | Great Lakes Naval Museum<br>Mike Smith (630) 837-6346       |

## Other Events that might be of Interest:

June 1-3: David Davis Mansion, Champagne IL., British Car Festival, [www.cbcbf-bloomington.com](http://www.cbcbf-bloomington.com)

June 17th: Sussex Village Park, Sussex Wisconsin, British Car Field Day [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

June 24th: Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN., Michiana Brits British Car Show [www.michianabrits.com](http://www.michianabrits.com).

July 8th: Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI., British Auto Faire, [www.maddogsandenglishman.org](http://www.maddogsandenglishman.org)

August 4-5: Lakefront, Milwaukee Wisconsin, Milwaukee Concours, John Boswell Ph: 414-840-1317

# Holiday Party

## at Cress Creek Country Club

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, we had our annual “Kick Off the New Year” party. We had over 35 people that rose to the challenge of “dress in the period of your car”. There were some very unique outfits and protest signs on display for the evening....

Ken Katch started the evening with his “farewell address” as President. In recognition of his contributions to the club in his tenure as President, he was given an engraved clock and a bottle of Prisoner wine to enjoy as he looks onto his lake this summer. But wait, he will continue to assist the board as our website expert and participate in events. A second annual Oil Leaks and Art Tour is in the works...

As a Board Member we are hoping an enthusiastic individual will step up in the coming months to volunteer to be President or VP/Events Committee as Mike Smith fills in the duties of President. Anyone interested, please feel free to contact one of the officers. Mike has done a great job of organizing events for the rest of the year and shared those with everyone there. Perhaps you have even already participated in either the February or March events.

Back to the party, awards were given for

Most Jaguars owned – Larry Philyaw

What is the car of your dreams and it's attraction for you – Allan Price

Most times to wash your car during the year – Jay Butler

Most miles driven during the year – Duane Tanner

Most miles driven on gravel roads – Wayne Wagner

Most cumulative miles on your car – Phil Modica

To end the evening we have everyone show their moves on the dance floor as we had a DJ help us “dance the night away” (at least until 10 pm.....)



From: Cathy Kakuska  
Photos from: Rod Lindoo, Mike Ksiazek & Allan Price







# 2017 IJC North American Winners

Must have attended 3 or more Concours



Michael & Martha Belica  
1960 XK150  
Driven Class D1  
9.998 points - 1st Place



Mark & Lori Havemann  
2007 X-type Estate Wagon  
Driven Class D13  
9.985 -2nd place



Robert Niesse  
1969 E-type Coupe  
Driven Class D3  
9.997-1st place



Rod & Becky Lindoo  
1970 E-type 2+2  
Champion Class C6  
99.936-3rd place



# *& Regional Winners, Congrats*

Must have attended 2 Concours.



Bob & Sue Wenderski

1957 XK140

Champion Class C3

99.78 - 1st place

Cheryl Stein & Jay Butler

1965 Etype

Champion Class C5

99.88 - 1st place



Hildo & Dora Hoogcarspel

2008 XJ8

Champion Class C11

99.94 - 1st place





## Escape Room & Cantigny Events

Escape Room from: Allan Price



"An Escape Room? What the hell is that?" An upcoming Jaguar club event? And what does that have to do with owning and spending money on an old Jaguar?

But Suzie Ksiazek organized it and she is a pretty cool gal, so Carla and I were convinced to attend. But we did have our ap-

prehensions. Supposedly, an Escape Room is a game in which you are locked in a room with a dozen or more people and have to figure a way to get out before you die of suffocation or go crazy from claustrophobia. The organizers of an Escape Room provide clues but they give you no clues as to what the clues are or where they are to be. At least that's what I read about this 21<sup>st</sup> century form of entertainment, which is a way some companies bring groups of colleagues together to foster teamwork and creative thinking.

So, Carla and I went to the Game Room site. As we entered the building, a group of ten year olds was leaving, having just been in the Escape Room for a party. They were all smiles and boasted about how they had solved the mystery of how to escape - in just 54 minutes! And these were ten year olds; certainly a dozen Jaguar owners could figure out how to do the same in even less time. After all, if you can figure out how to maintain a vintage Jaguar, you could figure out how to solve just about any old common mystery.

Well, I have to say it was a very interesting, humorous and thought-provoking experience. First, you are not locked into A room, you are actually locked into a series of interlocking rooms. To get from one to the other, you have to ascertain the hints and solutions in each room. And these hints are cleverly created to engage all your senses: sight, sound, smell, touch. Some were obvious once discovered, but many took creative, "out-of-the-box" thinking. I have to say that I was pretty cocky thinking that Carla and I would be superior at out of the box thinking. But I have to hand it to Dan Cusick who time after time seemed to home-in on cues that most of us completely missed. As our hint-hunting experiences grew, in one room after another, we were more able to anticipate what kinds of clues to look for. It was definitely a case of serial discovery that added to our anticipation, excitement and team work. Finally in the last of the four rooms, we sniffed our way to the final hint that allowed us to unlock the final door to freedom.

We were so excited at first to know we had escaped and assumed we had substantially beaten the one-hour deadline only to be humiliated to learn that the fifth graders beat us by five minutes!

What a great idea for a club event! Thank you, Suzie for organizing a terrific event. And thanks to the group's creative thinking, we left before anyone really went crazy! We got to know each other better, had a lot of laughs thinking through the good and the false hints and didn't, even for a minute, think about how we would solve the latest maintenance mysteries of a vintage Jaguar.



Cantigny From: Mike Smith

On Sunday Morning, the snow finally stopped falling in Wheaton Illinois and six brave Jaguar Club members showed up at the 1st Infantry Division Museum at Cantigny Park. Ellen Allen and Robert Krueger, Phil and Kathy Modica and Michael and Diane Smith first met for brunch at the Cantigny Golf Club in the Red Oak Room. We had a great meal and exchanged a lot of great war stories since Robert, Phil and Mike are all military veterans. A great lead into the museum visit.

We arrived at the museum and watch a video about the massive update the entire park is going through. We then proceeded through the older part of the museum which consists of full size dioramas depicting each of the major wars the Division has fought in. The 1st Infantry Division is the oldest Division in the United States Army and created and worn the first should patch during World War One, a tradition that is still done. After walking through " Basic Training", " Landing on Omaha Beach" and the " Jungles of Viet Nam" we proceeded to the new addition which follows the Divisions operations in Iraq and Afganistan. Most of the new museum is interactive. We sat in a Blackhawk helicopter with goggles on for a Search and Destroy mission. We sat in a Bradley Fighting Vehicle for Offensive Operation.

While the group was small for our first " Non Driving " event , we had a great time.





# Next Event - Spring Drive - May 5th/6th

Details of the Spring Drive are now posted on [www.ijc.clubexpress.com](http://www.ijc.clubexpress.com).

The dates are May 5-6. As I stated at the Holiday Party, we are taking a different approach to the drive to get more folks interested.

The Drive is all in Northern Illinois between Chicago and Rockford. It is set up so you can join us at any stop on Saturday OR on Sunday OR both days and overnight in Rockford and join the group for a great dinner. For that reason the stops are "pay at the door" except dinner which you will pay for when you register for it. The drive is being called "the little known museum tour".

Hopefully we will take you to places you never knew existed. Saturday is the Elgin Historical Museum, learn about Elgin Watch Company, Borden Milk and many other companies you never knew were in Elgin, then on to the Aurora Regional Fire, housed in the original Fire station with equipment from all over the region. Next Lunch at an Irish Pub in Aurora, and on to Ellwood House in Sycamore, home of the inventor of Barbed Wire, the invention that changed the west. Then to Roberts Armory, a private military collection with several tanks and other vehicles. I understand they will have a Higgins Boat (the landing craft used in D Day) out in their lake that day. We over night in Rockford and Dine at Abreo Restaurant. Sunday is a tour of the Japanese Gardens in Rock-

ford, lunch at the same location. Then to Midway Village, dozens of historical buildings completely furnished and the museums display of the Womens Baseball league of World War 2. We wrap up with a visit to a Winery in Genoa then we all head home.

Please join us for all or at least part of the weekend. If you have never done a drive with the club, here is an easy weekend to get your feet wet. Most legs of the drive are 30 miles or less....easy local driving.

Sign up at  
[www.ijc.clubexpress.com](http://www.ijc.clubexpress.com)

From: Mike Smith



## On a Sad Note:



Former long time IJC member John Edward Blake, 96, passed away March 1, 2018, at home in Western Springs, IL. Survived by cherished wife Jane (Bielanski) Blake, daughter Bonnie (John) Eberlin, and grandchildren Holly, Elizabeth, and Sara Eberlin.

One of his greatest joys was restoring his beloved 1955 Jaguar XK140 drop-head coupe, participating in classic car shows, finding and trading bargain car parts, and gathering a wide circle of car-enthusiast friends along the way.

# July Event - Concours d'Elegance

From:

Allan Wilson

Concours Chairman

You don't want to miss this one!



We invite you to join us for a unique weekend of activities for participants and guests at the 2018 Illinois Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance in Oak Brook, Illinois.

This event will feature a number of championship Jaguars competing for national standings and awards. The Concours, held on the picturesque grounds of the Oak Brook Polo Club, precedes the polo match.

All weekend activities are within a two-mile radius in Oak Brook.

Oak Brook Polo Club, founded in 1922, serves as a destination for prestigious international and national tournaments, and was once home to the U.S. Open Polo Champi-



onship for 24 straight years. The Club plays on the historic Prince of Wales Field, adjacent to the Butler National Golf Club and The Drake Oak Brook Hotel.

Jaguars participating in the Concours are staged immediately west of the polo field. Refreshments, lunch and the Concours Award Ceremony are held under the main Hospitality Tent.

All cars registered or displayed are eligible for the People's Choice Award. Everyone attending the show will be invited to vote for their favorite Jaguar. Whether you plan to compete or attend as a guest, join our reception. Held in the private Spring Room, with full bar, French doors to a private patio and screened in hedge, the setting is ideal for entertaining. Capacity is limited to 80 people. Complimentary valet parking

## SATURDAY | JULY 21, 2018 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Evening Reception

Gibson's Bar & Steakhouse 2105 Spring Road Oak Brook, IL 60523

6:00 p.m. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres (Cash Bar) 7:00 p.m. Carving station dinner buffet 8:00 p.m.

Entertainment, El Bandolero, Spanish guitars and vocals 10:00 p.m.

## SUNDAY | JULY 22, 2018 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Jaguar Concours and Oak Brook Polo Competition Oak Brook Polo Club

Prince of Wales Field 2606 York Road Oak Brook, IL (Between 22nd and 31st Street) 8:00-9:30a.m.

Onsite Jaguar packet pickup/ car placement 11:00 a.m. Buffet Lunch served to all competitors and guests Judges meeting 11:30 a.m. Rags down; start competition judging 12:00 p.m. Polo grounds open to general public 1:30 p.m. Jaguar Concours awards ceremony under the hospitality tent 2:30 p.m. Polo Festivities and parade of winning Jaguars 3:00 p.m. Featured polo match start 6:00 p.m.

More info at [www.ijc.clubexpress.com](http://www.ijc.clubexpress.com) or call Allan @ 847-508-3238





# The Volo Auto Museum

From: Rod Lindoo



It's been about 15 years since the club last visited the Volo Auto Museum and it's gotten even bigger since then. So much to see and not just cars.

A perfect March day for a short drive to Volo. It's finally starting to warm up and the sun is starting to come out from its winter hibernation.

You start in the Duesenberg room continuing onward into other building's. In between the main auto areas was something a little different. A little section of old boat motors, even ones that are pedal powered! Old snowmobiles, vintage arcade, pedal cars, scooters and even vintage advertising that was amusing as today they could never get away advertising it that way. Example: Cocaine toothache drops!

However, the cars are obviously the main attraction and there are plenty to look at or purchase as many are for sale. Monthly payments are offered right on the window sticker.

Vintage cars, Hollywood cars, Muscle cars, Oprah's car, Elvis's car, Blue's brothers, Sponge Bob, Disney cars, Indy race car photo op (See photo), they even had Captain

Phillips life boat, a jet airplane and an early motor home. Pretty darn nice showing for a museum.

If that's not enough, the end of the tour you end up in the large antique buildings where you can spend more time just looking at stuff from the past or purchasing some.

Auto memorabilia seemed to be quite big here along with vinyl records, matchbox cars, dishes...lots of dishes and everything else you normally see in an antique mall.

So much to see and after that a good lunch is a must so we headed to Wauconda to the old bar/restaurant called Middleton's where we had a nice time chatting and trying out the menu items.

Applause to Mike Smith who planned this one, it was a nice simple event with plenty to see and do.



Mark Havemann dreaming again.



Lunch at Middleton's



Cars for sale, lots of them!



Blues Brothers, filmed in the Chicago area

## *An Essay from Allan Price*

Hi there. I'm Whitey, a 63 year old XK-140 roadster. I've been part of the Price household for over 31 years. I am a "rescue Jaguar".

A guy in Oklahoma found me in deplorable state and brought me back to life with a high performance heart and a beautiful and well-toned body.

When Price got me in 1986, my first order of business was to let him know not to take me, my speed and my beautiful form for granted. For example, he thought he could just pick me up in Tulsa and drive me home to Chicago like I was something ordinary. But I showed him. We left at dusk, and about an hour out of Tulsa, I just quit on him. I knew there was nothing wrong with me, but he didn't.

You should have seen him sweat and start to worry about all the money he had just left in Tulsa in exchange for me. Well, I just sat there in the dark on a freeway exit ramp and waited to see what he would do. He finally got over his initial panic and gave it another try, for what else could he do in the dark, out in the middle of the country, with no flashlight - or anything. I decided I had stunned him enough and made him aware that it isn't all about him but it's about ME - too. I restarted and from then on, he has always had me on his mind when he is with me and almost never takes me for granted.

We've had some great times together. Because of me, the Prices have been able to participate in elegant car shows, taken some beautiful rides, have been the center of attention on the road, and have met some of the nicest fellow car enthusiasts.

Because of me, their youngest son has developed a great sense of automotive styling and history, and has become a well-regarded designer of stuff for vintage car nuts.

But, you know, I still have had to do things to retain Price's attention. I simply won't let him take me for granted. Once, a several years back, he had to show off my acceleration to some of his friends. One of them begged to try me on and he drove me hard. I showed him who was boss when I blew up my clutch. After that fiasco, I went through a period when I would start out fast and strong and quickly develop COPD, find it hard to breathe and lose my energy. It took my car doctor over two years to figure out the cause and now I can breathe and run as fast as any of them.

Then Price became a big shot in the local car club and began to organize these drives. Again, the SOB began to take me for granted. I can't tell you the glee with which I was able to disrupt his fun by

repeatedly blowing out my tires. He finally got the hint that I needed new ones after he drove me to a client meeting in Wisconsin and couldn't get home because of another flat.

Yes, it's these little things that I did to him that created the bond that we were truly, mutually dependent upon each other.

We finally reached a 25-year era of mutual respect. Whenever I roar or merely purr, he listens to me for the smallest signs of pain or exhaustion. He makes sure I am well cared for. And, in return, I give him the reliability and sporty image he so sadly wants. Now, wherever we go, people compliment me and when we return home to my garage, the Prices always thank me for a great time, saying "goodnight, sleep tight" and telling me, "Whitey The Mitey, you're terrific".





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