



# ILLINOIS JAGUAR Club

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## From: Michael Smith



Before the end of the year gets away from us as it always does when November/December comes around, the Board of Directors and I would like to wish everyone a Happy, Safe Holiday season. 2018 has been a very busy year. We have had an event every month, two successful drives and a great Concours.

2019 I believe will be equally as full and exciting. We are going to continue the non driving events in the Winter months while our cars are in storage.

This years plan includes a visit to the Chicago Historical Museum with lunch in the "olde town " area ( for those of us old enough to remember Wells Street in its heyday ), The Klairmont Collection with a catered Lunch in their Dinning Room, a trip to the Illinois Railroad Museum, a Halloween Gimick Ralley, and a trip to the Historic Pullman District. These are in addition to our normal events such as the Drives, Concours, and other annual events.

2019 is a special year, its our 50th anniversary. this special date will be the central theme of many of our social events of the year as we get together to celebrate friends, memories and good times from the past as we prepare to make new friends and memories in the future.

Page 3 is the annual listing of the 2019 events, get them marked on your calendar so you don't miss any of them. Please consider supporting our busy schedule, these events are only successful when members step forward to plan and assist.

My personal thanks to a great group of folks that have met several times to bring us a strong series of Anniversary Events and I hope to fill you all in on more 2019 Details at our Holiday Party.

Thank you for your continued support of the Illinois Jaguar Club

## Cover Photo

Fall Color Tour. Going thru the covered bridge on the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive with 24 cars following the leader. It was a fun trip!



# *The Official 2019 Club Calendar*



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

Month / Date / Time	Event	Location / Contact
January 19th:	50th Anniversary Holiday Party Glenview, IL	Valley Lo Club
February 10th: 9 am	Outing	Chicago Historic Museum, Mike Smith 630-837-6346
March 3rd: 10 am <b>Board Meeting 24th</b>	Outing	Klaimont Collection Mike Smith (630) 837-6346
April 7th	Outing	Illinois Railway Museum Mike Smith (630) 837-6346
May 4th:	Spring Drive	Princeton and More Mike Smith (630) 837-6346
June 15h: <b>Board Meeting 30th</b>	Highland Games	Itasca, IL Mike Smith (630) 837-6346
July 20th - 21st	50th Anniversary Dinner & Concours d'Elegance	TBA
August 17th– 19th:	Art & Oil Leak Tour	Northern Wisconsin Ken Katch 309-370-3368
September: 9th: <b>Board Meeting 22nd</b>	British Car Festival <a href="http://www.britishcarunion.com">www.britishcarunion.com</a>	Harper College, Palatine Mark Havemann 847-888-3924
September 13 - 16th	50th Anniversary Fall Drive	Wisconsin/Dubuque, Iowa. Daria Durham
November 3rd: <b>Board Meeting 24th</b>	Outing	Pulman Illinois Mike Smith (630) 837-6346

## Other Events Coming Up

June 1st– 2nd: Champagne British Car Festival Ken Katch 309-370-3368

August 3rd: Milwaukee Concours John Boswell

August 3rd: Heartland British Car Festival



# Northwoods Tour



From: Ken Katch  
Photos from: Rod Lindoo

The Katch's cooked up another Northwood's Art and Oil Leak Tour in August. The theme for this year's tour was "Broadway Stars and Dinosaurs".

On Friday August 17 eight classic Jaguars met at Ten Chimneys in Genesee Depot, Wisconsin to step back in time at the home of 1930's Broadway stars Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne. We toured the home which remains much the same as when the Lunts entertained Noel Coward, Helen Hayes, Katharine Hepburn and many others from the Broadway stage. Special this year was a collection of Lynn's gowns on loan from Mt. Mary College.

We then drove a short distance to lunch in Genesee Depot before heading north toward Stevens Point. This being an IJC drive we had the usual road closed confusion with Jags meeting from opposite directions and a brief downpour (no tops-just drive faster!) before making dinner and lodging.

On Saturday morning we drove a little further into the Northwood's to a display of the extinct creatures that inhabited the marsh during the Iron Age. A local artist has reassembled the rusted remains of these critters as well as some other legendary deni-

zens of the area. The artist is a retired lawyer which meant he had limitless stories about the critters. While no creatures hitched a ride I think some of the ladies may have found treasures.

From there we turned east in search of lunch and then wound our way to Carter, WI to check in at the Potawatomi Hotel and Casino, rest, and change to dress matching the period of our cars for the evenings activities. We arrived at the Big Easel Art Gallery and Bistro for appetizers and cocktails with the River Street Jazz Band. We were entertained with a radio play written for us that included the theft of McQueen's XKSS and other hi jinx and then settle in for a multi course dinner.

On Sunday morning we met at the Casino for the start of the Rally. The participants drove twisty backroads while gathering quiz answers, learning about the history and unique features of the north woods. The rally ended (eventually-some took the "lost" route) at the Lazy K Resort (aka casa de Katch) for a suitable libation before heading to the Big Easel for a sumptuous brunch, "awards" and then home.

Ken is already working on a theme and route for next year. Stay tuned!



*Kris & Ken Katch in a frame.*



*Art & Oil Leak Tour*



*How often do you see a hotel parking lot like this?*





*Time for Cynthia's Cookies!*



*Nice weekend for driving.*



*Dinosaur in the yard.*



*The artist telling his stories*



*At The Big Easel.*



*Ken calling lost drivers.*



*Carla & Alan Price*



*Kay & Wayne Wagner*



*Cathy & Jim Kakuska*



*Becky & Rod Lindoo*



# The Search for the Colors of October



From: Rod Lindoo (photos too)

The October fall drive turned out to be a really fun event with a bunch of Jaguars from two clubs.

Our starting point was Benton Harbor. I wasn't sure how this would go since everybody was on their own to get there before we left on Saturday morning. Turned out all 11 cars and 22 people made it Friday night for dinner. We split up into two groups and headed out to the Texas Corral and Applebee's.

The weather was calling for some light rain showers early in the trip with it ending Saturday afternoon.

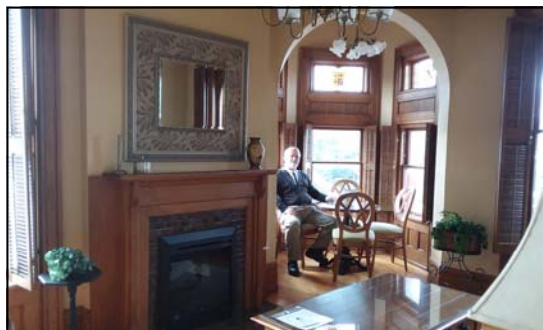


Dune ride

I was able to get almost everyone signed into the Life360 app so we could keep track of where everyone was. It worked out really well and helped out a couple times. See page 10 for more info.

We left the hotel Saturday and headed up the Blue Star Memorial Highway to Saugatuck for our first stop at the Dune rides. Hoping the rain would go away and it pretty much did. What a blast it was! Our driver was hilarious and took us thru the turns on the sand trail with all his experience from his first year on the job. I had never done this before and didn't even know this existed until this year. Highly recommend doing it if you're in the area.

From there it was a short drive to Holland for lunch at the Irish Pub where we met up with Mark Sperduti bringing the Michigan Jaguar Club with him. After lunch we were free to explore downtown Holland or head to the Ramsdell Inn in Manistee.



Our room at the Ramsdell

Speaking of the Ramsdell, what a neat old place. An old bank that was converted into a B&B. We had all 10 rooms and the one I got had its own living room with a corner "turret". Just the kind of place the club loves to find for a Saturday night destination.

Dinner was a one block walk to North Channel Brewery where we were happy to celebrate Ed and Joanne Sefara's 57 th Anniversary.

After dinner some of us went over to the "Ghost Ship" and had a fun walk thru the haunted ship. I would like to go back during the summer and do a regular tour or better yet spend the night onboard as it's also a B&B.

The next morning was the M-22 drive, meeting up with another 14 cars from Michigan putting our total on this drive to 25 cars. M-22 was a nice rural road that made it easy to keep everyone together.

Our first stop was the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive. We drove thru the covered bridge and around the winding roads stopping off at a viewing area looking out over the dunes and into lake Michigan.

Lunch was in Leland, better



known as “Fishtown” at the Cove restaurant. Off to the side was a stream running by where we could watch the Salmon trying to jump up the ladder and get up the stream.

After lunch we split up again, some heading out with the Michigan club on M-22 and a tour of Grand Traverse lighthouse. The others did the Illinois thing and went on the backroads to a Distillery, to Madonna’s Father’s winery and a Cider Mill. We did some sampling and brought some back with us. Can’t wait to get some tomato juice and try out the horseradish vodka.

On to Traverse City for the night, staying at the Bayshore Resort right at the edge of the bay. Nice drive up the western side of the peninsula to end the day at the Boathouse for dinner.

Monday morning, Mark had a tour of the Hagerty Insurances garage facility arraigned. It’s not a well published place and I had no idea what they had there. It turned out to be quite interesting with a nice display of old cars, and memorabilia. The donuts and coffee were a nice touch too.

We didn’t have time on Sunday afternoon to stop at MD Classics with the Michigan Club after the winery trips. We heard it was really worth it. So about 10 of us decided

to go there and see if we could get in. We had to wait 15 minutes but it was worth it as the owner gave us a guided tour telling us all about her cars and how she acquired them. I wish I had time to stick around and listen to the rest of her stories but we had to meet family for lunch and left the group a little early.

We all headed off our own way after that. A few stayed in Traverse City another night and checked out the area attractions. The others all headed back home.

I didn’t see or hear of any breakdowns along the trip, then again I think the two 1970 E-types were the oldest cars and most of the others were newer XK8’s, sedans and more modern models.

The weather started out with some showers Friday but pretty much cleared up the rest of the way. It was a bunch of fun!

Which makes me think of next fall. How about a longer November trip to Tennessee /Georgia? I’m talking Tail of the dragon, Blue Ridge Parkway, Cherohala Skyway, Gatlinburg, Dollywood?

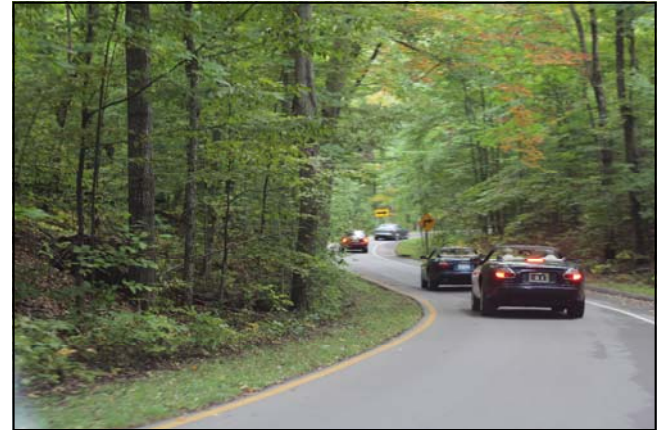
Send me an email if you’re interested.



*Red*



*25 Jaguars from 2 states waiting to start the M-22 drive*



*Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive*



*Photo from Mark Havemann*

*Ed & Joanne Safara’s 57th Anniversary*



*Kris, Suzie and Rod at the Scenic Drive Overlook.*



## *More Colors of October Photos*



*The colors were much better on the way back thru the center of the state and away from the coastal areas.*



*Hagerty Insurance Garage*



*Pierce Stocking Scenic drive*



*Another view at Pearce Stocking scenic drive.*



*The Salmon are jumping the ladder in Leland.*



*A few of the many cars at MD Classics*





## November Outing & a couple other things

From Mike Smith

Well we had our last outing of the year on Saturday November 3rd. It was one of our day trips like Cantigny and Volo earlier this year. We had 9 club members visit the AMERICAN SAILOR MUSEUM at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Great lakes has been a Navy training facility for about 100 years, first established on 160 acres to support World War I. The Navy operates 10 museum, each features a particular subject. Great Lakes celebrates the roll on the American Sailor and his transition from Civilian to Sailor during his 8 weeks of Boot Camp. The museum also portrays the role of Women, African Americans, Indians and Hispanics in the Navys history. We had a personally guided tour and at the end met with the Chief Archivist for other comments. We then drove on a nice sunny afternoon to Long Grove for Lunch at the Village tavern, established in 1847, they have the longest consecutively held liquor license in Illinois and the original bar from the first McCormack place. We had a great lunch and good conversation with good friends. Try the Beef Stew, it was great on a cold fall day. Watch for more Day Trips on next years schedule...Illinois Railway Museum, Klairmont Car Collection and the Pullman Historic District to name a few.

Just a short note on something you might find interesting...This morning I went a Mecum Auction. It happened to be in Schaumburg about 10 miles from my house. My Dad was in town and I thought he might enjoy it, My grandfather was a Studebaker Dealer so an interest in cars runs in the family.

Anyway, I get there and its at a fairly large convention center I have been to many times and there is no where to park. You have to park at the Woodfield Mall, about 3 miles away and get bussed in or pay \$25.00 for Hotel Valet parking.

I was not sure what to expect but if you go to one be prepared to be overwhelmed. Inside is a display area of about 100 cars, Fire Trucks, Racecars, Military Vehicles, Model Ts to one of a kind production cars, classic cars to very high end limited production cars. Outside the rest of the cars are staged under tents....the world biggest car museum in one place. North of the building are the 300 cars being auctioned on Friday and South of the Building are the 500 cars being auctioned on Saturday and Sunday.

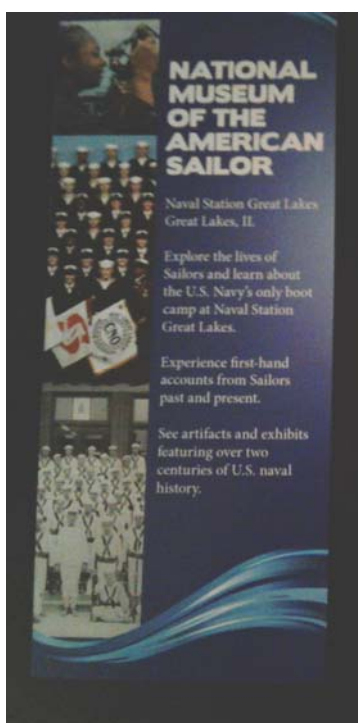
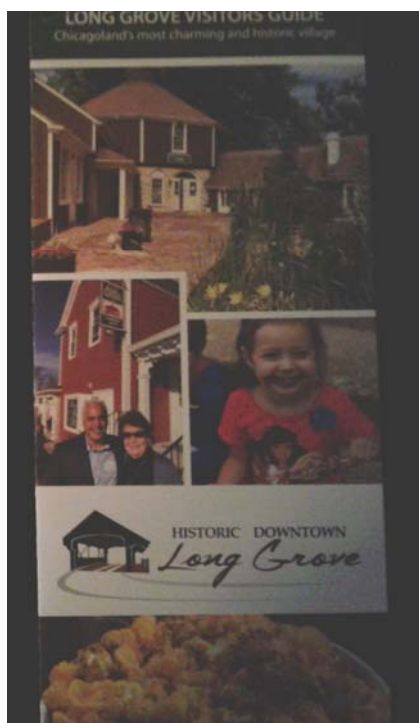
When was the last time you saw a Rambler Station Wagon next to a Model T Fire Chiefs car? There are rows of vendor booths and in the background are bleachers filled with bidders, large screens showing everything going on from different angles and NBC crews walking around doing commentary and random interviews.

It was like several Circuses going on at the same time with your visual and audio senses completely overwhelmed. It was a fun morning and if you ever get a chance, take the time to go....it was much more entertaining than a typical car auction My Dad had a great time.

With the unfortunate passing of Michael Belica we have not only lost a good friend and fellow club member, we have also lost our very efficient and very organized Chief Judge. Michael had this job firmly under control and made sure we were set for every Concours and that the club met every JCNA standard.

We now need to fill this position and fill it quickly. Planning for the 2019 Concours is well under way and we need to get a new Chief Judge involved. We are actively seeking someone to step forward and fill this spot. We have many qualified Judges but we need that Chief Judge to manage the process and maintain the standards and integrity of the event.

Please consider giving your time to the club so we can maintain our tradition of an annual concours.





# Tracking the Jaguars Behind You



From: Rod Lindoo

I've been on plenty of weekend Jaguar trips where some of the people go the wrong way and get a little lost. So on this trip I decided to see if we could get people with smart phones on the same page. We used the Life360 app to keep track of everybody.

An email was sent out ahead of time with directions to install the app and enter our code.

It was fun to watch everybody making their way around the Lake to Benton Harbor, our starting point, as I was heading there coming from the opposite direction.

I use it a lot at home to see where my wife is on her way home. I can get the grill going ahead of time and get dinner started. It's also fun because my Dad and brother in Florida are on it, I can look them up anytime and see where they are. My brother travels a lot so sometimes when I look him up, he's in

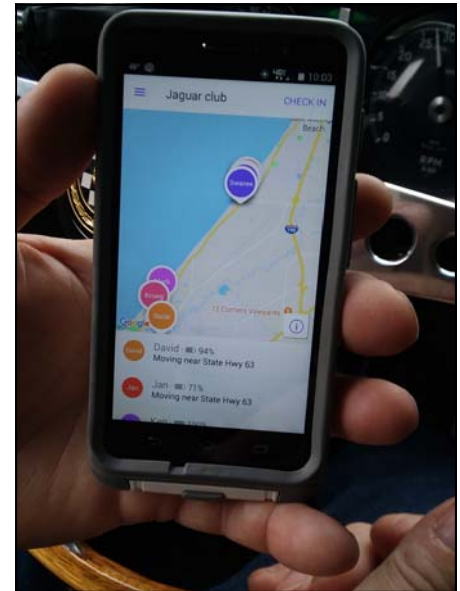
Europe or Denver! Hey! What you doing there?

The app worked really well for the 10 or so cars that were on it. I could look at the screen and know everyone was behind me or where the lagging ones were.

On Monday morning I had one car lost but a quick look at the app and I could see they were just down the street a mile away. Easy to give them directions to get back to the main group.

It's not only a map, it also has an emergency alert that will put out a call and text to everyone in the group. We never had to use it but some people did find the check in notification which would put out a text when you checked in and let people know you made it to your destination.

It's a free app and there are additional features available if you pay a



*Life 360 app on my phone. A few cars farther back from the group but it sure is nice to keep track of everyone.*

monthly fee.

It really made the lead drivers job (Me) a lot easier.

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


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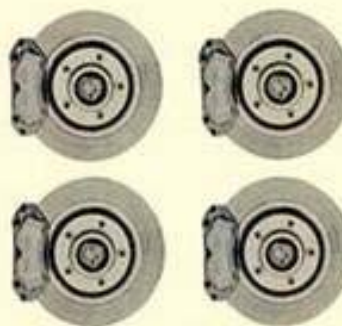
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## *British Car Festival*

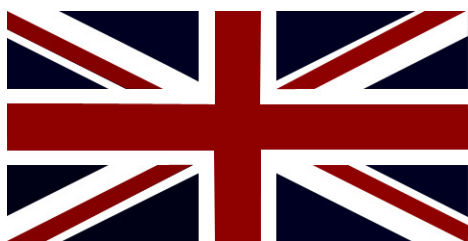
From: Daria Durham



The weather on Sunday, September 9 provided a perfect cool breezy day for the British Car Festival at Harper College. IJC was nicely represented at this year's car show by current & past club members Andy & Evie Flor, Mark Haveman, Fred Cady, Tom & Daria Durham, and Mike & Diane Smith, and Jim Beranich.

Diane & Mike took the opportunity to set up an information table to introduce and inform Jaguar owners to our club. A number of people were seriously interested in joining the club.

It was a lovely day to renew friendships and enjoy our cars!



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