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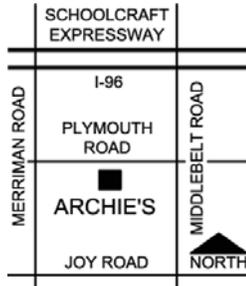
JAGM Meetings

Membership Meetings

are held on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month from **7:00PM – 9:00PM**

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March Meeting Speaker

Former 60's Jaguar Apprentice and JAGM Member, **J. Martin Rowell** will be the guest speaker at the March 8th membership meeting.

Martin last spoke to us a few years ago and provided a personal insight into the life and times of working at Browns Lane during that fascinating era.

Mark the date and don't miss this presentation. Come a bit early and join everyone for dinner at **Archie's Restaurant**, 30471 Plymouth Road between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads in Livonia.

Background: Martin Rowell is a member of IMechE and SAE, and although retired since Jan 1 2005, maintains an interest in the ITS and Automotive industries. He trained as an Engineer with Jaguar Cars, in Coventry and received a BS Degree in Automotive Engineering in 1961. From the UK he moved in 1967 to Germany, first with Jaguar, later joining Continental-Teves. In 1976 he transferred to Detroit to promote European Braking Technology, culminating in the first series introduction of ABS in the US Market in 1984. From 1985-95 he worked with Allied Signal on Defense-Automotive Technology Transfer in the Intelligent Transportation (ITS), Powertrain and Driver Assistance (radar-braking) fields.

In 1995 he joined NAVTEQ, where he promoted its involvement in ISO Stds and in a range of EU and National Projects, involving the use of digital maps in ADAS and ITS. In addition to serving two terms on the ERTICO Supervisory Board, Rowell chaired the ISO-TC204 from 1993-2004 (ITS Standards). As a Board member of the ITS World Congress Committee from 1995-2004, he showed keen interest in all aspects of ITS, especially its ever closer links with the Automotive Industry. In 2003, he was awarded the SAE-Delco ITS Prize.

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From the President

How is your year going? For me personally 2017 has been an extraordinary year so far. I have been to the emergency room three times and hospitalized twice. I won't go into all the details, some of you know it. I do need to apologize as I am now behind with the business of the club. Hopefully I can stay well long enough to catch up!

It has also been an extraordinary year so far for weather. From cold winter we are now being teased by spring like weather. I have been very tempted to get out there and drive. Anyone else given in to the temptation and taken their cars out for a quick spin? I am sure winter will return once more but it is nice to dream of those warm summer drives.

Planning has already begun for our spring and summer events. Bob Matejek has put together the first thoughts for the summer drive this year. Looks

like a good time. We will have a number of our traditional events but new ideas are always welcome. If you have ideas on driving events please let me know – or better still organize it and send out the invitations! If you are deep in restoration work let us know and write an article for the newsletter. We always like to know what our members are up to.



President Paul Blunt

We have a great speaker set up for the March monthly meeting, Martin Rowell, and I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Keep thinking spring.

Blunt, Paul Blunt

American Speed Company & Motor City Solutions Tours

Date: March 4, 2017 **Time:** 10:00 AM

Starting Location: American Speed Company; 14575 Jib Street, Plymouth, MI 48170

Phone: 734.451.1141 **Map:** <https://goo.gl/ca3Ntj>

On Saturday, March 4, the club will embark on a mini road trip... Plymouth to Taylor... to visit the **American Speed Company (ASC) and Motor City Solutions (MCS)**.

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As you would expect, there will be many cars in various stages of redo, and some of the Autorama gems, on display at both locations.

This event will start at 10:00AM in the American Speed Lobby. **Lunch will be provided at & by MCS.**

Don't Miss This Great Tour!

Questions? Contact Mattie Majors at 248.678.1425



Canadian Club® Factory Tour - March 12, 2017

The Canadian Club® Factory Tours will come to an end March 2017, but we still have one last opportunity to see the facilities and learn about its vast history.

This tour takes you back to the height of the company's success and the founder's personal relationship with some of the biggest innovators in history – Henry Ford and Thomas Edison. We will visit the basement Speakeasy Room and artifact-filled Archive Room where meetings were held with Al Capone and the Purple Gang. We'll hear the story of how Canadian Club® Whisky quenched American's thirst during the 13 long years of Prohibition. The tour finishes with a formal whisky tasting, guiding you through the tasting notes and flavours of various Canadian Club® whiskies, followed by a visit to the Canadian Club® Whisky Boutique.

Tour: \$12/\$10 (55+); no reservations required

Sunday: Tour at 12PM; Gift Shop: 12 – 4PM

2072 Riverside E, Windsor, ON N8Y 4S5, Canada, located about a mile east of the Windsor Casino.

Our JAGM group will meet on-site in the visitor's center a few minutes before the noon tour commences. Lunch will follow, either in Windsor or



Detroit. I'll have some suggestions for lunch spots in Windsor.

No need for reservations or signing up. Just show up. If you have questions, call Bob Matejek at 248-842-1046 or email BobMatejek@aol.com

Don't forget, you will need proper identification to cross the border between the US and Canada and hopefully back again. You may also wish to get some Canadian funds from your local bank.

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JAGM Summer Drive ~ June 23-26, 2017

The annual summer drive is in the planning stages right now. **The proposed trip will begin Friday 6/23** at the Stahl Automotive Foundation in Chesterfield Township and return **Monday 6/26**.

In addition to the beautiful Michigan scenery, you can expect ice cream stops, visits to wineries, museums, antique shops, and the Mackinaw Icebreaking ships.

Driving: +/-200 miles or 4 hours traveling per day on two lane roads, except for Monday's return trip home.

You don't have to drive a Jaguar, come in whatever vehicle you are comfortable with. We're out to do some cruising with some friends.

Mark it on your calendar and see our beautiful State.

Contact Bob Matejek at BobMatejek@AOL.com or 248-842-1046 to reserve your place in the group.



Feather Bowling - March 26th, 2017

When: March 26th, 4-6 PM, (Dinner to Follow)
Where: "Feather Bowling" ~ Bath City Bistro

75 Macomb Place
Mount Clemens, MI 48043
586.469.0917

Dinner: *Three Blind Mice Irish Pub*

101 North Main Street
Mount Clemens, MI 48043
586.961.6371

RSVP: March 22th 2017

"Three lanes of Belgian Trough Bowling make Bath City Bistro the largest such sporting facility in North America. Belgian Trough Bowling is best described as a cross between bocci ball and shuffleboard. Participants try their best to roll wooden discs toward a pigeon feather at the other end of a trough shaped lane. The object is to land the discs as close to the feather as possible.

Typically played in teams, the game is sure to foster an element of camaraderie and competition as the wooden discs roll from side to side of the angled lane to their final feathery destination."



Put this FUN activity on your calendar today!

For additional information on the **Bath City Bistro** visit their website at: www.bathcitybistro.com



Image & text respectfully borrowed from the Bath City Bistro



It's really a fun time for young and old alike. No experience, nor athletic prowess required. Join us to bowl, to watch and either way, to simply have fun. Louse Diamond promises the gals will win this time!

We have reserved a lane from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Drinks and light snacks are available while we are bowling. Dinner will follow the bowling.

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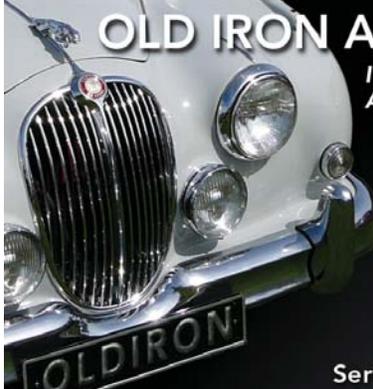


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Tipping Point Theatre - Wrap-Up

We just can't get enough of Valentine's Day at the Tipping Point Theatre. This must be the 6th year JAGM's Cultural Club has attended an outstanding performance in Northville, followed by good eating at a local restaurant. Due to a bad flu season, we lost five of the 29 who planned to attend, but



Maybe because of our ages, we could relate to the story line of a long-time marriage that had lost its sizzle. Hopefully, we picked up some pointers on what not to do! Thanks to all who attended. See you at next year at the Tipping Point Theatre *Tom & Johnine*



that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the rest of the group. Our favorite actor, Dave Davies, starred in the production of "Sexy Laundry".



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Memories of Good Times & Good People

I just ran across this picture from 2001 of Darlene, Norman Dewis and myself at a hotel near Franklin Tennessee, and the memories came flooding back. Enough so that I'd like to share this event with you! These memories include a funny quote from Norman and by the time I get through explaining how it came about, my one typing finger will be worn to a frazzle, but here we go!

As background, from the mid eighties until 2004 or so Darlene and I showed Jaguars and judged at three or four JCNA Concours most, if not every, year. We met and became friends with many people at the main four JCNA clubs in the NC region besides JAGM: Louisville, Wisconsin, Cleveland and Columbus. We met Jerry Nell (back to Jerry shortly) when he attended our Concours in 1986 or '87, one of the two years that I was Concours chairman, and we became good friends over the next several years. For those of you who didn't know Jerry, he was in construction--shopping and business centers, etc., and between that and buying business-type properties for development, Jerry had done very well for himself. Well enough that that he could purchase the C-Type 007 that won the Elkhart Lake road race in 1952 (with Phil Hill driving) and the last-built of the original XKSS's.

Jerry was the JCNA President for at least a couple of years and he and Kathy volunteered to chair the 2001 JCNA National meet. Jerry and Kathy convinced the city fathers of Franklin Tennessee, a small up-scale

town just south of Nashville, that the financial gains to the city would be worth the inconvenience of shutting down the town center until four PM on a Saturday, to hold what ended up being, in many peoples' opinion, the best and most memorable JCNA event ever!

Jerry was one of the three people who made this event so special; another was Terry Larson. Terry was, and still is, the C & D-type guru in this country and perhaps the entire world! Terry's been involved, one way or another, with most C or D's in this country and has a very unique shop in Mesa, AZ in a semi-desert area, behind his home which is almost invisible from the road. When Jerry approached Terry with the thought of gathering as many C & D-types as possible for this event, Terry contacted C & D owners that he knew and it ended up with 25 of these very rare cars attending the Franklin meet! This was the largest number of Jaguar race cars to ever be at an event in this country and it is unlikely to ever happen again. (I should mention that Terry's reputation is such that a few of these cars owners who could not attend the event shipped their cars to Franklin anyway!)

Norman Dewis is the third of these special people. For those who don't know, Norman was Jaguar's chief test driver and development engineer for some 30+ years. He had a major hand in the development of all new Jaguar models in that time period, although he is best known for his work on the E-Type. When the factory was short of race drivers for one reason or another, Norman could and did fill in on occasion and his timed speed of 192 MPH on the Mulsanne straight at Le Mans in 1955 was the highest speed ever recorded by a D-Type. Norman, who is now in his mid nineties, has a fantastic memory, is very witty and can certainly hold an audience's attention, as he did at the banquet after the event.

A group of JAGM members were asked to help with the judging and Bob Sawyer, Jason & Carol Mattison and Darlene and I spent Saturday afternoon on a VERY hot and humid day judging cars. The entire Series One



Memories of Good Times & Good People *continued*

E-Type judging team were all from JAGM and as luck? would have it, we had the largest group of cars to judge, some 17, with the weather the way it was, it would not be an easy day! The city had specified that all of the cars had to be removed from the center of town by four PM. Jerry was concerned that with 17 cars to judge, we might not get through in time. So he sent a group of three people ahead of us to check mechanicals, which saved us at least five minutes per car, and we got through before the deadline! A few other people came down from Michigan to attend the event but only four cars from JAGM had entered: Chuck & Louise Diamond, Bob Matejek, Greg and Denise Kalwasinski, and ourselves.

Jerry Nell had Norman Dewis flown from England to Milwaukee. Norman drove south with them early in the week. It just happened we also left early, as we were going to drop our car at the host hotel and we, including my sister, would continue on south to see relations. When trailering to an event, we always cleaned the engine, interior and wheels, which I covered with the kind of cloth covers used in a paint shop, and cleaned the exterior at the host hotel.

It just so happened that we were driving by a rest area in Indiana just as Jerry, Kathy and Norman were walking out. Norman saw us going by and said to Jerry, "Look at that a--hole with baby diapers on his wheels!"

When Jerry saw us at the hotel he couldn't wait to tell us what Norman said and, looking back, I'm sorry that I didn't ask him if he agreed!

Bob Stevenson JAGM

PS Looking at this picture you can see that Norman was never cramped in an E-Type!

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Removing an XK Engine **Part 2**

By: Rod Lindoo



Pulling an XK engine by yourself.

My piston knock dilemma (see last issue) ended up in having to pull the XK engine out of my 1970 Etype. Not exactly what I wanted to do but it had to be done.

Lots of stuff needs to be taken out of the engine compartment in order to remove the engine. Start by draining fluids, removing or cutting water hoses, remove intake manifold, exhaust manifold, oil filter, distributor, alternator, power steering pump, water pump and all electric connections... about the time you think you have it all, you will find something else that needs to go. I get some much need

advice from Gary at JK Restoration in Oswego Illinois about the tie rod reaction plate. The plate, near the rear of the engine, is a pain in the you know what. You have to disconnect the upper ball joints and sway bar in order to take the pressure off the tie rods to get the reaction plate off.

Luckily the air conditioning can be moved off to the side without disconnecting, yes it still works! And then there is the drive shaft and other things to disconnect inside the car.

Next decision is weather to pull it out the top or drop it out the bottom. I figured I could save a few bucks on an engine lift rental if I dropped it out the bottom.

I'm running a 4 x 4 piece of wood across the rafters in the roof to distribute the weight and hooking a "come along" style cable puller.

Chains are hooked up to the main engine pulling hooks on the engine head.

I lift up the engine a little and can then remove the two front engine mounts allowing the engine to drop down to the floor. Oh yea,

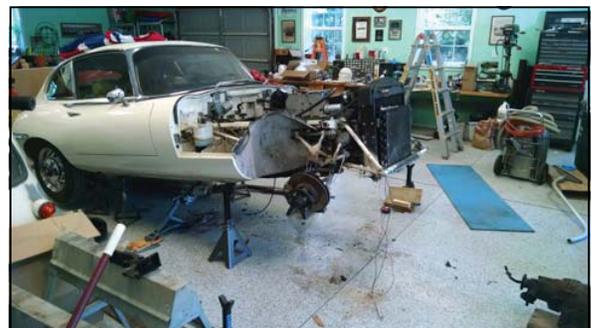
put a 2 x 10 piece of wood with some 1/4 inch dowel rods under it on the floor so you have a way to pull the engine out from under the car, when it sits on the floor.

Once on the floor you need to jack up the front of the car so you can pull the engine out from under it. I would jack it up a couple inches then reset my jack stands up higher in case something slipped. It looked a little scary but I was able to jack it up high enough to pull out the engine.

There I have it out all by myself. Now I have this big heavy engine sitting here and I realize I need to get it up into my trailer to take it somewhere for rebuilding. So much for saving a few bucks on the lift rental, I'm going to need it to put this big heavy thing in the trailer! Time to head to the rental store.

Below photo, Engine gone! You can see how high you need to jack up the front end. Would be much easier with a car lift, I've always wanted one of those.

Next Page: Part 3, While I'm at it.



It will, come out the bottom.

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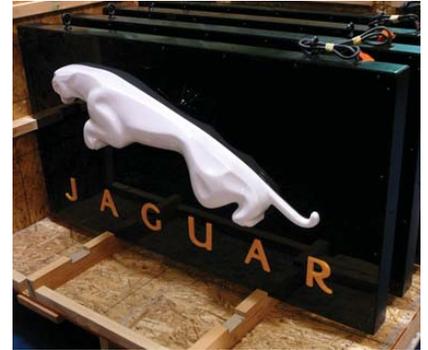
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	March	April	May	June
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Outside Activity	American Speed Tour Saturday March 4th Canadian Club Tour Sunday March 12th Feather Bowling March 26th	t.b.d.	t.b.d.	Summer JAGM Michigan Drive June 23-26 th
	July	August	September	October
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