

# GULF GROWLER



# Members Travel to England...

Our featured story is about our group's trip to the UK which including a Jaguar factory tour, Heritage museum, shopping and much more!

New Jag Ladies Group...

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### Members Travel Across The Pond

A visit to the Birthplace of Jaguar Cars by the Jaguar Club of Southwest Florida.

A group of 18 formed to visit and participate in the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club in Windsor Great Park courtesy of the Queen. Having arrived in the UK and assembled in the Mc Donald's Hotel [no relationship to the burger joints]. Windsor every one went for a stroll around Windsor and then a champagne and Hors Oeuvres and dinner. On our first full day we took a river boat from Runnymede to Windsor locks for lunch and then a tour of the Castle following a little rest we all met for Cocktails prior to going a few foots steps to at the Castle Hotel to the Club Dinner. We were joined there by Vince Franklin, the Regional Coordinator for the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club and his wife. At dinner we were extolled to be up early for the Big Jaguar parade and



we all were, and what a parade it was, with cars from the first years to SS 100s and a racing D type from the heritage trust. In the parade there were 250 cars of all models and years a collection which could only be seen at an event such as this. But wait there was more on the lawn lined up in four rows were 850 plus Jaguars of every shape and size from the tiny Austin Swallow the rebodied Austin Seven of Lyons and Walmsley to 2.5 1934 SS Mk 11, then SS100 and the newly badged post war Mk4, it went on and on thru every model and style, so much so it was hard not to be bedazzled by it all, at the end of the day after dinner at various pubs a group of tired happy puppies went to bed to be ready for our trip to "Beaulieu", Lord Montague's eclectic collection of vehicles. During the event the queen was seen riding her horse at the preparation venue for the Royal Windsor Horse show and Price Harry who sponsored the event and whose charity benefitted was also seen around the park.

On our next day the gentlemen were split from their ladies who were to visit Exbury Park while

the guys looked and gaped at the Montague collection which encompassed many movie cars such as "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" to one of 007s Aston Martins. In the afternoon we assembled together for a tour of the Estate house by an excellent guide, dressed in a 18th century maids costume. And to enjoy that very civilized traditional English event high Tea with Cucumber Sandwiches to be followed by with instruction on the correct way to eat Scones with Strawberry Jam and Devon Clotted Cream not a event to be treated lightly or by the faint hearted.



### Across The Pond Continued...



But then on to another day and a hotel change at the Arden Hotel Stratford upon Avon for the remainder of our Jaguar adventure. The gentlemen were whisked off to Jaguar Mecca, the Bromsgrove factory where the F type is built was originally a pre WW11 shadow Factory where Spitfires and other aircraft were built and modified. As usual the ladies were whisked off by Linda to a tour of Stratford upon Avon including Anne Hathaway's cottage where Shakespeare lived and wrote many of his plays and poetry. During this time they had tea and more food who said the British don't know how to bake. In the same time period Andy an ex SAS UK special forces guide toured the guys around the factory to watch the robot arms in synchronization fitting and

welding the body parts in place the assembly of engines and the integration of the power train with the body and the rolling gear, it is amazing to see how the automation has taken over and is more accurate in its assembly from the old Browns Lane days where things were really not automated and hand finishing and skill was used to get things just right. Our guide impressively answered every question authoritatively and with a clear understanding of the total process. Again two groups of tired folk had dinner in the Hotel and retired at a reasonable hour.

For the men we first visited Coventry Museum of Transport and Industry which features Coventry before during and after WW11 showing us what life was like in this Midlands industrial city but also showing a vast collection of modes of transportation from early bicycles built in Coventry. We were then escorted to the Heritage Trust Building where the collection of Daimlers and Jaguars is held actually partially held because they have too many vehicles of historical significance to the marque to house in one building.

Here we saw all types of Jaguars and had the history of many cars provided by our guides which included the museum director some of us sat in Lady Diana's XJS T top which has its own story to going into the works shops where a D-Type was being prepped for a vintage race.

This was a perfect end to a great tour for the following day we were all taken to London enjoying traffic Jam on the M4 /M25 intersection that is now all too familiar in the UK followed by another traffic snarl in London but we all got there in the end thanks to Linda's guides and drivers. (More on page 11)



### Jag Ladies of SW Florida

Jag Ladies of Southwest Florida Jaguar Club, U.S.A.

In March, 2017, a group of women, all members of the Jaguar Club of Southwest Florida decided to form their own "fellowship," called Jag Ladies. With encouragement from the Club's president, Robert Bruce, founders Marguerite Dennis and Linda Haynes held a first meeting on April 14,2017.

The members agreed that the overarching goal of Jag Ladies is to support and enhance the activities of the Jaguar Club of Southwest Florida and create a sense of community among the women in the club. We agreed that we would meet several times a year and our technology specialist, Lin



Marguerite Dennis

Dworkin would communicate all of our activities on our website, jagladies.com. Responsibility for organizing events was divided between Marguerite and Linda and we would communicate through the website.

There are no rules for membership in Jag Ladies with the exception that one must be a member of the Jaguar Club of Southwest Florida or married to a member. All of us believe that our mutual love of Jaguars would be the single most important tie that binds us together. That, plus the opportunity to gather independently of club activities, would create a sense of community. Club members can attend as many of the scheduled activities as they wish and all are invited to make suggestions for activities. No rules. No egos. Just fun.

Although at this time we do not have a final schedule of events, suggestions include: pot luck lunches and dinners, cooking classes, garden tours and lectures. Members have also discussed the possibility of supporting a charitable organization in the area.

We hope to share with you in future columns our ladies activities and offer suggestions should any of you reading this column want to start your own Jag Ladies group. We will be pleased to share with you what worked for us, and what did not. We would be pleased to have you attend one of our events. Southwest Florida, especially in the winter, can offer a welcomed respite from the cold.

Several Jag Ladies have agreed to write future articles for this magazine. Future articles will include:

### Club President's Letter....

By Phil Mannino (JCSWF President)

A big thank you goes out to Robert Bruce, former President and Founder of our club. Robert and his wife Vickie decided to tackle a new venture in January of 2015, to contact JCNA for guidance, to give birth to a new club, our club, "Jaguar club in the Southwest Florida", Bonita Springs.

With JCNA's legal assistance, the club was affiliated in time for the 2015 AGM meeting. According to JCNA, creating a club in that time frame, was a record performance.

In August of 2015 Robert was kind enough to share a copy of his start-up planning document with JCNA, as they stated, "a very professional business plan that worked for them and can assist anyone eager person to start up a new JCNA club".

Robert, thank you so much for your time, effort and hard work in setting up this great club, we appreciate all you have done.

A lot of work goes in to the success of any organization, and our club is no different.

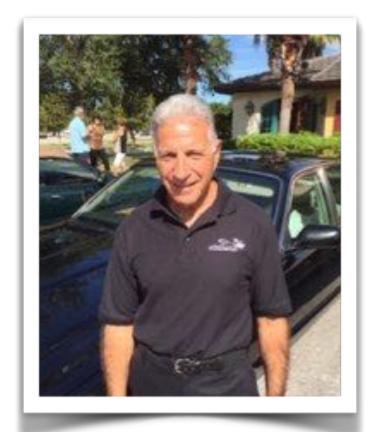
Without the help of members, to organize and provide structure, our club would not be the success as it is today. I like to say thank you to John, Derry and Dan, for stepping up to help the club to continue and thrive. As you know, John Welch has been our Vice President, Membership Chair and now has agreed to take on the new position of Club Treasurer. Dan Sater will continue to be the Chief Editor and Producer of the Growler. Derry Haynes is the Board of Directors Chairman and as of a few months ago, has taken on the position of Chief Judge.

There are many other positions that are waiting for a member to fill the spot.

Will it, be you?

Thank you

Phil Mannino



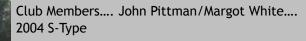
## Club Member Spotlights...

In this section we will spotlight some of our members and the cars they so enjoy. These photographs were taken at our recent "Java and Jags" breakfast at Garden Cafe.

Club Member....Robert Couch.... 2000 XK8 Conv.

I have had my eye on Jaguars since late 90's. The style impressed me as well as handling and performance. I have had multiple vehicles in past and Jaguar outperformed them all.





Favorite Jag - Too Many! Why do they love Jags? Design, reputation, engine performance...
Just plain racy classics.



Club Member.... Harvey Grotrian.... 1997 XJ6

Harv is a newcomer to Jaguar ownership, but feels Jaguars satisfy two essential qualities: Elegance and Style. He favors his current XJ6, but also admires the XJ6C Coupe. He's delighted to be a part of our local group and JCNA.





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# Calendar of Events...

- August 19th Lunch/Meeting (Punta Gorda, FL)
- September 23rd Judges Continued Education Training Course (Garden Café)
- October 29th Marina Jacks Lunch Cruise (Sarasota, FL)

### Welcome New Members....

John Valenti......2015 XF
Jim/Norma Woodall.....2008 XKR
Michael Fisher.....2009 XKR
Stuart Cooper.....2015 F-TYPE
Robert Couch....2001 XK8

# WE NEED YOU!!!!

We are in desperate need of volunteers to make your club work for you. Even if it's just one task you can do, it's important. Please ask our Club President how you can help. today.

## More Across the Pond Photos...









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### Java and Jags Breakfasts

If you haven't attended, please don't miss our monthly Java and Jags events. They are on the third Saturday of each month at Gardens Cafe Restaurant at the Bernwood Plaza in Bonita Springs, FL and 8:30. Join us for breakfast, fellowship, club happenings and a chance to admire other beautiful Jags.

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