

This year our AGM will take place on Saturday 25th April at 2.30pm and will be at the lovely 4-star Hotel Francois Premier in the centre of Cognac. See details here <https://www.hotelfrancoispremier.fr/> The agenda for the meeting is attached for your information.

We have pre-booked 20 bedrooms on a first come first served basis and the cost is either 178€ including breakfast or 136€ without breakfast. Secure parking is available at an additional cost of 15€ and again it will be first come first served. There is also free parking at the car park Camille Godard which is just a stone's throw from the hotel here

On Saturday evening, we shall have dinner at La Belle Epoque a lovely restaurant in the centre of Cognac about a 10-minute walk from the hotel François 1er. A three-course meal including still or sparkling water and coffee for 42€.

On Sunday 26th April, you can participate in a "rallye touristique" of about 70kms organised by the Rotary Club of Cognac and sponsored by Maison Martell. This will finish at Martell and a sumptuous lunch will be provided in the former shop, situated in the courtyard. There will be plenty of classic cars on display, including Delages and Delahayes to commemorate Louis Delage, who was born in Cognac 150 years ago. We are awaiting the subscription forms which will be circulated to you as soon as they become available. The proceeds from the event will be used in the continuing fight against polio.

If you wish to participate in any of the above, kindly **do not reply to this email, but email John Sharp at sharpie0061@gmail.com** as follows:

1. Please indicate if you will attend the AGM. Kindly remember that only paid-up members (includes spouse/partner) can do so. If you have not yet paid your subscription for 2026, please transfer 20€ to the JEC SOFA account, details of which are given below. If you are a new member, please also complete and return the membership form, which can be found here
2. Please indicate if you wish to stay at the Hotel François 1er and whether you wish to have breakfast included and send a refundable deposit of 75€ to the Club account. **NB. The deposit must be paid before 20 February to secure your room.** You are of course free to find alternative accommodation if you so wish.
3. Please indicate if you are interested in the Sunday rally, the cost of which is likely to be about 90€ per car including two people and lunch.

We sincerely hope that as many of you as possible will come and support your club and your committee. You will have every chance to have your say on any subject regarding the club going forward. The bank details are set out below. **Please use your surname, followed by AGM26 as a reference for all payments.**

Credit Agricole account name JAGUAR ENTHUSIASTS CLUB SOFA
IBAN – FR 7612 4060 0121 8002 5008 492 80 BIC – AGRIFRPP824

With our very best wishes to you all and for a few "Grand Days Out" together in 2026!

Chris, Régis, John, Huw and John
Your JEC SOF/A Committee