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Year Anniversary!



The Official Photo

The celebration of the 50th anniversary of the March 6, 1959 formation of our San Diego Jaguar Club took place on Saturday, March 28th, at the beautiful Lake San Marcos Country Club. If you weren't there, you missed a real shindig!



Our first President, John Duncan, in 1959

Briefly, we were celebrating fifty years ago when the Club was founded and held its first meeting at the Mexican Village restaurant in Coronado. The first President was John Duncan. The first official activity of the Club was the participation in the annual July 4th Parade in Coronado, where a lovely, young local beauty contest winner named Raquel Tejada rode in one of our cars. She is now known as the beautiful and talented Raquel Welch. The first major Club event was a gathering of eleven San Diego, nine San Francisco, and six Los Angeles Jaguars combining in a drive to Ensenada, Mexico. The Margaritas were free and, needless to say, there was dancing in the streets.



Hostess Nedra Rummell (left) and President Katherine Partain hold the Banner



Steve Hawley arrives in his award-winning 240



Our first Concours fifty years ago in Balboa Park



John Duncan in Rosarito Beach with the Club's Jags. They were on the way home from Ensenada in 1959



That's me with my new 1960 MK IX



The McLaughlin's XK120, one of the oldest Jags on display

Our anniversary celebration kicked off with a “photo op” with all attendees standing with their Jaguars in the country club parking lot. New members took the limelight as the Duckworths and McLaughlins arrived in the oldest Jaguars; a pair of 1954 XK120s. Also new members, Lou and Annemarie Tripi with their 2007 XKR Coupe, tied with veteran Vic Chang and his 2007 XK Coupe, with the new-

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est Jaguars on display. Eighty-three members attended, breaking all Club event attendance records. In fact, the teaming masses actually became too large to successfully photograph. The term “herding cats” becomes deliciously apropos as the official parkers juggled Jaguars around the lot.

Although the “official” photo was eventually accomplished, some of the best photos were “candid” of members standing around the cars preening for the actual shoot. If the turnout is this good 50 years from now, I would seriously suggest a satellite photo. Nevertheless, the photo-op gave us all a good excuse to mill around with our cocktails, check out all the beautiful Jags and generally enjoy one another’s company in the picture-perfect evening sunset.





Tom and Patricia Clark wait for the official photo by their 1958 XK150 OTS



Dan and Jorgene Jensen enjoying the evening air with their Roman Bronze 2001 XK8

The event was hosted by devoted Club members Nedra and Grant Rummell and what a job they did! In addition to arranging a delicious dinner and photo shoot, they produced poster sized historic Club photos which were displayed all around the

room. They also collaborated with our Club Historians, Randy and Marilyn Prine who provided various items of Club memorabilia, poster boards, photo albums, and even a British flag which at one time flew proudly over Coventry Motors.



Herding Cats



This picture board was one of the many historical displays set up throughout the room



Hosts Nedra and Grant Rummell at the podium

Our first President, John Duncan, is still a current member of the Club. Although he was unable to attend due to health issues, many seasoned members did attend and were honored. Additionally, the event was set up to welcome members who had joined within the last year. The result was a great mixture of old and new, beautiful memories of the past and enthusiasm for the future. New members were seated



Victoria Club members Kay and Tim Leslie-Spinks with Bob Anderson (R) and Dick Cavicke (back to the camera)



New members Martha and Peter Duckworth

at tables with “veterans” according to Jaguar type owned, and conversation was plentiful and lively. Additionally, we were honored to have in attendance, Tim and Kay Leslie-Spinks, representatives from the Jaguar Club of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, who were here in sunny San Diego on vacation, got wind of our event and were able to enjoy the festivities with us.



New member Charles McCoy (left) with Debbie and Tom Krefetz



New member Ray Waite enjoying the company of Ruth Corcoran



New members Don Spann and Mary Lou Willis



New member Craig McLaughlin is pleased to be surrounded by beauty with his wife Dannie (L) and Patricia Clark (R)



New members Lou and Annmarie Tripi enjoying the festivities



New members Joe and Deborah Harding sit with Tolly Williamson on the left



New members Rob and Ruth Cohen



Our newest members, Keith and Laurie Riley sitting with new member Mark Scotton (right)



Our most seasoned active members (May 1974) Glenn and Margie Simpson were honored

All members, young and old, were presented with a beautifully prepared and comprehensive booklet that included the evening's agenda, the history of our Club and the Jaguar Clubs of North America, lists of members by Jaguar owned, length of membership, and area of residence, more historical photos and much, much more.

The dinner was delicious and served piping hot. The service, as usual at the Lake San Marcos Country Club, was attentive and gracious. Nedra and Grant were perfect hosts as they guided us through the busy agenda welcoming and honoring our most senior members by name. The microphone was then handed to President Partain who capped the agenda by welcoming and introducing our new members, introducing members of the Board, and introducing and honoring past presidents. The evening reluctantly came to a close with a delighted Mary Lou Owen winning the door prize; a hard-bound copy of Steve Kennedy's book "Jaguar, The Classic Marque", which had been donated by Jaguar Kearny Mesa.



President Katherine Partain presents the Door Prize to a delighted Mary Lou Owen

It will be hard to top the ripping good fun we shared that night, when we celebrate the next 50th. Some of our Jags will be 100 years old by then. I know I'm really looking forward to it. Here's to 50 more wonderful years of beautiful Jaguars and close camaraderie!