

# SDJC Drive to Palomar

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Meeting at the starting point at the Macaroni Grill

Jay and Ann Stamets must be in tight with Mother Nature, as we couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day to drive up to Mount Palomar Observatory. The day began at Westfield North County Fair Mall, where the Stamets offered up a host of wonderful breakfast treats. By about 10 a.m., 12 gorgeous Jaguars and one beautiful Aston Martin hit the road to Palomar, winding through the countryside of Escondido and Valley Center, then up, up, up along one of the most winding, hairpin-laden roads this driver has ever encountered.



Nedra Rummell and Jorgene Jensen dressed "in Jag"



Craig and Sue Turner brought their Aston Martin DB9



Hosts Jay and Ann led the way filled with daring-do







*The gang arrived in the Palomar parking lot without casualty*



*Stick, Dan and Jorgene, and Chuck Zaremba enjoying a picnic*



*The dome*



*Club thrill seekers posed at the top*

Crystal-clear skies greeted us at the top, where some toured the famous observatory and others strolled the view-enhanced grounds. A few of us chose to picnic under an amazing oak, and others continued down to Pala Casino for lunch. A wonderful day was had by all. Thank you, Jay and Ann (and you, too, Mother Nature).

