

Drive to the Cordiano Winery

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The motley crew ready for adventure. They are smiling because they have not read my directions yet.



Jags lined up at the morning muster

It was a cool cloudy morning when the San Diego Jaguar Club mustered for a drive to the Cordiano Winery last January 14th. All in all we had 30 Club members at lunch and 14 Jaguars made the drive. The cars ranged in age from 1967 to 2007. After chatting and talking Jaguar shop in the parking lot, we had a brief meeting where I handed out driving directions. Someone happened to notice my disclaimer in fine print at the bottom of the page. That's when the hijinks began.



Lou and Annemarie Trippi's XK was one of the newer Jaguars at the event



The oldest Jaguar present (1967) belonged to Craig and Sue Turner



A view of the Steele's E-Type and others from inside Bob and Ali Proctor's E-Type



A view of the drive from inside Al and Kathleen Steele's exceptionally blue E-Type

In spite of my ambiguous and disjointed directions, the short drive went without a hitch. No one got lost, broke down or overheated. Grant's XK did hit a bump in the road in spite of my warning and the fact it was painted hot pink. I'm quite sure that after a trip to a Jag mechanic and the chiropractor he'll get everything back to normal.

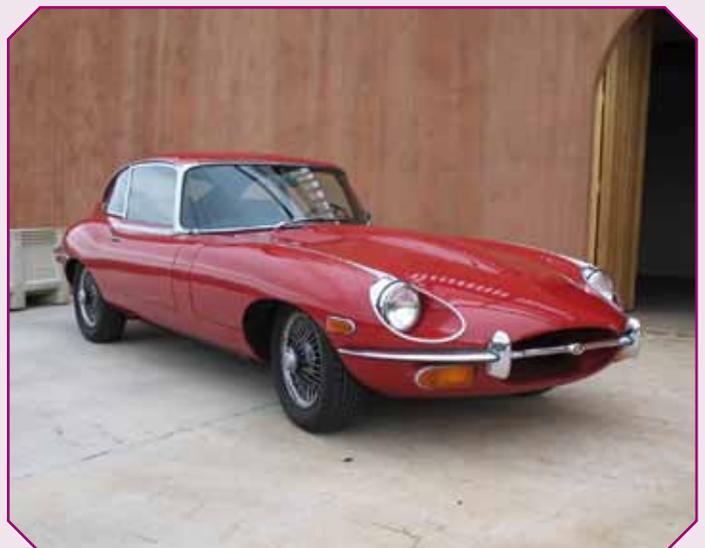
Upon arrival for lunch at the Cordiano Winery, we were warmly greeted by proprietors Jerry and Rosa Cordiano. They and their exceptional staff treated us to garlic butter bread rolls, salad and assorted and singularly delicious oven-fired pizzas which were handmade on the spot.



Nedra, Dannie, Diane and Roger on the patio at Cordiano



What kind of editor would I be if I didn't get a photo of my own family in there somewhere?



Bob and Ali Proctor's E-Type parked in front of the new party room at the winery



Grant presents George Klein with the Most Valuable Member award for 2011



Diane McDonald held an exciting raffle as Nedra Rummell looks on

During lunch, president Grant Rummell presented the 2011 **Most Valuable Member** award to a much deserving George Klein for all his extra effort last year. Grant also announced that there was a tie for the **Tuchscher** award with Jack Rabal and Tom Krefetz achieving perfect scores.

We sampled an excellent assortment of Cordiano wines, and dined on the patio as the sun came out and the weather warmed up.

This beautiful boutique winery has had several additions and improvements since we were there last in 2010. They added parking, a party room and an extra gabinetto and ritirata (his and hers).



Interestingly, Grant likes to sip his boutique wine from a can. The rest of us look on in disbelief.



Members enjoying themselves on the patio

Diane McDonald held a raffle with a wonderful assortment of prizes with proceeds going to the Club. A good raffle always adds fun and excitement to our events. Incidentally, Diane has volunteered to be our 2012 "Raffle Queen" (as Grant calls it). Thank you Diane!

A splendid time was had by all. Thank all of you for participating. Those of you who missed it, we hope to catch you next time.

