

Day Family Auto Museum

SDJC Drives to a Tour and Lunch

a joint SDJC JOCLA event in Corona

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It was a nice cool morning when 12 members of the SDJC in 7 Jaguars met at the Aliso Creek rest stop Saturday, September 22nd. We were all happy to see the Partains show up with the newest addition to their family; a 2004 XJ8 Vanden Plas. Dan Jensen, our event planner, briefed the journey and at 9 am we all headed north.

The drive was mostly freeway which was perfect. Dan selected the 241 which is a scenic toll road. The temperature was forecast to be in the high 90s at our destination so we were all a little concerned about Bob and Ali Proctor's 1969 E-Type. As it turned out, we fretted in vain. Bob's modification to the radiator and cooling fans made it run cool as a cucumber.



SDJC members muster at the Aliso Creek rest stop for the drive

Our destination was the **Day Family Auto Museum** in Corona where we were to meet up with the Jaguar Owners Club of Los Angeles (JOCLA) for a tour of the museum and a catered lunch. We arrived to find a line of beautiful JOCLA Jags parked in front of the museum. We mingled in with them and waited for the museum to open.



A prawl of LA and SD Jags outside the museum



Bill Pincek (yellow shirt) and Sandy listen to Tommy Day's tour



The museum was set up like small movie or television sets



Vic Chang admires a Lincoln MK IV



A 1958 Chevy Impala



Dan checks out a 1964 Chrysler Newport Custom



An example of the "set-like" murals

The museum was not just a display of beautiful American cars, but more like a Hollywood studio with small sets inside and walls painted to look like various movie and TV settings. Steve Kirby, the president of the JOCLA, had set up a tour with the owner, Tommy Day. Tommy personally led a guided tour with stories of the movie sets and cars. There was a story for practically every car there.



A 1955 Ford in front of a Texaco station



Bruce Willis' 1968 Pontiac



Harvey and Tolly admire Red Skelton's Jeep



Paul Novak in the Corvette section



A 1948 Packard Victoria Convertible

At the end of the tour, we were invited to lunch catered by Lucy. Lucy has a catering business that uses troubled and under-privileged youth. It's a non-profit endeavor. She teaches them the catering trade. They make the food and serve it and, hopefully, are able to use their acquired skills to help them later in life. The food was delicious.

After lunch we all headed home our separate ways. It's always a good time when we join the Los Angeles club for a combined event and this one was no exception. Thanks to Steve Kirby for setting up the tour and lunch, Tommy Day for opening his museum and providing the personalized tour, and thanks to Dan Jensen for setting everything up for us at our end.

Photos provided by Bob and Ali Proctor and Stick

