

SDJC Drives to



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Our March 9th drive began at the Jaguar San Diego dealership. General Sales Manager John Canales was kind enough to allow our motley crew to muster in the parking lot between 10:00 and 11:00 am where we enjoyed a social hour, coffee, and more of Ann Stamets' delicious pastries.

As Club members accumulated, many of us visited the showroom to see the new layout and admire the beautiful new Jaguars on display. Inside, we were happy to see on display our own Club display car (Rex Ryan's MK 2) and the brand new Jaguar F-Type.



Top right clockwise - Our gang in front of the dealership. The brand new Jaguar F-Type. Our Club display car. Our gang up close.



Once gathered, our host Jay Stamets gave us all maps in the unlikely event a driver got separated from the group. He then led us on a half-hour drive that took us on highways and byways to Escondido. The weather cooperated with partially cloudy skies and temps in the high 60s low 70s. Brave soul Mark Neel even put the top down on his beautiful XJ-S.

In a moment of grand benevolence (weakness), I allowed my 17 year old daughter Haley, and her girlfriend Nicole, to drive my XK8 whilst Karen and I drove another contraption. I thought it would be a fun adventure for them. I should have heeded Erma Bombeck when she said “Never lend your car to anyone to whom you have given birth.” Although she did a fantastic job in the caravan, I am a worrier. According to Karen, I am not just a worrier, I’m a “carrier”. In the long run, it took 3 years off my life due to stress and to add insult to injury, I was forced to donate a buck to the Club’s “No Kitty Kitty” for not driving a Jaguar!



The dealership's Leaper

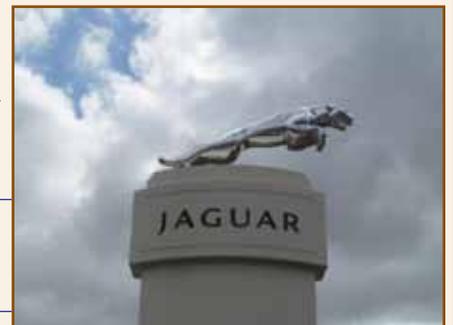
Leaper Competition



Ours is bigger



Haley Holmes (Hell on Wheels)



They win!

Ann Stamets was waiting to check us in at Mike's BBQ where we enjoyed our own private room. We ate buffet-style, drank one or two (in some cases more) of the 50 different brews available, and picked up socializing where we left off at Jaguar San Diego. You can't have too much socializing.

The McDonalds were unable to make this event so we were without our Official Photographer (Roger) and our Raffle Goddess (Diane) They were greatly missed. Thank heavens for Vic Chang and Haley who snapped photos of the event. Nedra and Grant ran a lively raffle and a splendid time was guaranteed for all.

Thanks go to the Stamets for setting this all up, the Rummells for their help, and Jaguar San Diego for making this another fun-filled, successful event.

Photos provided by Haley Holmes and Vic Chang



Haley and Nicole arrive at Mike's in style



Table 1



Table 2



Table 3



Lucky Raffle Winners!

