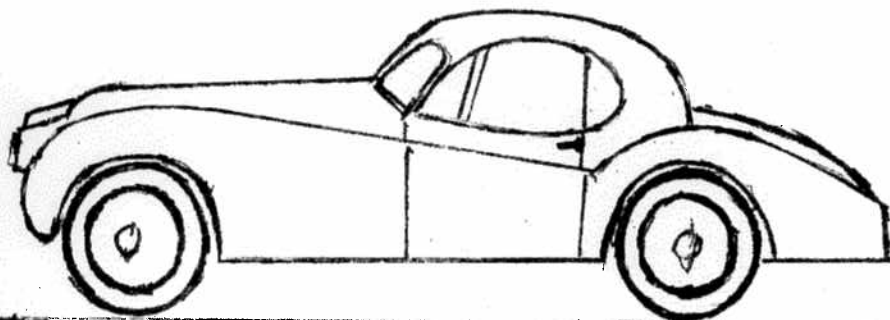


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APRIL DINNER MEETING

April 9, 1976. After a few mis-directions by the staff and a few of us being over-awed by eager parking attendants who were anxious to get at the wheels of our pets, the dinner at the Butcher Shop Steak House settled into a very pleasant evening. Because of the large number of Jaguars the kitty did not fare too well. Details of the wine tasting (see below) were reported on by President Jim Poleski. Dick Reed informed us that the Club badges should be arriving sometime around April 15th.

The following were our guests, Ed and Joann Van Patten, Kelly and Marilyn Kollios, John and Lou Dillon, Buck and Carolyn Fields and Carolyn Fields' mother, Edna Bowles. We hope you enjoyed the evening and will return.

New members are Tom and Charlie Haisley and unfortunately we do not at this time have the model of his Jaguar.

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WINE TASTING RUN

April 25th, 1976, is the date, 12:30PM is the time and College Grove Parking Lot is the place to be for the start of our journey to the Escondido Wine Country. Our first stop will be the Ferrara Winery and from there we will carefully proceed to the Brookside Winery. After our stay there we will sojourn to the Poway Mine Company for an early dinner. We will order from the menu. It will not be necessary to make reservations, just be at the parking lot promptly at 12:30 PM. Our last wine tasting tour was a fun day and this should be also. If you desire cheese, crackers or other tidbits, bring your own as the wineries do not supply them.

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SPARES SUPPLY CONDITIONS IN SAN DIEGO

We are in receipt of a copy of a letter from member LeRoy Lester to British Leyland, Technical Service Department in Leonia, New Jersey. The letter calls attention to the poor parts support and the great variation of prices for the same parts among dealers in the area. The letter is well written and to the point. We hope it gets the desired attention. A copy of the letter was also sent to the Office of Consumer Affairs in Washington, DC.

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

With this issue of the Newsletter we are including the latest Membership Directory to members only. Copies will be available to members joining the Club after this date.

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MAY DINNER

CULPEPPER'S, 7380 Golfcrest, between Navajo and Jackson is the place.
TIME: 7:00 PM cocktails, 8:00PM dinner.
DATE: May 14, 1976. MENU: Sliced sirloin, potato, salad, dessert, coffee,
PRICE: \$6.00 per person. There is ample parking at the rear. Reservations must be called in to Jane Fitzgerald, 466 9365 by May 11th.

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JAGETTES RALLY

A fine group assembled at the Pepper Grove in Balboa Park on March 28, for the girls rally. The day was cool but the drivers were not. In fact a few of the gals displayed lead feet. Eight cars were started off at intervals of a couple of minutes at shortly after 10:00 AM. In less than an hour the first car returned and the others followed soon after. This was a timed event and cars early or late were penalized. The winners, Lucille Mullins, driver, and Ann Tetzlaff, navigator, missed perfect time by thirty seconds. In second place were guests Kelley Stiffler, driver, and Debbie Lapinsky, navigator. Third place trophies were taken by the team of Ruth McCormick, driver, and Louise Powell, navigator. The ladies had fun and the cooking by Chef Bob Fitzgerald, assisted by bacon fryer Bryan Powell, made for a breakfast worth waiting for. This is an event deserving a repeat.

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WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR CAR?

If you are the owner of a used Jaguar, previously owned as they say about Cadillacs, and would like to know when it first left the factory, who the dealer was and the name of the first owner it is possible. Write to Mr. A J A Whyte, Communications Coordinator, Jaguar Cars, Browne's Lane, Coventry CV5, 9DR, England and include the chassis number. They will supply all original numbers, chassis, engine, body, gear box, original colors of body and interior and list of equipment. The service is slow but certain we are told.

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ORDER BY MAIL JAGUAR

Kelly and Marilyn Kollios are the owners of a low mileage Mark Nine Sedan ordered by mail from England. We understand the car arrived practically as it was represented and running well at the time. At this time it is undergoing tuning and the owners arrived at the dinner in the Reed XJ6. We hope to see the car in the near future when it is once again on the road.

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MAY EVENT

On Sunday morning, May 30th., our Club members will be guests of the Coronado Sports Car Club at their annual rally and breakfast. The assembly point is the Pine Grove area of Balboa Park. The first car will be flagged away promptly at 9:00 AM. To get oriented, persons planning to enter the rally should be there by 8:30 AM. The run will probably be of about an hours duration and will end at Scotty's Playland at the Lake Jennings turn off from Interstate 8. Children are welcome and there will be two rides and a swimming pool for their amusement. Price of the event, to cover costs, is \$7.00 per couple and \$2.00 each for children. The menu for breakfast follows: Bloody Marys, scrambled eggs, steak, baked beans, hash browns, English muffins and coffee. Sounds wild. If you plan to attend call Jane Fitzgerald, 466 9365, by May 23rd. as that is the cut off date. This is the only extra event planned for the month of May. Reports from previous attendees are enthusiastic. Lets have a good representation.

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JAGUAR HISTORY

In the April letter we discussed the re-design of the side valve engine used at the time in the SS-1 and SS-2 models. Performance of the revised engine was much improved. The axle ratio was changed from 4.66:1 to 4:25:1 and the top speed increased to about 85 MPH.

Lyons was by now planning an entirely new line of cars. The cars he was building had a very sporting appearance but for real enthusiasts power was lacking. Spurred on by engineer Heynes engine design a car of high power to weight ratio was developed. This car was introduced as the SS-90. The "90" indicated its rated top speed. Using a number to indicate a cars top speed became a Jaguar tradition and this car was the forerunner of the present day Jaguars.

The SS-90 had an all aluminum body built in the classic sports car tradition but retaining the famous graceful, flowing lines of Lyons designed cars. Enormous headlights, gleaming with chrome, adorned the front and the long narrow bonnet symbolized speed and power. The wheelbase was 104 inches and weight was 2184 pounds. The car did an honest 90 miles per hour. Lyons was not content to rest on his laurels however as we shall see.

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KEEPING IN CONTACT

Member Jim Bean reports that he is making some progress toward recovery from the broken foot that has kept him from joining in Club events. He believes that he will be able to wear a shoe on that foot soon. With a shoe in place he will be able to push in the clutch pedal on the XKE. He has had a long siege as the foot was broken a second time. He has our best wishes for continued recovery.

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JAGUAR TOOL KIT

Randy Prine has obtained the part number of the Jaguar tool kit that was original equipment on some models. This is the roll type kit and includes tire gauge, tire valve extracting tool, valve timing gauge and various wrenches. Many of the tools bear the Jaguar nameplate. Randy has obtained one of the kits by ordering through a dealer. We have checked prices and as usual there is a variation from dealers ranging from \$48.10 to \$57.75. The part number is 11610. This kit is identical to the kit shown in our 1968 XKE Operating, Maintenance and Service Handbook, fig. 20, page 12. The jack, hammer and hub cap removal tool shown are not included.

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DINING PLACES

President Jim Poleski has asked us to again remind the membership that we need suggestions as to suitable dining places. Many places are not available for Friday night in the price range we project. If you are cognizant of places with a banquet room and that might be available let Jim know about them so they may be checked out. Arranging a dining place each month puts a great burden on our officers, how about volunteers to assist in making these arrangements.

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FUTURE PLANS

Your board of directors have been tossing around ideas for future events. Things talked about are a Palomar picnic, a beach party, a car clinic possibly for members only with one or two specific problems discussed by members who have had experience in solving them, another overnigher and an afternoon run in the back country ending at the Barrett Lake fish fry place for dinner. Present your ideas to one of the officers or better yet come to the Board meetings.

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