



JAGUAR TRACKS

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AUGUST DINNER MEETING

August 13, 1976. This dinner meeting was different. It was held in the midst of a collection of very interesting antiques and bric-a-brac on the second floor at Francis Family Antiques, 310 Fifth Ave., San Diego. During dinner a fashion show was presented in which several of our ladies acted as models. They had the poise and grace of professionals.

At the cocktail hour members were permitted to wander about at will to view the many articles on display, most of which have been imported from Europe by the Francis Family. After dinner members of the staff conducted tours.

The many automobiles offered for sale are displayed on the 4th. floor. We made it up the stairs both before and after dinner. There were four Jaguars, one each, XK120, XK140, XK150 and 3.4 Sedan. The other cars were mostly special interest United States models. A Packard Roadster of the twenties and a French Amilcar caught our eye, both out of our price range, however.

Vice President Dick Reed presided in the absence of President Jim Poleski who was reported to be on the sick list. Dick introduced five new members, Don and Patti McClane, Dennis and Nikki Estrada and Frank Mulligan. Ed and Joanne Van Patten who joined at the end of last month were overlooked in the introductions and Dick Reed extends his apologies to the Van Pattens.

Our thanks go to Norma Shiner for her efforts in arranging this unique affair and for helping to co-ordinate the fashion show. Not many Jaguars were in attendance because of the street parking. Since President Jim Poleski had suspended the Kitty no fines were assessed.

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EDITORIAL

At the last dinner meeting I noticed many members using only first names in introducing themselves and mates or guests. I feel that in justice to new members and visitors we should include both first and last names in introductions. There are duplications in first names among us. We older members, seniority wise, perhaps feel that everyone knows who we are. Lets not forget that there are people trying to get each of us placed and using full names will help them. We are an informal group which is as it should be, but I am sure that this little bit of formality will make things easier for new people.

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SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

PLACE: Sheraton Inn-Airport, 1590 Harbor Island Dr., San Diego. (This is the 2nd. Sheraton on Harbor Island.) DATE: September 10, 1976. TIME: 7:00PM Cocktails 8:00 PM Dinner. PRICE: \$7.00 per person.

MENU

Pepper Steak Oriental (Tender Sirloin sauted with onion, sweet peppers, mushrooms and water chestnuts.)

Salad, Vegetable, rolls and butter.

Dessert Beverage

RESERVATIONS: Call Jane Fitzgerald, phone 466 9365 by Sept. 7, 1976. We will be in the Barcelona Room with a view on both sides. There is ample parking.

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JAGETTE'S RALLYE REMINDER

PLACE: McCormick's, 3629 Dalsonia, Bonita, Calif. Brunch will be served at their home after the Rallye. Chuck Flack will be in charge of egg scrambling. Other food should be already prepared such as little sausages, potato casserole, fruit bowls, muffins, sweet rolls, Etc. Bloody Marys will be by courtesy of the club. The swimming pool will be available but bring your own towels. If you have not done so call Ruth McCormick, 479 7155 or Fay Flack, 282 9983. Fay will be at home after September 1st. on her return from England. Tell one of the ladies what you are bringing and the number of people in your party.

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TENTATIVE EVENTS

LeRoy Lester has been in contact with the Orange County Jaguar Club. He reports that they have a rallye scheduled for September 25, 1976 which is to end at the Spindrift at La Jolla Shores for lunch. They have extended an invitation to our Club members to meet with them. If you are interested contact LeRoy Lester, phone 276 2047.

LeRoy has also set up a joint meeting on the 24th. of October, 1976. We will meet them at the Twin Inns, Carlsbad, Calif. for lunch. Details will be worked out later. Our group will meet and caravan to Carlsbad. It should be a pleasant run up the coast in fall weather.

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SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: Tetzlaff's, 3255 Calavo Dr., Spring Valley. (South 3/4 mile at the Avacado-Calavo off-ramp 94 Campo Road.) DATE: September 15, 1976. TIME: 7:30 PM Phone 466 3446 if lost. Let us have new faces and new ideas this month. All members welcome.

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GYMKHANA

July 25, 1976. The Gymkhana was, we are sure, a fun event for the participants. We know it was for us. The event was well planned and smoothly run by Chuck Flack, ably assisted by Fay. There were four events on the program. Event number three, the blindfold driver run, proved more difficult than most of us imagined it would be. Driving blind with only the voice of the navigator as a guide is different to say the least. We found it impossible to feel any motion in the car or any sense of direction. We quit while we were ahead. Marilyn Prine who had navigated for Randy in previous events changed places with him for this event and did a very good job with the blinder on.

LeRoy Lester showed us the way in all the events. He demonstrated an expertise in handling the XKE Roadster and Ute proved to be an excellent navigator.
DRIVER*NAVIGATOR CAR TIME.

LeRoy & Ute Lester	XKE Rd.	9.53
Randy & Marilyn Prine	XK150S	14.17
Frank & Gisela Kovach	MORGAN	16.27

Seven Jaguars competed. The Kovachs used a Morgan Plus 4 and there was a guest couple in an MGB. The weather was warm but mostly the sky was overcast so no one suffered too much sunburn. A pleasant day and our thanks to the Flacks for a good Jaguar afternoon.

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JAGUAR HISTORY

The clouds of war over Europe affected Jaguar as it did most other manufacturers. Production of automobiles was continued into 1940 and then tapered to a standstill as war work took precedence. Many sidecars and about 100,00 light trailers were made but much of the work concerned aircraft repair and manufacture. One of the projects, the rehabilitation of the damaged Whitley bombers, caused headaches to the company as they were not familiar with aircraft practices and standards. Towards the end of the war SS Cars made the fuselage for the new Meteor Jets.

Before the war Mr. Lyons had planned that a new engine must be designed to take the place of the old pushrod six. The new engine, he thought, should develop at least 160 BHP. This would be starting at the point where the old engine left off. Development would carry on from there. Actually engineering had begun in 1938 with four, six and twelve cylinder configurations having been studied. At the same time new frames and suspensions were developed. Jaguar has always been interested primarily in sedans and sports cars were incidental as a tool of development. Racing and rallying successes helped sales.

Engineering for the new car and engine was carried on during the war, much of the work having been done by engineers

as they stood night safety watches. As the new vehicles were not yet ready for introduction plans were made to get into production as soon after the war as possible with an updated version of the pre-war sedans. The SS100 series was not carried on after the war. Next month we will look at the Mark IV and Mark V sedans.

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JAGUAR SALE

Member Tom Haisley, phone 436 4367, is offering his 1972 V12 2 Plus 2 at \$5100 firm. It is a 2nd owner car with 56,000 miles, auto, air, wire wheels, brown with tan. Records are available. Contact Tom for further information.

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OLD ENGLAND IN EL CAJON

The editor and wife, Ann, parked the XKE in a spot in El Cajon and felt they had been transported by magic to Merry Old England. They found themselves surrounded by a collection of Jaguars, 3.4, 3.8 and 3.8S sedans with a 420G in the center. ALL were right hand drive and sported their original English license plates. On one side was a 1927 Rolls Royce Tourer which we did not get to inspect as it was driven away on a demo run. We did see an unusual car, an immaculate Humber Supe Snipe, with only 22,000 original miles. The exterior is stodgy British, but the interior is green leather and walnut rivaling a Rolls in finish and looking as new. The cars are at Lloyd's Motor Imports, 432 Vernon Way, El Cajon, phone 442 3491. Owner Lloyd Hersch informed us that he has a total of twenty one of these beauties either here or enroute. To us they are well worth a look.

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JAGUAR SERVICE ITEM

Accurate Alignment & Brake Company, 202 West Main St., El Cajon, phone 440 8488, does front end alignment on XKEs. The charge for labor is \$22.95 and all work is guaranteed for one year. They do alignment work for the El Cajon Jaguar dealer as well as tire companies locally.

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NEW MEMBERS

Add the following names to your copy of the Directory of Membership.

Ed Van Patten	(Joanne)
3575 Desert Way	
Bonita 92002	59 Mark 9 Sed.
Don McClane	(Patti)
5058 Waring Road	287 6742
SD 92120	Mk 2 Sed & XJ6 Sed.
Frank Mulligan	
3508 College Ave., Apt 8	287 3560
SD 92115	72 V12 Rd.
Dennis R Estrada	(Nikki)
7853 Caminito Tranquilo	452 9250
SD 92122	70 XKE 2 Plus 2

NOTE: New member Frank Mulligan, a professional photographer has offered to do a photo of the winner of Jagette's Rallye posed with her car.