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FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING

February 9, 1979. Sexton's Steak House, 7553 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego plus excellent food, combined with the theme for the evening, "Restoration", proved to be an outstanding event. As this was Ladies Night, the men of the Club took over the duties, collecting money, making name tags and selling raffle tickets, that the ladies usually perform. Glenn Simpson and Les Lester seemed to have a knack for handling money and Bob Lakin, with his flower basket, did very well selling raffle tickets.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The bad news for March: This is the grace month for your dues. They must be paid to renew membership. Please get your money in as soon as possible.

For the '79 Concours, the membership should vote on whom they wish to sponsor -- Aerospace Museum or a Jaguar for the Zoo. When the telephone committee contacts you, please state your preference.

Bob Lakin has put together some very interesting outings to look forward to in '79. We are looking for a place to have our Hallowe'en Party. If you have any ghoulish ideas and would like to volunteer

A car show! The heartbeat quickens, the eyes glitter, breathing becomes heavier -- a chance to show off the black beast. Frank Kovach coordinating with the World of Wheels Committee, arranged to have our Club represented at their show in the Community Concourse February 23, 24 and 25, giving us an opportunity to display our classic cars. Kovach's XK-E, Lakin's V-12 Roadster, Simpson's Mark 9 and my 150-S were entered. Two days to get the 150 running after a five month rest. Marilyn would deliver the car as I had to work.

The show had a great turn out. A lot of interest was shown in the Jaguars. Bob's V-12 with all that engine; Glenn's Mark 9 with the bar set up in the rear seat went very well with the public. It was a different kind of show for us and fun. No matter what the car - Chevy, Ford, Jag - you relate to one another. There were trophies for all: one for the Club for entering; Frank, third; Lakin, second; Prine, first on Foreign Sports. Simpson received first in Recent Restored.

Thanks to Stuart, Ute and LeRoy Lester, Vera and Lee. The Club got a lot of exposure.

Randy Prine

FROM THE EDITOR

For those who have not paid their 1979 dues by the next business meeting of the Jaguar Automobile Club of San Diego, March 21, 1979, this will be the last issue of JAGUAR TRACKS that you will receive. We hope to mail out the 1979 Membership Roster with the April issue of JAGUAR TRACKS. We need the necessary lead time to get it prepared and to the printers. It gets hectic around here each month as we near the dead line for the printing and mailing of your newsletter.

Margie Simpson capably filled our President's shoes in conducting the meeting. She gave a brief financial statement at the beginning of the dinner session. Lee Fagot took over the birthday and anniversary announcements and read the appropriate horoscopes. Birthdays in February were Nancy Atkins, Buck Fields, Frank Mulligan, Chuck Flack, Charles La Valle and Milt Kodmur. Only Charles LaValle was present. February anniversary people were Jim and Jan Poleski, not present either.

Lee Fagot, Concours Chairman, announced that August 26th was the date for the 1979 Concours d'Elegance to be held at the Hilton Inn. He will pass out brochures and flyers to all members later and delegated every member of the Club to participate in a publicity campaign for this event. He also asked for volunteers to assist at the event as well as in details of preparation prior to the big day. The telephone committee will ask all Club members to vote on sponsoring either the Aerospace Museum or to purchase a Jaguar for the San Diego Zoo.

A new bride, Carol Stimson, was introduced by Margie Simpson. Unfortunately the bridegroom, Troy, could not be present.

Norma Shiner introduced Peter Hallock, expert on the art of female restoration as well as males, who spoke on the value of skin care, physical fitness and beauty aids. Peter in turn introduced Sheldon Lerner, MD, a surgeon involved in plastic and reconstructive surgery. He displayed slides to illustrate his talk on his field of surgery. (Ladies, did we men ever get quite that technical in our restoration talks?) Both speakers were

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very interesting in their respective fields and there was a lengthy question and answer period afterwards.

The ladies introduced their escorts for the evening and told what type of car they came in. They also paid the fines to the Kitty in case they arrived in something other than a Jaguar. There were a number of guests present and a few members that we have not seen recently. We have been missing many of the old familiar faces at the past few meetings. We hope to see all of you at the Anniversary Dinner in March.

The finale for the evening was the drawing for the raffle prize. The lucky winner was Mary Lou Owen.

Margie Simpson did an excellent job in getting things underway and rolling through to a good finish. Ute Lester did her usual good job in arranging of details and calling members with Vera Bagdal's assistance on the phone. Our thanks to all of you.

FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING

February 21, 1979. The Jaguar Automobile Club of San Diego held the February business meeting at the home of Ray and Ann Tetzlaff, 3255 Calavo Drive, Spring Valley. Present were Jim and Norma Shiner, Ute Lester, Bob Lakin, Jane Fitzgerald, Margie Simpson, Randy Prine, Vera Bagdal, Lee Fagot and Ray and Ann Tetzlaff.

Margie Simpson read the Treasurer's report. She says that Ed Van Patten is doing an audit of the books for 1978 and the resulting financial statement will be available to all members on request, the date to be announced later.

Secretary Vera Bagdal read the minutes of the January business meeting and they were approved by those present. Vera was appointed to display and sell club badges, decals and other items at future Club meetings.

Events Chairman Bob Lakin read a prospectus of proposed driving events for the months to come. The first event will be in March and continue through November. (See page 4 for the tentative schedule.)

Memberssship Chairman Jim Shiner read off the application forms for prospective new members. (List on page 4.)

It was decided to make a list of names of members desiring to purchase name tags like the ones made up for the 1978 Concours. This will be done at the next dinner meeting.

Bob Lakin was appointed to purchase a recorder to be used by the editor at meetings to make easier the job of reporting these events. It can be used by other members to record meetings as well.

Randy Prine pointed out that we need a sponsor for our Annual Hallowe'en Party. Volunteers should contact Randy Prine .

Lee Fagot and Randy Prine are delegates to the Annual National Meeting of JCNA Clubs to be held in Denver March 2, 3 and 4. Randy will report for the April issue of JAGUAR TRACKS.

The April dinner meeting will be April 20 as our usual second Friday is Good Friday this year. April 29 was the date set for the wild flowers at Borrego Springs, lunch at Del Zorro.

The evening closed with apple pie and coffee served by Ann. It was an interesting meeting.

MARCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

20TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

PLACE: Mexican Village Restaurant, 120 Orange Ave., Coronado. DATE: March 9, 1979. TIME: 7:00 PM for cocktails; 8:00 PM for dinner. PRICE: \$8.00 per person. MENU: Shredded Beef Taco, Cheese Enchalada, Beef Chile Relleno,

famous Salad, Beans, Dessert, Coffee or Tea. President Randy Prine has arranged for two films to be shown; one, "Jaguar Champions" and the other, a related film. Jane Fitzgerald has contacted as many Past-presidents of the Club as possible, asking them to be present. She hopes to have at least three who are no longer active in the Club. We are celebrating the 20th birthday of our Club and with the prospect of meeting some of the people responsible for the growth of the Club in the beginning, it will be an outstanding affair. Don't miss it. For reservations call Ute Lester, phone 276-2047 or Vera Bagdal, phones 276-4148 or the answering service 276-2006, leave your number.

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MARCH BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: Residence of LeRoy and Ute Lester, 2187 Dunhaven St., San Diego. DATE & TIME: March 21, 1979 at 7:30 PM. There are many good things in the planning stages for the months ahead. Some of you reluctant ones come in, get in on the planning. That is the way to get your ideas into operation. This is your Club, get the most out of it, get involved.

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PINE HILLS LODGE

On March 25, 1979 the Jaguar Automobile Club of San Diego will have its first outing of the year. We will assemble at the May Company parking lot in Mission Valley at 8:00 AM. We will convoy to the Pine Hills Lodge for 10:00 AM Brunch. We will have time for a nice morning ride through the back country. Call Ute Lester, phone 276-2047 or Vera Bagdal, phones 276-2047 or the answering service 276-2006 and leave number.

CALENDER OF COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 9 Anniversary Dinner, Mexican Village
- " 21 Business meeting at Lester's.
- " 25 Brunch at Pine Hills Lodge.
- Apr. 20 Dinner at Red Candle Inn, Mission Val.
- " 25 Business Meeting ??? Volunteers???
- " 29 Borrego Springs, Wild Flowers, Lunch
- Aug. 26 15th Concours d'Elegance, Hilton Inn.

THE ADVENTURES OF AN EVERYDAY HOUSEWIFE

By Marilyn Prine

"Call Glenn and Frank to see if you can drive down to the Community Concourse with them," Randy said as he left for work. "Oh, and watch that second gear -- it slips."

"Sure," said Frank. "Meet us at 2:15 in Robinson's parking lot."

I fervently wished I could hire an armed guard to escort me. I took off v-e-r-y carefully with beads of persperation on my brow. I arrived at precisely 2:20, five minutes late. I looked anxiously around, no Jaguar people. Returned home -- a mix up. The secretary had relayed the wrong time. Back into the car and after a stomachchurning drive (I hate to drive that car), I arrived with no dents or scratches. After much direction and instructions from Frank, Glenn and Stuart the 150 was at rest.

We all climbed aboard Stuart's VW van and maneuvered our way through the pick-ups and Chevys onto the open road. My preconceived notion of a typical Englishman -- cool, aloof and reserved -- in the image of Basil Rathbone, went up in smoke (sort of pale blue.) When I pointed out this anology to Stuart, he informed me it was all part of his homework to become an American citizen. At last! San Carlos, where we left Stuart and slipped into Glenn's T-Bird. Shades of 007! Were our tracks covered? Had we been followed? We wound through the residential streets and back out onto the freeway. Don't ask me where we were!

We arrived at Frank's business. Time to change drivers and cars again. We bid Glenn adieu and drove off into the sunset with Frank at the wheel of his blue Cadillac. Mission accomplished after 8 hours of telephoning, positioning and the Grand Prix through San Diego County. James Bond, himself, would have been proud of us. Now, into my Chevy El Camino and off to pick up my kids.

"Where have you been," they complained. "Don't ask," I answered. "You'd never believe it, even if I told you."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jaguar Tracks, Ray Tetzlaff, Editor

Many thanks to your club for sending Jag Tracks. I enjoy it tremendously.

In your Feb. issue under LeRoy Lester's article concerning valve shims, Par. #7- "For instance if the clearance was .010 and you want ot to be .006 etc." I believe you should put in a .004 thicker shim to remove the excess clearance. If the shim was ,110 you want to change it to .114. If a thinner shim was used you would increase the valve clearance.

Any members of your club going to Denver? See you there.

Regards,
Joe Halperin

Editor's Note: Mr. Halperin is active in the Jaguar Club of Soutjern New England, Inc. and Ann and I enjoyed the company of Mr. and Mrs. Halperin at the dinner following the JCNA National Meeting last year. Joe is correct in the point he is making. LeRoy missed this point at the time of writing the article and your editor missed correcting it. We will blame it on the flu we were indulging in at the time the February issue was prepared.

PERSONAL ITEMS

John and Lorna Morris recently returned from an extended vacation trip to New Zealand and Australia. They report having a wonderful time and a pleasant visit with friends and relatives. This was the first visit to their homeland, New Zealand, in forty years. Lorna, in going through one of the shopping centers thought she would look for old friends and then remembered that since forty years had passed they would probably be so much changed that she would not recognize them anyway.

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Nancy Atkins last word from Bob was that they were leaving Panama and would be out about a month. He will call her then, which should be about mid-March. Bob is very happy with the boat and owners on this trip. We wish them good fishing and lots of tuna.

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John Dormer is back at work at Motoring Classics, Ltd. and says he is recovering from his back problem. He and Barbara will definitely be at the March dinner meeting. It will be good to see him back, taking part in Club activities.

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Lee Fagot spent a Saturday afternoon recently visiting a Jaguar dealership. While hanging around he sold a couple of Jaguars, one an XJ12 and the other an XJS. A job offer resulted which Lee declined.

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Troy and Carol took a skiing trip which ended up with them becoming Mr. and Mrs. Stimson. A ski lodge, with a pine cone for a wedding bouquet and with a small group of friends made an idyllic setting. Our best wishes for a long and Happy marriage, Carol and Troy.

OTHER CLUB EVENTS

From the Classic Jaguar Association we received the following. "Get out those old owl-eye tail lights and XK120 side curtains that have been gathering dust in your garage. It's time for out 4th Annual Swap Meet. This year

This year we will again be meeting at Mike Garrett's Expertee Jag, 520 W. Dyer Road, Santa Anna (just off the Newport-Costa Mesa Freeway.) The date is Sunday, March 18, 1979 and we will begin at 10:00 AM."

Members of the Jaguar Automobile Club of San Diego who own the older models might be able to find that elusive part here.

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THE NATIONAL JCNA MEETING

The Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club will host the Annual National General Meeting of the Jaguar Clubs of North America. It will be in Denver at the Denver Marriott Hotel on March 2, 3 and 4. Friday will be a cocktail party hosted by British Leyland at 6:00 PM. Saturday, March 3 will be the general meeting for delegates. Activities are planned for those not involved in the general meeting and Sunday, March 4, will have its share of activities for the visitors. Anyone interested in going should contact Randy Prine, phone 276-0148.

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JAGUAR OWNER'S CLUB, INC.

The Jaguar Owner's Club, Inc. is sponsoring the First Annual Hacienda Heights Concours d'Elegance March 11, 1979 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. They are featuring the "Great Britains" which includes Austin Healey, Bentley, Jaguar, MG and Rolls Royce. For further information call Dave Martinez, (213) 968-7810 or write to Hacienda Heights Concours d'Elegance, P O Box 5476, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.

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The Jaguar Owner's Club is also presenting their Concours d'Elegance under JCNA rules on May 13, 1979. For information contact Wayne Shively, 736 Bennett Ave., Long Beach, CA 90804, phone (213) 486-0416.

JAGUARS FOR SALE

Bob Fitzgerald's fine 1965 3.8S Jaguar Saloon is still available. This is a well cared for example and has been a consistent winner in all the Concours in which it has been entered. The car has been appraised at \$10,000 but if you are interested make Bob an offer.

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Mike and Becky Sandusky, 40 10th St., Douglas, AZ 85607, phone (602) 364-9475 have a 1966 E-Type 2 plus 2, very good condition, new radials, 31,000 original miles, automatic. The asking price is \$7,500. They will take a Mark 1X in trade. Mike also has literature on the Series 3 E-Type, Mark V and V11, Xk120 and SS100 for sale.

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Cookie Burgess, 2514 C St., San Diego, phone 233-1467 is offering for sale a 1962 E-Type Roadster, right hand drive, some body damage. This Jaguar will make an ideal project for a restorer. Reasonably priced. She also has two thunderbirds for sale. One is a 1957 and the other a 1956. Both automobiles have taken trophies at car shows. If interested in a good Thunderbird give Cookie a call.

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Dennis Pistatti, 11055 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego 92124, phone 277-4136 is offering his 1957 Jaguar XK140 Drophead Coupe for sale. This car placed 3rd in the Street Class in the 1978 Concours d'Elegance. Contact Dennis for further information.



1974 V-12 Engine, complete with all pulleys and belts, alternator and air conditioning compressor. Has 29,000 miles before removing from car. Victim of engine exchange. Contact Guy Wise, phone 464-0423 for more information.

BEGINNINGS

March of 1979 will be the 20th birthday or month of the Jaguar Automobile Club of San Diego, Inc. In 1959, after a few Jaguar owners got together they decided to form an automobile club for Jaguar people. At the time there were several car clubs in the area of which some of the Jaguar owners were members. They decided, however, that it would be nice to be involved in a one car club where there would be similar interests and with Jaguars, similar problems which they might be able to help each other solve. At least they could concole one another.

The first formal meeting is said to have taken place at the Mexican Village Restaurant in Coronado. A name was selected and officers elected. It is unfortunate that better records were not kept over the years such as officers and membership roles. We do know that Cleo Adams is the only Charter Member who is still affiliated with the Club. She was voted life membership a few years ago but due to health reasons she no longer participates in Club activities. She was very active and was Club Treasurer for many years. She was reputed to be a fast and able Jaguar driver. John Duncan was elected first President in 1959. We do not have much information about Club activities in that first year.

The active members who have been in the Club longest are Bob and Jane Fitzgerald. Next are the Flacks, Chuck and Fay. These four people have over the years, been very active in advancing the Club.

Bob Fitzgerald was President in 1962 and Jane was Treasurer, succeeding Cleo Adams. Margie makes the Club's third Treasurer in the Club's existence. The Fitzgeralds were active in rallying when the Club was into that phase of automobiling and they have been scorers at the annual Concours d'Elegances over the years.

Chuck Flack was President in 1972 and as Vice-president in 1974 took over when Bill Sloss resigned as President. Chuck was re-elected in 1975 for another full term. Fay was Editor of Jaguar Tracks in 1975 and was active in arranging many of the events, calling members for reservations, etc.

Twenty years is a long period for an organization such as ours to continue in existence. Ther have been other automobile clubs that have come and gone during that time. Our Club has had its ups and downs, at one time being very much in debt. Perserverance, management and continued interest on the part of Jaguar owners have made the Club larger than ever and prospects for 1979 are very good.

From time to time we hope to touch on the past of our Club. For much of the little known history of our organization we are indebted to notes furnished by Bob Fitzgerald.

BRITISH LEYLAND RUMORS

There are no more Jaguars with electric overdrive being produced - academic for the U. S. since we haven't been getting any since 1967 The Jaguar gearbox has been replaced with the Rover 5-speed transmission, now available on the European XJ6s. May be we will get the 5-speeds for the U. S. too? How about it BL? Isn't 10 years neglect of the American Jaguar

sports enthusiast long enough? The bad news is that the 5-speed cannot take the V-12s torque, thus the XJS will no longer be available with a manual transmission. So Jaguar's 'sporty model' becomes even less sporting.

Rumors persist that the announcement of the replacement for the XJ series is imminent. This will be the first Jaguar developed without Sir William's direction.

We are indebted to HEADLIGHT, newsletter for the J. C. N. A., Empire Division for the above.

TENTATIVE RUN SCHEDULE FOR 1979

- March 25 Brunch at Pine Hills Lodge, Julian
- April 29 Wild Flowers of Borrego, Lunch
- May -- Brunch in Fallbrook
- June -- Rallye to Elsinore
- July -- Cruise on the Bahia Belle - Brunch
- August Concours - No Run
- Sept. -- North Island - Sunday Brunch
- Oct. -- Dinner Show, Sebastian's San Clemente
- Nov. -- Pine Hills Lodge, Julian - Brunch.

Only two dates are firm at this time. Watch JAGUAR TRACKS for the other dates later. Please contact Events Chairman if you have any ideas or wish to assist with any specific event.

JAGUAR TIPS

From the Jaguar Club of Ohio: Some sparke plugs have a projection (or part of a weld) extending past the diameter of the thread where the electrode is welded on. Watch for this and eliminate before installing. It may act as a thread cutter in an aluminum head. A 14mm die can be used both for removing the burr and cleaning the threads.

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Imparts, Ltd., 2535 S. Brentwood Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63144, phone (314) 962-0810 is a source of Jaguar parts that I have used with success. I ordered front exhaust pipes, pressure plate, disc and throw out bearing for my 1968 E-Type 2 plus 2. All parts arrived in good condition, were new and from the suppliers who furnish to the factory. Prices are reasonable and any order over \$25.00 is shipped at their cost.



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