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JUNE DINNER MEETING

June 8, 1979. Caeser's Mission Valley, 5010 Mission Center Road., San Diego proved to be an excellent choice and will bear repeating. The food was excellent, well prepared and tasty. The room is situated so that it could be closed off to give us privacy for our program.

About sixty people attended this exceptional event. After the cocktail hour and dinner Margie Simpson gave a brief Treasurer's report. Jim Shiner, Membership Chairman, introduced guests Dave and Janet Ellifson, Mary Zouroeff and Dave and Patti Schoolcraft. New members Kirk and Brenda Brabant were introduced and presented with a pin for her and a decal for Kirk.

Norma Shiner mentioned June birthdays for Jim Poleski, Jerry Beach and Ann Tetzlaff, all of whom were present. The group harmonized on "Happy Birthday" for their benefit. June Anniversaries are being celebrated by Neal and Melanie Farinholt, Chet and Jean Manock, Bryan and Louise Powell, Ed and Joanne Van Patten and Don and Sue Richards.

Randy Prine presented engraved tankards, through the courtesy of a friend of the Club, to three Past-presidents who are still active in the Club. Bob Fitzgerald, 1962; Jim Poleski, 1975, and Ute Lester, 1976 were the recipients. Randy then thanked Don Richards and Bob Lakin for the drive to the Champagne Brunch at Camp Pendleton on May 27th. We, who were there, really enjoyed this one.

Randy Prine introduced member John Dormer, speaker for the evening. The subject of John's very interesting talk was the rising value of the various models of Jaguars. He has had some 15 years experience in the business and through his connection with Motoring Classics, Ltd., is in a position to be well informed. The talk was interesting and highlights will be narrated in an article in the Jaguar Talk Column. (Page 3) John also dwelled for a moment on Vintage Car Racing. He participates by driving a 1949 MG TC. This racing involves cars of 1966 or earlier vintage. He offered to help anyone interested with advice or information. Our thanks to John for another good talk.

Glenn Simpson told some of the highlights of the trip to Newport Beach for the May 13th, 1979 Lido Concours d'Elegance of the Jaguar Owner's Club of Los Angeles. Five of our cars made the trip and our members returned with four trophies. (See June President's Message.)

Les Lester announced the June outing. It was arranged after the June issue of Jaguar Tracks was in the mail. It will be a Gymkhana held June 17th at Solar I-H parking lot on Ruffin Road near Montgomery Field. (The results and Ute Lester's story of her First Gymkhana are on Page 4.)

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Concours for 1979 is just two months away. Are you thinking of entering your car? You should be. If you enjoy talking (Jaguars" this is the place to be. (The ladies will love it!)

Last year we had 65 cars and if everyone puts forth a little extra effort we can have 100 or better this year.

Seriously, we are going to have a big day for the Club and San Diego Zoo and need everyone's help, so plan on spending the day with us at the Hilton.

Through the generosity of a friend of the San Diego Jaguar Club, we honored the Past-presidents of our Club at the last dinner. All were in attendance except one. We are fortunate to have so many past officers remain active. Thanks to our friend and to Glenn Simpson for arranging for the engraving and refinishing of the plaque with all the Past-president's names.

Remember the Concours in August, see you there.

Randy

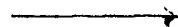
PS: If while restoring your car, the radiator should be removed, be sure to keep fluid in it. If left dry the core will corrode. Replacement cost \$150.00 to \$200.00.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Chuck Flack, Past-president 1972, part of 1974 and 1975 was unable to attend the June dinner. His tankard will be presented to him later. The Flacks and the Fitzgeralds helped hold the Club together during some very difficult times and we owe them a vote of thanks.



July 1979

Lee Fagot talked about the 1979 Concours and the June 11th Concours meeting to be held at his home. The Concours flyers will be distributed at the July dinner meeting to all members so that they can be passed out to all Jaguar owners and involved business in the area.

Door prize winners were John Morris and Bryan Powell. After the drawing the meeting was adjourned. This very nice event was arranged by Ute Lester and she has our thanks.

CONCOURS COMMITTEE

June 11, 1979. Lee Fagot, assisted by Vera Bagdal hosted the Concours Committee meeting at 4790 Orten St., San Diego. More than twenty enthusiastic members attended.

A sample of a dash plaque was shown to those present. It was of better quality than the ones presented to the exhibitors last year. A firm price will be gotten from the vender. It was voted to have an information booth set up in the Concours area to answer questions about membership. Also three gates will be manned for the convenience of the spectators.

An offer to have a hot air balloon, captive type, either as an advertising gimmick or to take up passengers was considered. Previous inquiries indicated that the Hilton did not favor having the balloon on their premises and the Park Department was contacted about having it anchored on the adjoining park area. They will not permit passengers to be taken up and were not favorable to balloons. It was voted to drop the idea.

Chairman Lee Fagot said that there was a possibility that Fred Horner, Secretary of the J. C. N. A. would be our featured speaker at the Awards dinner, at which time the trophies will be presented.

Glenn Simpson will check into insurance for the event and report later. A security guard will be hired as was done last year.

Brenda Brabant will handle media publicity. She will check with Bev Holle for contacts. Everyone was asked to solicit for door prizes and Vera Bagdal will keep up the master list of donations. Volunteers present were given assignments for setting up on Saturday and at the Concours on Sunday, August 26, 1979. There is still need for more volunteers to assist at the gates, patrolling the area and helping position the cars. Everyone in the Club will be needed to make this, the 15th Annual Concours d'Elegance of the Jaguar Automobile Club of San Diego even more successful than last year's event.

JUNE BUSINESS MEETING

June 20, 1979. The June business meeting of the Jaguar Automobile Club of San Diego was held at the Simpson residence, 7635 Jennite Dr., San Diego on this date. Present were Randy and Marilyn Prine, Lee Fagot, Vera Bagdal, Ute and Les Lester, Jim Shiner, guests Jack and Marian Butler, Ray and Ann Tetzlaff and Margie and Glenn Simpson.

Margie gave the Treasurer's report and Vera Bagdal read the minutes of the May business meeting which were approved.

Randy Prine read replies from Fred Horner and other British Leyland Officials to his letters requesting assistance with our 15th Annual Concours d'Elegance. They were somewhat favorable.

The date for the July Pot Luck was changed to Saturday, July 14th rather than our usual Fri-

day. Vera Bagdal will coordinate the plans. See the July Events column.

Jim Shiner, Membership Chairman presented the names of John and Jean Krase and Lon Botterman who were voted in as new members.

Les Lester reported that arrangements had been completed for the Bahia Belle cruise on the Bay, July 22nd. See July Events.

Lee Fagot reported on progress of Concours arrangements as reported above and in separate article below.

The meeting was closed after delicious pie and coffee was served by hostess Margie Simpson.

JULY EVENTS

JULY POT LUCK

DATE: SATURDAY, July 14, 1979. PLACE: Residence of Jim and Norma Shiner, 3415 Lark Street, San Diego, phone 295-6740. (See the enclosed map) TIME: 7:00 PM. This is the first Pot Luck of 1979. Vera Bagdal is coordinating the list of foods each will bring and how many in your party. Call Vera at 276-4148. Each person is asked to donate \$2.00 to cover cost of coffee, paper plates and a strolling guitarist. Bring a Jaguar part or accessory to be auctioned off for the Concours fund. Also Bring YOUR OWN BOTTLE. There will be a meat dish furnished from the donations. The Shiners have a beautiful home and are excellent hosts. Vera will record or assign dishes, give her a call.

TECH SESSION

On July 15th, beginning at 1:00 PM there will be a tech session sponsored by Les Lester, 2187 Dunhaven, San Diego, phone 276-2047. He has a 4.2 engine mounted on a platform and run-able. Tuneup methods will be demonstrated. This engine is in the open where such operation can be observed. Les has sold this engine but it has not been delivered as yet and of course the tech session will be called off if the engine has been claimed by this date. Final word will be announced at the Pot Luck, July 14. This should be a very helpful event for the Jaguar owner who does some of his maintenance.

2ND ANNUAL BAHIA BELLE CRUISE

DATE: July 22nd, 1979. Cast off time, 1:00 PM. Be on board or be prepared to swim out to the ship. MENU: Buffet style, sugar cured ham and all the trimmings, same as last year. The bar will be open for those tall, cool ones. PRICE: \$11.00 per person, children under 12 at half price. This is a raise from last year but the price of the boat has gone up from \$70 an hour to \$90 and the lunch has also risen in price. We have to guarantee at least 50 people. Since there is no dinner in July other than the Pot Luck this is an opportunity to have a pleasant cruise on Mission Bay and a very delicious lunch. Members of the Jaguar Owner's Club of Los Angeles have been invited back again this year. Come and meet some people who share your interest in our fine Jaguar automobiles. Call Vera Bagdal, 276-4148 for reservations.

JULY BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: July 25th, 1979. PLACE: Residence of Randy and Marilyn Prine, 2128 Fairfield St., San Diego, phone 276-0148. TIME: 7:30 PM. More Concours strategy is sure to be planned. There are plans for the Christmas party to be discussed as well as other upcoming events. Get in on the planning and enjoy each thing from the beginning to completion. Please phone to let the Prines know you are coming.

A JAGUAR FOR ALL SEASONS

By Les Lester

There seems to be a time period when organizations such as ours need to review where we are going and what direction "goals" should we have.

In the past 3 years the Club has advanced in size and activity but we have been leaning toward our concours so heavily that other interests have been neglected. Most members do not own competitive "show" cars.

Our recent "quicky" Slalom was the first in 2 1/2 years. We have not had a technical session or parts swap meet or a rallye in 3 years. We need to be reminded that the Club is not the S. D. Jaguar Concours Club, it is not the S. D. Jaguar Charity Club nor is it the S. D. Plastic Surgery Club. There is a place for all these things, certainly there is nothing wrong with any of these but our true goal is to satisfy the needs of the largest possible interests of Club members toward the use and enjoyment of the Jaguar automobile. This goal is partially concours, social, technical, driving, charity, etc. Within these elements we may hope to impress J. C. N. A., New Jersey or the L. A. Club or the public at large but these are, and should be effects of our other intents and activities and not specific goals.

We need not detract from the concours; indeed I was one of several instrumental promoters of the J. C. N. A. concours. The concours is the big event of the year as are several other (4) concours we participated in, but there must be something for those interested in other elements as well. A better balance to satisfy the most wants.

It's up to the membership to express their wants and the officers to listen and react. Let us know how you feel.

Editor's Note: If you agree or disagree with Les's opinions let us know. Write in, call in or better yet attend the monthly Board meetings.

ACTIVITIES OF OTHER CLUBS

Anyone interested in the Jaguar Tour d' Elegance slated for October should contact Frank Weikel of the Jaguar Owner's Club of Los Angeles, 16711 Oleander Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708, phone (714) 848-1917

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California Jaguar Clubs Meet, September 8-9, 1979, location to be determined. Contact Bob Leahy, 1023 Dolphin Terrace, Corona del Mar, CA 92625, phone (213) 431-1351.

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Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona, October 20 and 21, contact Rose Massey, 7140 E. Port au Prince Road, Tucson, Ariz. 85710, phone (602) 885-66-8.

PERSONAL ITEMS

We have heard by the grapevine that Rachel Fleet was involved at the 1979 Eastern States Meet at Lime Rock, Conn., in June. We hope to have a report from her in the August issue of Jaguar Tracks.

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Ute and Cindy Lester are leaving on July 7th for a six week trip to Germany and Switzerland. They will visit Ute's parents in Langen which is about 10 miles south of Frankfurt. They will visit relatives in Nuernberg, Schoenberg (the Bavarian Woods), Munich and hope to squeeze in a trip to Garmisch-Partenkirchen (Bavarian Alps.) They will finally end up in Allerheiligenberg in Switzerland, south of Basel. One of Ute's uncles owns a dairy farm

high up in the mountains. This will be Cindy's first visit to such a place. Ute thinks she might even get to drive a Jaguar in Germany as a friend owns an XJ-6. They will be back in time for the Concours,

CALENDER OF COMING EVENTS

- July 14 Pot Luck at Shiner's
- " 15 Tech Session at Lester's??
- " 22 Cruise and Lunch on the Bahia Belle
- " 25 Business Meeting at Prine's.
- Aug 22 Business Meeting, Volunteer?
- " 26 CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE.

JAGUAR TALK

In his talk at the June dinner meeting, John Dormer touched on the present market value of our favorite automobiles. John is involved in the market in his connection with Motoring Classics, Inc., 4109 Sports Arena Blvd., San Diego.

There is a growing demand for the Mark V11, V111 and 1X Sedans. They are big, luxurious and have a distinctive resemblance to the Rolls Royce and Bentley Sedans of that era and at a much lower cost. In the Sedans the 3.8 Mark 11 has been getting much interest.

Of the sports cars the XK120 M Roadsters are tops with the XK140 and Xk150 followint in that order. Good ones are very hard to find and if found bring possibly as high as \$15,000 for a 120. The E-Type Roadsters, both Series 1 and 2 are in great demand with a lessening number of good ones available. The V-12 Roadsters are holding firm also.

The Coupes are coming up as there are fewer open models on the market that are class cars. The 2 Plus 2s are not up to the others in value yet but will be more in demand as fewer other models are being sold.

The ting to remember is that all models must be kept as original as possible with Connelly Leather, original type carpet and the woodwork must be properly reconditioned. The paint should hav a good luster and be in an original color. (Optional colors were always available, on order, from the factory so this sometimes calls for documentation.)

The Mark 1Vs and Vs are especially desirable with the Mark 1V Drophead being tops of the line in value, even exceeding the SS100s.

The V-12 Sedans do not seem to hold up to even Blue Book value, possibly due to the gasoline situation and the higher maintenance costs. The XJS which is a powerful, quiet and smooth car does not seem to hold value. John says that most prospective buyers seem to prefer a new one with a guarantee rahter than an excellent used one at about half the price.

John offers his services as an appraiser or will give suggestions as to selling your Jaguar free of charge to Club members.

FOR SALE

4.2 Engine, complete, needs rebuilding \$350.00 Automatic Transmission from 69 E-Type 2 plus 2. Has been rebuilt \$350.00. See Rick Ingalls, 3344 Isla Vista Dr., San Diego 92105, 283-1426

NEW MEMBERS

John M. Krase	(Jean)
2750 Bordeaux Ave.	453-0286
La Jolla 92037	61 & 63 3.8 Sedans

Lon Botterman	275-0393
1237 Gertrude St.	67 E-Type 2 Plus 2
SD 92110	

S.D.J.C. G Y M K H A N A

Our clubs first speed event in 2 years was held and from the response and enjoyment of the participants we need to hold this event at least annually.

The results of the June 17th Gymkhana:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>ENTRANT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PENALTY PYLONS</u>	<u>MOTOR CAR</u>
1	Lee Fagot	58.5	* 1	E - '63
2	Les Lester	59.4	* 1	E - '63
3	Frank Kovach	1:02.3	* 0	E - '65
4	Glenn Simpson	1:02.5	* 0	E - V 12
5	Stuart Lennie	1:02.7	* 0	E - '63
6	Milt Kodmur	1:04.4	* 0	E - '66
7	John Dormer	1:07.0	* 1	XJ- 6
8	Bob Lakin	1:07.2	* 1	E - V 12
9	Lon Botterman	1:03	* 7	E - 2+2
10	Vera Bagdal	1:17	* 4	E - '63
11	Ute Lester	1:22.8	* 3	XJ - 6
12	Barbara Dormer	1:24.8	* 6	XJ - 6

The pylon penalty was one second per pylon knocked down in the course. The time was the best of 2 runs.

Our thanks to John Dormer for setting up the event and to SOLAR for the use of the parking lot.

For future events we hope to have enough entries to give one trophy for each class of car. It is difficult for the heavier or larger Jaguars to compete on so short a course with the lighter cars such as the E-types. Stuart Lennie demonstrated this with his Honda.

In the next event we will propose a Sedan class, an E-class, and perhaps an XK-class if we can get at least 3 of each to run.

MY FIRST GYMKHANA

By Ute Lester

"I'll go, if you go!", that's what Barbara said to me on a cold June morning out in "nowhere" - parking lot of SOLAR. Most of the E-Types had already finished their first run with screeching, smoking tires and flying pylons.

It was my first time in such an event, and also Barbara's and Vera's. But why not - I took my XJ-6 through the course. - Barbara went first and Lees said very descriptive: "It's not the fastest run, but by far the most elegant one." - Compared to the E-Types we drove the course like snails with no screeching tires. I lost the wheel a couple of times and also got my fingers caught in it and in my jacket.

The start was Le Mans style where you have to run a short distance to your car, and let me tell you: it's no fun to run in high heels! Next time I'll wear tennis-shoes with spikes--- E-Types watch out!!!!

Vera was very bold, she drove Stuart's brand new Honda and did very well; even so she had trouble to get in reverse gear. In the second run she drove Les's E-Type and had an excellent time. Now Lees is bugging her to buy a Jaguar E-Type Roadster and get rid of her Pinto!

Glenn was the only one who developed a technique of entering his Roadster without opening his door. This trimmed 2 seconds off his time but added a few bruises to his behind.

Glenn tried something new in his second run. He was off to a flying start, his front tires already pointing to the right ---- but it did not work out. He went straight through the pylons instead of making a right turn.

It was a morning of fun for me and I am

sure I can say the same for the members who participated. We had a lot of laughs in spite of the cold and drizzles.

15TH ANNUAL CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

We are very fortunate in that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horner will be in our area at the time of the Concours and will be our honored guests. Mr. Horner, Secretary of Jaguar Clubs of North America, Inc., Leonia, N. J., will be our speaker at the Awards Banquet.

Other pertinent items that all members of the Jaguar Automobile Club of San Diego should be aware of as the big day, August 26th, 1979 rapidly approaches, are as follows:

1. The judges assigned for the concours will meet at 9:30 AM on Concours day at the tabulation room for a briefing and coffee and donuts. Judging will start at 10:00 AM
2. There is a need for people who can operate adding machines to assist and relieve our official scorers, Jane and Bob Fitzgerald. It was a long day for Jane last year and we hope to have it better for her this year.
3. We need volunteers to take shifts at the information booth and at the admission gates. Also needed are marshalls to watch the cars and check for people not entering the gates.
4. If we can find a volunteer with a weather balloon we hope to have an advertising banner to attract visitors to see our cars.
5. In the days before the Concours all members should distribute flyers and solicit donors for door prizes. Lee Fagot will solicit the Jaguar dealers but all places involved in parts or repairing of Jaguars should be contacted.
6. It is going to take a concerted effort on the part of all members to make the Concours the success it deserves to be.