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CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE 1979

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Gleaming Jaguars on a carpet of green on a summer day, in front of the San Diego Hilton was the setting for the Jaguar Automobile Club of San Diego's Concours d'Elegance 1979.

All admissions donated went to the San Diego Zoo to purchase a live Jaguar. Publicity Director Joan Embrey appeared with Lola Fa Llama to the delight of the many visitors. A live Jaguar was considered too risky.

Attracting attention near the main entrance was a beautiful SS100, a rare breed at this time. It was the most admired automobile by the spectators. Glenn and Margie Simpson had their excellent Mark IX set up with cocktail glasses on the picnic trays in the rear compartment. This car was much commented on by the visitors.

Special mention should be made of the energy expended by Glenn Simpson in preparing four cars, an XJS, a V-12 Roadster, Mark 11 Sedan and the lovely Mark IX. The Editor struggled to get just one car in.

The late Sedans and XJS models were all fine cars and picking a winner was difficult indeed. There were too many fine cars to list them all but the XK150s and XK120s were well prepared and made an excellent showing. Frank Owen's E-Type Coupe showed the results of the months spent restoring it this year. The winners and scores will be shown next month, hopefully.

Among the honored guests were Fred and Barbara Horner. He is Secretary of Jaguar Clubs of North America and was to be our guest speaker at the Awards Banquet. Another of the guests was a member of the Jaguar Driver's Club of England who was on his holidays in the U. S.

This was a very successful event due to the efforts of many Club members who got involved. They deserve much credit. Here are some of them: Lee Fagot, Concours Chairman; Les and Ute Lester, Glenn and Margie Simpson, Vera Bagdal, Bob and Jane Fitzgerald, scoring and Barbara Carpenter assisting. Judges from the Club were Chuck Flack, Jim Poleski, Bob Lakin, Kirk Brabant, Jim Shiner, John Dormer and Ray Tetzlaff. Placing cars were Howard Hayhurst, Bill Holle, Frank Owen and Rick Ingalls. Curtis Parker spent the day at the microphone as MC on the drawings for door prizes and also at the Awards Banquet. If we have not named everyone and I am sure we have missed a few, we thank them too and please accept our apologies. It was a bust day for the Editor also.

## AWARDS BANQUET

Eighty-nine people were seated for the Awards Banquet. Due to a mixup at the Hilton, we were transferred to a smaller room, but everyone was seated by a small amount of manipulation. Things worked out OK.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As Editor, I am substituting for President Randy Prine on the President's Message. I had hoped to have the complete and official results of the Concours d'Elegance 1979. The results and a message from the Concours Chairman have not been received. The publication date is long passed. We will go to press without them. Perhaps next month!

Randy and Marilyn, Jack and Marian Butler and Frank Owen are attending the California Clubs Meet at Avila Beach. They are entering the Prine's XK150S, Butler's XK120 and the Owen's 1967 E-Type in the Concours.

I know that Randy's wish was to thank all the people who worked so hard to make the Concours successful. I have listed many of the names in the column at the right and again say that if I have missed anyone, accept my apologies. Being active in judging and having an entry left little time to take proper notes as the day wore on, I just wore out.

We hope to have a good turnout at the business meeting at the Prines on September 26th. Join us to talk over the strengths and weaknesses of this year's Concours so that the 1980 Concours will be bigger and better.

It was interesting to note that Fred Horner, Secretary of Jaguar Clubs of North America compared our Concours favorably with some of the Eastern club events. Randy received a very complimentary letter from him which will be shared at the next meeting.

Ray Tetzlaff

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It was necessary to have all the score sheets processed for the trophies to be presented at the dinner. There were problems getting the score sheets to the scorers which delayed the people involved. Jane and Bob Fitzgerald and the volunteers helping worked madly to get everything checked and averaged. A long, long day for them. A slight extension of the Happy Hour passed without notice by the diners. At last all was ready.

The guests were seated for dinner. Delicious food and a good variety to select from at the buffet made the wait worth while.

Dinner over, Randy Prine introduced some of our guests. Fred and Barbara Horner were given a welcome round of applause. Jane Dawson, President of the Jaguar Owners Club of Los Angeles was introduced. She came to the microphone to thank our Club for inviting her club to participate. She asked Fred Horner to come forward. She presented him with a copy of the JOC Roster, a sizable volume which includes 268 names. Jane said the book represented two years of her blood and sweat to compile.

Mr. Horner, speaker for the evening, was introduced. He thanked Glen and Margie Simpson for meeting him and his wife at the airport. They drove the Horners to their quarters at the Town and Country. On the Horner's arrival a Mariachi band was playing and he was greeted by Miss San Diego who called him by name.

Randy later explained that Mayor Wilson had proclaimed it San Diego Week and the Mariachi band and the reigning beauty queens were part of the celebration. Randy had prevailed on Miss San Diego to greet Mr. Horner by name.

Horner compared Eastern and Western Concours events and made a plea for all members to support all the club programs as well as the particular events in which they participated. The speech was very interesting, spiced as it was Horner's dry English sense of humor.

At the conclusion of the talk, Randy was called to the podium. He was presented with checks for \$1,000 for the Zoo fund. \$500 of this was from Jaguar, Rover, Triumph and \$500 from the West Coast Distributors. Joan Embrey, representing the San Diego Zoo was introduced and presented with the checks by Randy for the purchase of a live Jaguar. Randy announced that more than \$800 had been taken in from admissions and that the Club was donating enough to make up \$1,000 total. Thus, the Concours raised \$2,000 for the Zoo.

Next to be introduced was Bev Holle. It was her idea to purchase a Jaguar for the Zoo in the beginning. The suggestion met with the approval of the membership and was carried to a conclusion. Bev Holle was also thanked for her efforts in designing and getting printed the brochures and flyers that were so attractive.

Diane Ingalls was introduced and thanked for her efforts in getting a full page spread in the North County News, photos from last year's Concours and everything. This was our best newspaper publicity.

The drawing for raffle ticket prizes was MC'd by Curtis Parker. It was a big day for Dick Fuller, two trophies in the Concours and two door prizes. Fred Horner won two prizes also but turned them back as they were merchandise certificates relevant to this area. They were drawn for and won by other lucky people.

Presentation of the trophies by Lee Fagot, assisted by Randy Prine brought the evening to a conclusion. Our members took many of the trophies but members of the Jaguar Owners Club hauled a few back to Los Angeles with them.

## CONCOURS MEETING

On August 21 Lee Fagot hosted a Concours meeting at his home at 4790 Orten St. The meeting was well attended and assignments were made for the Concours on the 26th. Due to other commitments the Editor arrived as the meeting was breaking up. No notes were taken.

## COMING EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

PLACE: Caesar's Mission Valley, 5010 Mission Center road, San Diego. DATE: September 14th, 1979. TIME: Cocktails at 7:00 PM; Dinner at 8:00 PM. PRICE: \$7.00 per person. MENU: Buffet; Meat Balls, Lasagne, Raviolas. Spaghetti, Antipasto, Salad, Oil and Vinegar dressing, Home made garlic bread, Provolone, Italian Salami, much more with Spumoni for dessert.

Our June dinner meeting was held here, There was so much favorable comment that Ute Lester booked us there for this month. The price is right and the food was excellent on our last visit. See you there!!

## GYMKHANA

The driving event for September is a Gymkhana arranged by Les Lester. It will be on September 23rd, 1979 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy while watching your driving spouse test his/her mettle. Open to all classes of Jaguars only.

Classes will include Sedans, E-Types, V-12s, XKs, etc. You will be competing with the same type of car that you drive. It will be a short course, laid out to hold the speeds down. The place is the Solar Turbine Parking Lot, (Kearney Mesa Plant), 4200 Ruffin Road. Ruffin Road is the southeast border of the Montgomery Airport and connects the end of Balboa to Aero Drive. If you have any questions call LeRoy Lester, phone 276-2047.

The people who participated in the June 17 Gymkhana reported having an enjoyable outing and asked for another one. Some of you who did not take part last time might find that you missed something if you try it.

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## SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: Residence of Randy and Marilyn Prine, 2128 Fairfield St., San Diego, phone 276-0148. TIME: 7:30 PM. DATE: September 26th, 1979. This will be the first business meeting of the JACSD, Inc. since the Concours d'Elegance '79. Come to the meeting with your comments, suggestions and opinions. Let's make next year's event even better. Election time of 1980 Officers is not far away. We should be giving some thought as to who will carry the banner.

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## SEBASTIAN'S

On October 21st, 1979 the JACSD will have its second outing to Sebastian's West Dinner Playhouse for Brunch. The stage presentation, by a professional cast, will be "OLIVER". The place opens at 11:30 AM. Brunch will be served from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM and the curtain will rise at 1:30 PM for the presentation of the play. The cost will be \$13.50 per person and must be paid in advance by no later than September 30, 1979. Make checks payable to the Jaguar Automobile Club of San Diego and mail them to Bob or Marlys Lakin, 4959 Monongahela St., San Diego, CA 92117. The phone for information is 270-3843.

We will caravan from the May Company parking lot. Chuck and Fay Flack will lead the caravan and will leave promptly at 9:30 AM. A stop will be made at the Twin Inns parking

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lot in Carlsbad where the North County members will join up. "OLIVER" is a play that everyone in the family will enjoy. Children will be welcome

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ACTIVITIES OF OTHER CLUBS

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CALIFORNIA CLUBS MEET

The Jaguar Owner's Club, Inc. of Los Angeles is host club for this year's meet at the San Luis Bay Inn, Avila Beach, Calif. on September 7 - 9, 1979. It is too late for reservations at the San Luis Bay Inn but there are many motels in nearby San Luis Obispo and Pismo Beach. For those who take part in the Rallye on Sunday there will be a gasoline stop ten miles from the end and Jane Dawson, President of JOC guarantees there will be enough gasoline to fill every participants tank for the return journey home. There will be a continuous program of events including the Concours, rallye, eating and drinking, etc. The Jaguar Automobile Club of San Diego will be represented in the Concours by several members and their Jaguars. Call Bob Leahy, (213) 431-1351.

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ARIZONA CONCOURS

The Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona is presenting its Concours d'Elegance for 1979 at the El Con Shopping Center, North Mall, Tucson, Arizona on Saturday, October 20th. For further information write or call the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona, 2028 E. Miraval, Tucson, Ariz. 85718, (602) 299-3102 or Editor Ray Tetzlaff, phone 466-3446. Arizona is excellent at this time of year. A beautiful fountain will be the backdrop to show off the Jaguars and Tucson's most lucious models will provide a high class fashion show.

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Riverside Historic Car Races

From the JAGAZETTE we learn that historic automobiles will race at Riverside International Raceway on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 - 14, 1979. In addition, on Sunday there will be a Concours d'Elegance. They expect 300 to 400 entrants. Price for the two days of racing and the Concours is \$15.00

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The Jaguar Associate Group of the San Francisco Bay area will have their Concours d'Elegance at Villa Felice in Los Gatos. For information call or write Dean Schallen, 23962 Hutchinson Rd., Los Gatos, CA 95030, phones (408) 353-4020 home, (408) 988-1776 office.

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PERSONALS

Members of the JACSD attending the Monterey Historic Car Races and Concours d'Elegance were the Shiners, Dormers, Owens, Fullers and Frank Kovach. John Dormer did some racing in his TC Roadster and reports having a lot of fun in the process. This event took place on August 18 - 19th.

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Bob and Sally Wood of Foster City, Calif. were in town and visited Bob Atkins while he was in Grossmont Hospital. Bob Wood was President of our Club in 1963. He was involved in the rallyes that the Club sponsored at the time. Also, he was service manager at British Motors when they were located on Kettner Blvd. Bob and Sally have a gift shop in Foster City and he is connected with Jaguar, Rover, Triumph in some capacity and they help put on Concours in their area.

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Bob Atkins is recuperating at home from his recent surgery. It will be a while before he

will be able to get back into the full swing of Club activities. In the meantime he will enjoy seeing or hearing from Club members. Phone number 466-7903 will reach him at bedside. The home address is 4271 Camino Paz, La Mesa 92041. Pay him a visit or give him a call. It will be appreciated.

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Ray and Ann Tetzlaff made the annual Labor Day visit to daughter Marilyn and her husband Jerry at Glendora. Marilyn, Jerry and Ray attended the Ontario 500 to celebrate Ray's last to be acknowledged birthday.

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Representing the JACSD at the California Clubs meet at Avila Beach on September 7-9, 1979 will be Frank Owen, Jack and Marian Butler and Randy and Marilyn Prine. Their fine Jaguars will be entered in the Concours.

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"HOUSEBREAKING YOUR JAGUAR"

L. J. Lester

One haunting question which has plagued many Jaguar owners is: "Why does the XXXXXX thing leave oil spots if it's the best car in the world?"

The answer can be divided into two parts and certainly a third part should be: "What can we do about it?"

1) MATERIAL:

Material is the main cause of leaks. The rubber used in English seals is not the quality of the more synthetic rubber such as Neoprene (Used by the U. S.). In addition the Jaguar choice of gasket materials usually tend to thin paper gaskets and cork. These will work but require a certain perfection of fit and application.

2) DESIGN:

Oiled paper is a common gasket material but the Jaguar uses these in long, narrow seal areas such as valve covers, oil pans, oil filter body, etc., where the seats and the "true-ness" of the surface must be very perfect. The torque and cleanliness must also be absolute. Keep in mind the Jaguar XK engine (when designed) was intended to be assembled by highly skilled craftsmen. Detroit uses short, wide seal areas with thick, soft gaskets, very forgiving of the slap dash assemblers and the sometimes sloppy mechanics now available in the U. S.

In England a mechanic is factory trained, charges \$10.00 per hour and does not use "rate book" but competes for the job with other garages. The "rate book", if universally used by all mechanics could be called a conspiracy to fix prices at pessimistically high levels.

If one designs a car in a country where mechanics are competent and reasonably charged you can get away with poor material gaskets and critical seal areas requiring close attention. In the U. S. --forget it.

3) COLLECTIVE ACTION:

Improve gasket materials where possible, take pains to see the seals are clean and true (not warped or scratched), use the new "Super" sealers. Caution on what sealers to use. RTV is too soft for engine parts and some will find its way into oil systems. Some stick like glue and will be a hell of a mess to break open and clean off.

There is a new "Super" seal called Hylomar PL 32 which we use on turbine engines and is also used on the Rolls Royce aircraft turbines. It is available from Gabriel Chemicals, Ltd.,

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P. O. Box B, Robbinsville, N. J. 08691, price \$4.65 per tube.

I had been using permatec - Super High tac - good but not great. Another member of our Club has suggested 3M Silastic #730.

P. S.: Another hint;

a.) Before you pay #300.00 to renew the seals on power steering try "Transmission Treatment Fluid", it worked for me - and what have you got to lose.

b.) Before you pay \$600 to repair rear brake leaks find a mechanic that will remove brakes without removing the rear end - it's possible.

c.) Before you pay \$600 to replace leaking rear seals read "E-Type - End of an Era." These seals always leak slightly and unless affecting brakes or differential level, should be left alone.

FOR SALE

Must sell 1967 Jaguar 340 Sedan. Car is in good condition. Nick Berger, 7701 Encinas Circle, Westminster, CA 92683. Phone (714) 892-0459.

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1953 Jaguar Fixed Head Coupe. New interior, \$1100.00 worth of motor work recently at Batten's British Car Service. Been in storage for four years. Make offer. Phone 468-3734. Let phone ring at least ten times.

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1967 Jaguar 420 G Saloon, automatic, RHD, new tires, radio. Price \$4,000.00. Call Al or Geneen, phone 280-6459

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For those hard to find parts for XKE and Mk 2 through current XJS, XJ6 and XJ12 order direct from England from F. B. Components, Edgeway Road, Marston, Oxford OX3 0HF, England. Phone (0865) 724646/7, Postal address, P. O. Box 64, Oxford. Telegrams OXPART, Oxford, Telex 837367. They claim that the price differential is very favorable and that they can provide fast service.

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From E-Jag News Magazine we learn that J. C. Whitney has filed for re-organization under Federal Bankruptcy laws. Save your last catalog as it may become a collector's item.

The company listed \$32 million in debts and \$10 million in assets. Among the creditors were many parts customers. If you have ordered merchandise and have not received it or a refund, file a claim with the Bankruptcy Court, 219 South Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. 60604. The file number is 79B5784. Good luck trying to collect.

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American Collectors Insurance, P. O. Box 15465, Philadelphia, PA 19149 offers insurance at very favorable rates for rare automobiles. The coverage is for 1895-1929, 1930-1954 and other collectables Age Group, meaning 1955 through 1960. Later than 1960 are accepted only if they are designated a mile stone car or are part of a collection. Vehicles of 1966 and newer are never accepted. Anyone interested can call Ray Tetzlaff, 466-3446 for an application form. This is not a business proposition for the Editor, he is only making the forms available for interested parties.

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For those who are interested here are the Jaguar Dealer's addresses, the order is as it happened:

Kearney Mesa British Imports  
7993 Balboa Ave, SD 277-4371

Sports Car Center  
851 West Mission Ave, Escondido 743-6601

British Imported Cars, Inc.  
1520 S. Hill, Oceanside 722-1893

British Imports of El Cajon  
919 El Cajon Blvd., El Cajon 442-0381

British Motor Sales  
3710 Midway Drive, SD 224-2851

Westcott British Cars  
1112 National Ave, National City 474-6745

Conway British Motors  
3330 El Cajon Blvd., San Diego 280-1770  
This listing covers San Diego and the surrounding area.

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For the hard to find parts, usually not available at the dealer try; IMPARTS, 2535 S. Brentwood Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63144, phones (314) 962-0810 and Toll Free (800) 325-9043. I have ordered parts from here successfully. They are from the regular English suppliers and have always arrived in good condition.

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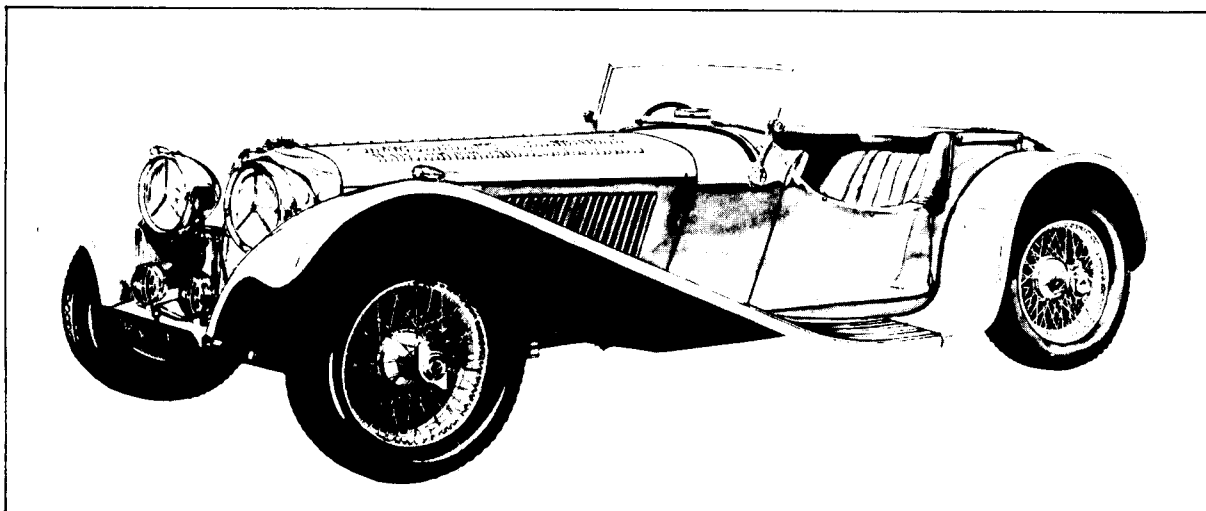
For repairs on your Jaguar many members have used Batten's British Car Service, 1158 N. 2nd St., El Cajon, phone 442-7713.

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Let's all keep the Jaguars running well, clean and polished. Cherish them.

ADD TO MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Bob Atkins (Nancy)  
4271 Camino Paz 466-1464  
La Mesa 92041 XJ-6 and XK120 Drop Head



The 1937 S.S. 100 open two-seater.