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JAGUAR TRACKS

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JAGUAR AUTOMOBILE CLUB, INC. OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DINNER AT WILLY'S-How pleasant it is to discover that while our Jaguars have drawn us together as a club, as individuals we have so many other areas of mutual interest. That fact certainly makes for diverse table conversation at our meetings and promotes sincere friendships. Our February dinner meeting at Willy's Bistro was one such occasion. The slow-paced (but tasty) meal probably gave more time for conversation than we might have chosen, but we made the best of it.

Thanks once more to Marge Denny for providing the Valentine's touch of brightly wrapped favors at each place setting, her thoughtful efforts certainly made a difference.

OUTING AT DEER PARK -The February 23rd outing to Deer Park was blessed by the wonderful weather associated with the first day of a Santa Anawarm spell. A small congenial group rendezvoused for an enjoyable drive through the back country of Valley Center, with a bonus stop at Bate's NutFarm, then on to Deer Park. I had "been there, done that" before, but this time the air seemed clearer, the grass greener and everything more relaxing. The Deer Park collection of 50's thru 70's convertibles spells nostalgia and appeal for a very broad age group. Each of us had stories to tell about almost every car; NatWard had the most. Thanks to Dorothy and Granville Jackson for setting things up and inviting folks to stop by their home afterwards. Thanks, too, to Jo

and Jerry Gindelsperger for their help with arrangements and their persistence in the face of their cat's indigestion.

RESTORATION AT STANDSTILL- I'm approaching the final phases of restoring a 1953XK-120 FixedHead Coupe. Of course I've been approaching the final phases for a long time now. Several months ago I told myself, and others, that I was at the 85% point; upon closer inspection, I fell to 75% and have been struggling to stay there. Forever envious of friends who have "restoration facilities", my "facility" is really one-quarter of a two car garage. The remaining three-quarters is occupied by: another car; a laundry with an unsympathetic laundress; doghair/dog bed with its source/owner; 35 years of household excess, and 35 years of indispensable auto-related valuables. - It just doesn't seem fair that when I finally get to show my car, it will have to compete with cars that never had Christmas tree stands fall on them or whose bonnets were never used as sorting platforms for "which Price Club things go in the freezer..", and I'll bet that some of those "restoration facilities" don't even allow dogs. Faced with this handicap, I've considered proposing a change to the JCNA Judging Form that would give extra credit for cars which underwent "hardship restorations", were "restored under duress" or more specifically "RTCG/D/L/S" (Restored in Two-Car Garage with)Dog, Laundry, Storage, etc.).... Stay tuned.

AGM AT CLEVELAND- Marylin and Randy Prine and myself are traveling to Cleveland, Ohio to attend JCNA's Annual General Meeting, March 6-8. I'm sure there will be a lot of discussion regarding the future viability of JCNA now that it has lost the financial support of Jaguar Cars Inc. This will be my first experience at an AGM and I look forward to representing our fine club. See you at the next event.

Dick Cavicke

Outgoing President's Message

Hello from somewhere in the Pacific. I am on my way to the Persian Gulf on a WESTPAC deployment. I wanted to get a letter off to the Editor prior to leaving but just never made it. I hope this one will make it in time for the next newsletter.

I want to thank each and every member of the club for their outstanding support while I served as the club president last year. It was a fantastic adventure for me and I could never have made it without your help. All of you helped me in some way and I want to thank you for your support. I think we have a very lively and vibrant club and I know that with Dick Cavicke at the helm 1992 will be a really super year for the San Diego Jaguar Club. I just wish I could be there to share all the exciting outings and events with you.

Castle

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or

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Princess Salad served with either entree

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February Raffles

We are very fortunate that members often contribute gifts for our dinner meeting raffles; often the value of the prizes far exceeds the monies taken for the tickets. February was no exception due to the generous Valentine gift basket donated by Marge Denny.

The basket was first won by new members Chris and Mary Knoerdel, who having already won prizes of a SDJC car badge and a container of "decorator pencils", graciously allowed the basket to be re-raffled. It was won next (and finally) by Oma Wegeforth.

Cathy Wynne won a SDJC jacket/blazer patch; Bob Fitzgerald had the lucky number for the large Valentine's box of candy and Ginny Cavicke held the ticket for a lovely heart-shaped crystal bowl.

We have already received generous prize contributions for our March dinner from Helen Steven and Steve Coakley. Thank you for your support, see you then...Dorothy & Granville

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The first race of the 1992 IMSA racing season was the Rolex 24 hours at Daytona on the 2nd of February. A Nissan finally won this race, but Jaguar won all the points by placing 2nd. This was because the Nissan was a Japanese entry and was configured for LeMans - hence not eligible for gaining IMSA championship points for cars and drivers. Actually, Jaguar could have won this race despite the fact that its 12-cylinder car was no match for the NISMO Nissan's top speed. But the combination of a crash, a gearbox problem and a brake caliper failure cost too much time in the pits, even though Davy Jones, Scott Pruett, David Brabham, and Scott Goodyear did excellent work behind the wheel. The Bud Light XJR-12 finished 9 laps behind the winning Nissan of Masashiro Hasemi, Kazuyoshi Hoshino, and Toshio Suzuki, but 4 laps ahead of the Porsche 962 driven by Vern Schuppan, Hurley Haywood, Eje Elgh, Roland Ratzenberger, and Scott Brayton. Jaguar had entered 2 XJR-12D's but crashed the No. 3 car in practice. Geoff Brabham and Chip Robinson garnered no points in the championship standings as their Nissans (American) were in the pits before midnight. The two Toyotas finished 4th and 5th. The next race is Miami on the 22nd of February - will report next month

●●●FLASHBACKS Cars 44 and 04 were entered in the Le Mans France 24-hour endurance race in June 1984. Jaguars have won 5 times at Le Mans. What Year did Jaguar first enter the Le Mans competition? Ans. The year was 1950 when the works (factory) Jaguar XK120 (near standard) started at Le Mans with Leslie Johnson driving. The car was running in third place, with many outright racing cars trailing, when failing brakes led to an overstrained clutch and eventual retirement.

●●●FLASHBACKS Jaguar won at Le Mans in 1951. What was the next year the cats were entered at Le Mans and what year did Jaguar win? What was the car type designation? Ans. In 1952 Jaguar entered Le Mans with the C-Type's bodywork modified with a long drooping nose for better air penetration and top speed. Also the cars had disc brakes to overcome the heating problem encountered with the drum style brakes. Alas the new noses caused the engines to overheat and all three cars had to retire. In 1953 the cats were back to the original C-Type bodywork and with the teething problems in the disc brakes sorted out. Moss, while dueling with Villoresi in a massive 4.5 liter Ferrari, came in with fuel problems. However, Rolt and Hamilton went on to win for Jaguar with Moss and Walker in second place after the fuel line problem had been cleared. Howzat!

Bob Fitzgerald

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SAN DIEGO HISTORIC GRAND PRIX

The SD Stadium vintage race is back on. An independent group of racing enthusiasts has formed a non-profit corporation to manage and partially fund this event. BMW has now agreed to lend both their name and generous financial support this year and possibly in future years. All proceeds, in excess of operating expenses, will be given to the SD Auto Museum. The races are scheduled for March 21 and 22; there will be numerous vendors, car club displays and a Concours d'Elegance on Sunday.

The Auto Museum Car Club Council, to which SDJC belongs, has asked the clubs for volunteer helpers and display cars on both days of the races. Car clubs will be assigned individual areas in which to display cars, offer membership information, and add to the general color and support of the event. SDJC will have a display and we have volunteered to assist setting up and monitoring other car club display areas.

Race practice starts each day at 9:00 AM. Seven class race events start each day at 1:00 PM.

cars need not be "show" cars, "drivers" are perfectly acceptable. Please call me or sign up at either the March Dinner or Business meeting.

Dick Cavicke 456-0849

SDJC Events "Grid"

by Steve Coakley

The SDJC events lined up for March, April and May look terrific. Make plans now to get your family, your Jaguar and yourself out and into these good-time SDJC activities. Any questions on any of these, please call me - 479-8201

MARCH

- 13 Dinner Meeting - Seven Seas (Guest Speaker on Income Tax)
- 15 3rd Annual Temecular Spring Wine Tour (see insert)
- 18 Business Meeting - 6:30 S. D. Auto Museum
- 21/22 SD Historic Grand Prix - Jack Murphy Stadium- Curtis Parker 277-8717

APRIL

- 10 Dinner Meeting TBD
- 15 Business Meeting - 6:30 PM SD Auto Museum
- 25 JOCLA Fun Rally-Tour (see info this newsletter)
- 26 Borrego Springs Brunch (needs diplomatic sponsor)

MAY

- 8 Dinner Meeting TBD
- 13 Business Meeting TBD
- 17 Ride the Rails and Picnic at Campo Railroad Museum - Steve Coakley 479-8201

CASTLE SENDS LONG DISTANCE THANKS

I would like to thank the many people who helped me in the development of the XK-150 Vintage racer.

First, to Tracy Hazelton - A wizard at bending brake lines and installation. Tracy stopped by on his way home from work, often times after dark, and worked sorting out the problems with the braking systems and engine installation (custom mounting brackets and the like). Thanks Tracy.

Steve Coakley - Steve was a very important factor in the completion of the car. Steve prompted me to make a list of the items I wanted to accomplish on the car. The list was staggering but we made it through, all the way. Steve was always there when I needed a hand with anything. Thank you Steve, I couldn't have made it without you.

Denny Crooks - Thanks for the super technical support and the wire wheels. I have really appreciated the in-depth assistance in solving some technical problems. Specifically the front and rear hub assemblies.

Steve Pinson and Performance Jaguar - Thanks for the paint job. The car looks fantastic and all because of your support. Somehow we never got together to show the car with the Performance Jaguar logo on the side. Thanks to all of

you at the dealership for supporting my adventure.

Steve Middendorf - Steve got me into racing. It was something I always wanted to do and never figured out how to get into it. Steve provided the support and the race car for me to get my SCCA Regional Competition Racing License. We travelled as far as Colorado to get me into the schools necessary to race. I could not have made the break to racing without him. Thanks. Sorry I bent your car when I hit the wall in Portland but I will help you tube frame the front end when I get back.

Kent Stenberg - I have relied on Kent over the last many years. He is my number one source of technical racing advice and suggestions. Most specifically in assisting in the alignment of the suspension. We still don't have it exact but we're closing in on it. There is certainly more to all of that than I would have expected. Thank you for all your wonderful ideas!

Bob Engh - To my best friend Bob. Thanks for the long distance telephone support and the several days we had together in the design of the roll bar assembly.

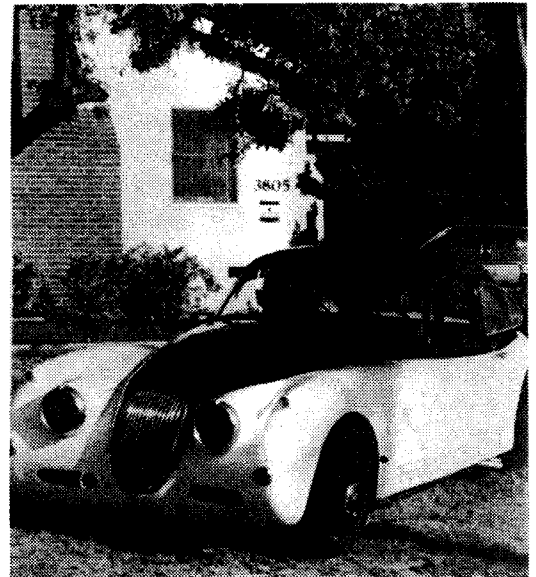
Chet Mannock - How do you thank a guy who lives close and has a fantastic supply of old Jaguar parts. I certainly appreciate all your support Chet. I hope we get to race against each other soon.

Robyn - Thanks for supporting me in everything

and for being especially tolerant of the hundreds of hours I spent in the garage building this car. You knew, from your past racing experiences, that this would be a long process but you never discouraged me but helped channel my energies in directions that made the whole project work. How do you do it? Juggling a career, a household, three boys and a crazy husband. Thanks just doesn't say enough but....Thanks.

I know that there a many other people who have helped with this project and I thank you all. Each little piece makes a big difference when screaming down the straightaway toward Turn 1. Thanks again

Castle Phelps



**Jaguar Automobile Club of San Diego
MINUTES
February 19, 1992**

CALL TO ORDER: By President Dick Cavicke at 6:55 P.M. at the home of Joan and Steve Coakley, 3140 Bonita Woods Drive, Bonita, CA. Present were: Dick Cavicke, Tom and Marge Denny, Dennis Crooks, Granville Jackson, Mary Lou Owen, Kathy Howard, Joan and Steve Coakley, Jane and Bob Fitzgerald.

MINUTES: Approved as submitted.

TREASURER: Joan Coakley read the Treasurer's Report as given her by Diane Ward. Balance \$1,287.51. A number of membership dues remain unpaid.

DOOR PRIZES: Granville Jackson stated ticket sales were down about \$5.00 at Friday's dinner meeting.

HOSPITALITY: Kathy Howard plans to determine table seatings by use of a drawing of colored paper.

DINNERS: Marge Denny: March 13 Dinner Meeting will be held at Seven Seas Lodge, Hotel Circle South. Details in Newsletter. April dinner is scheduled for the Waterfront Cafe, Spinnaker Room, Travelodge Hotel, Harbor Island. An IRS representative is scheduled to speak at the March 13 meeting.

CONCOURS: Mary Lou Owen: Discussion concerning location at Marina Village. Possibility of placing the cars at the south end of the Village, closer to Hospitality Point. Discussion re serving hors d'oeuvres as we did last year. Steve Coakley indicated a number of people had signed up to assist Mary Lou with the Concours. Dick Cavicke stated he had not received JCNA data on the Concours to date.

EVENTS: Steve Coakley: Each Newsletter will contain a 3-month schedule or "rolling" list of events. Scheduled for March are: Dinner Meeting with IRS Speaker, 3-13; Vintage Car Races, Stadium, 3-21, 22. President designated Curtis Parker as the contact person for Vintage Car Races. Persons willing to assist should contact Curtis.

President announced our club will be in charge of car club display and set-up both Saturday and Sunday mornings. Additionally, there may be other kinds of car clubs involved and Jaguar will support these clubs. It may be necessary to have a second person representing them; i.e., two chairpeople. April events: 4-10, Dinner Meeting; Coronado Flower and Car Show, 4-12. There will be a no-host car display. Borrego Springs Run, 4-26, brunch location to be determined. May events: 5-8, Dinner Meeting; Campo RR Museum 5-17, Steve Coakley in charge. June Events: Palomar Observatory (private tour limited to 30 people).

AUTO MUSEUM: Dick Cavicke requested our next two business meetings be held at the Auto Museum in Balboa Park.

NEWSLETTER: Dick Cavicke has typed data on a disc for Marian Butler and she will have someone transfer data from IBM to Macintosh. Dick advised that a new member, Mary Hansen Knoerdel, is interested in working on the Newsletter. Discussion held concerning mailing Newsletter to other Jaguar clubs due to high postage rates. Those in attendance agreed to continue the mailings.

OLD BUSINESS: President requested the club suspend membership application fees for a period of one year. This was agreed to by those in attendance.

Wine Tour: Sweatshirts for the tour are on sale for \$18. Contact Dick Miller.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:50 P.M. March meeting at the San Diego Automotive Museum, Balboa Park.

Respectfully submitted,
Marge Denny, Acting Secretary

**DUES ARE DUE !
DELIQUENT AFTER
MARCH 1.**

CONCOUR CALENDAR	
July 20-24	Western States Meet/Caf - Neva Lodge, Crystal Bay NV - Bill Price - 408- 354-2410
August 2	SDJC - Marina Village - Mary Lou Owen 487- 7698C
August 9	JOCCLA Dana Point Dave Iwerks 818-766- 2673-
Aug 20-22	Laguna Seca - Featured Marks - JAGUA(not judged) - (JOCCLA looking for cars to caravan to Monterey)
November 7	Jag Club S. Arizona (Tucson) - Ron Bernstein (602) 622-2882

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The Los Angeles Jaguar Club is planning a fun-filled Observation Rally-Tour-Drive in late April. Participants will be given locations to go to and questions to answer about each location. All cars will leave together, go to the same locations and answer the same questions. There will be time for picture taking and souvenir shopping. You will go places, do and see things that even the oldest Orange county resident hasn't been to, done or seen. No stopwatches, clipboards, maps, compasses or navigators required! Plan on coming and enjoying the sights. More info next month.

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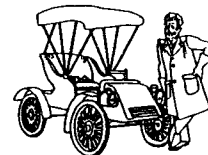
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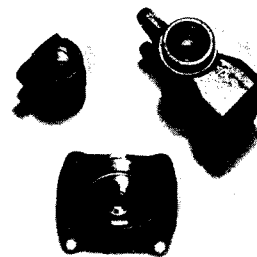


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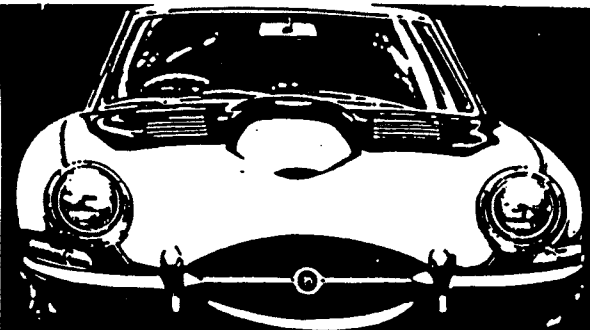


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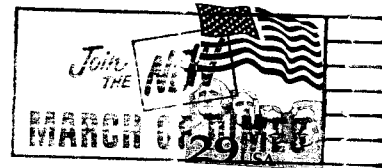


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