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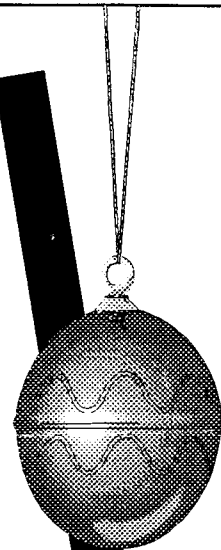
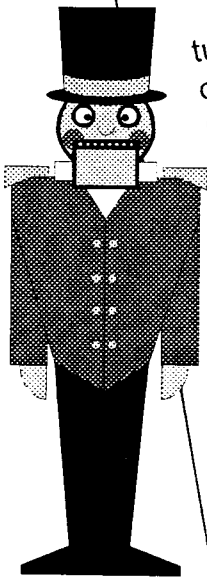
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## JAGUAR LIMITS UNOBTAINIUM IN ENGINES PRICE DECREASE UNLIKELY

Coventry: Today Jaguar announced that they were cutting back on the use of unobtainium in all engines. The use of this element significantly changes the use of oil in Jaguar engines. In the early 1940's Sir William Lyons specified that Jaguar should use a special alloy called unobtainium in engine designs. This unique alloy actually attracts oil like a magnet. This phenomenon can be observed by closely examining the ground directly beneath the engine of any pre 1995 Jaguar. It will be noticed that whenever a Jaguar engine is placed in stationary position after a short period of time a small patch of oil can be observed being drawn from the earth toward the engine. The can be observed on both dirt roads and even has the strength to draw oil through the solid concrete of a shop floor.

Once the oil patch appears under a Jaguar engine, it takes a quantum leap. It jumps from the garage floor up to the engine oil pan, it spreads outwards and upwards on the block, looking for a way to get inside. It is reported that some oils work better than others. Apparently the Oiline brothers, Hav and Havnot, are more easily attracted than others but none of the oils yet discovered have been able to penetrate the gasketing in Jaguar engines as one must continually check and add oil as necessary. It is rumoured that if the pan and valve cover gaskets were of lesser quality then perhaps the topping up of crankcase oil would be unnecessary. Recently, Ford is rumoured to be instructing Jaguar management to decrease the use of unobtainium at Coventry; probably for economic reasons. As a result, you may notice that 1995 and newer Jaguars do not seem to be drawing oil from below the ground in the quantities observed on earlier cars.



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San Antonio Jaguar Club  
Concours D'Elegance  
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Marilyn and I traveled 1900 miles round trip from San Diego to San Antonio to attend the JCNA Business Meeting and the San Antonio Jaguar Club Concours. We allowed ourselves two and a half days each way with a stop in Fredricksburg to visit the Nimitz Museum.

On Friday, our first night in San Antonio, Dee Howard opened his 'playhouse' which contains 14 Classic American automobiles on the first floor and a collection of oil paintings depicting the history of aviation from early 'scarf and goggle days' through the present, on the second floor. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks were served among the cars on a lift positioned at just the right level to turn it into a banquet table! Afterwards, we were all transported via Jaguars to Ray Ellison's condo on the San Antonio River where a fresh supply of goodies awaited us.

Saturday after the JCNA business meeting, dinner was served cruising the San Antonio River through the city on five barges which held twenty people each. Back to the condo for dessert and 'nightcaps'.

Sunday the concours was held on the grounds of a private club. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages were served by tuxedoed waiters to the concours participants, the theme being "How to Clean Your Wire Wheels with a Smile!" It was truly an international event with a group from the Mexico City Jaguar Club attending, a delegate, Jerry Parkhill, all the way from Canada, and Jaguar Cars President Mike Dale, a transplanted Englishman.

The XJS ran great, a comfortable way to go. We had a wonderful time, and the San Antonio Club has redefined the work "hospitality". You owe it to yourself to make one of their events, it's an experience you won't soon forget.

Randy Prine, JCNA SW Representative

**NEWS-LETTER DEADLINE  
IS THE 20TH  
OF THE MONTH**

**Thanks and a tip of the hat to the  
JAGAZETTE for the information  
necessary to create the news story  
on the front page.**

**I hope you enjoyed the article!**

**Ed.**

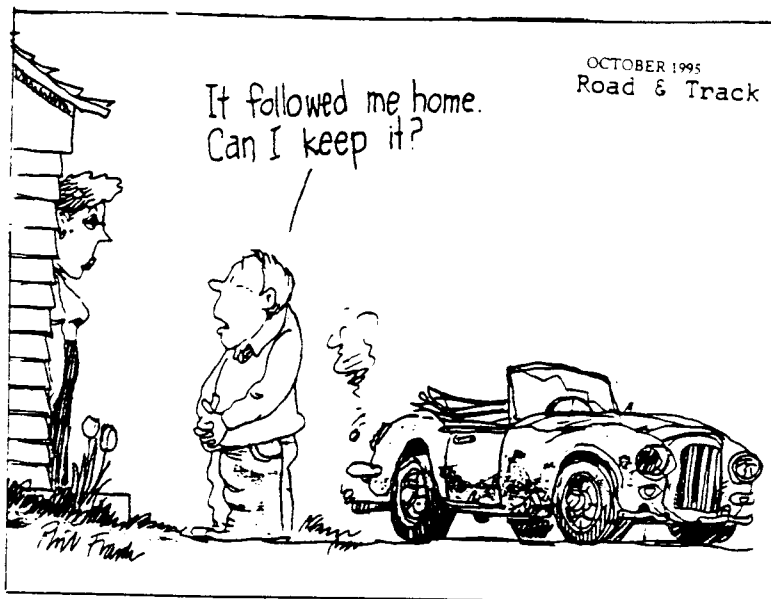
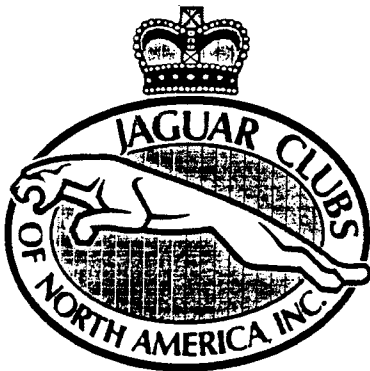
# IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR

by Bob Fitzgerald



- More on the SDJC people and events of 1980.
- There were 13 SDJC members at the Cal Clubs Concours held at Kingsburg CA in October (Frank Owen was the chairperson). All members were put to work judging and tallying the meet. Frank Owen, Randy Prine, and Jack Butler received 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards in their classes. The awards were presented at the banquet on Saturday evening by Norma and Jim Shiner.
- The 1981 elected club officers were installed at the December dinner meeting at the North Island Officers Club. The Most Valued Member Trophy was presented to Bob Lakin by Bev Holle. The Tuchscher Member Trophy was presented to Frank Owen by Dick Fulle. Frank Woen complied the following in answer to some discussion about SDJC driving events, etc.
- In 14 months, his car logged over 2,000 miles in club related events. Consider this, in the various events attended by the SDJC, add up to over 11,000 miles put on club members cars. In addition to this were the judgin clinics, beach parties, sefveral back country scenic runs, monthly dinner meetings, business meetings and other events. These all add up to a very busy schedule. Well said, Frank.
- Jane and I wish all members a very happy holiday season - take care.

Howzat!



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**Jaguar Club of San Diego**  
**MINUTES**  
**November 15, 1995**

**Call to Order by President Tracy Hazelton** at 7:05 pm in the home of Marilyn and Randy Prine. Present: Mary Lou Owen, Dick Cavicke, Jim Gerrard, Roger Townsend, Diane Ward, Chett and Pamela (Hodge) Chew, Marilyn and Randy Prine. Also present prospective member Bill Kellner.

**Minutes:** Approved as submitted.

**Treasurer Diane Ward:** Balance on hand \$2,995.91 of which \$2,053 is 1996 Dues. All bills paid. Diane reported a member made a reservation for dinner but didn't show up. The club was not charged for the dinner. Should the member be billed for the dinner? Member should receive a letter stating there will be no charge in this instance, but if the club is charged, then the member must reimburse the club.

**Chief Judge Dick Cavicke:** Discussion re revision of JCNA Judging Manual. This will be presented at the '96 AGM.

**Officers Diane Ward:** Request Phone Committee call members re Christmas party. Dinner is pre-paid. Marge Denny to make table centerpieces for \$25 per table. These will be raffled off with each person receiving one ticket. Bring a new, untrapped toy, suitable for ages 3 to 14, to be collected by Bob Harding for the UCMC "Toys for Tots" Christmas program. Need new Dinner Meeting Coordinator for 1996.

**Events: Randy and Mary Lou** reported on Gas and Steam Engine Museum on Oct. 29. An interesting and fun event which should be added to 1996 Calendar. The Halloween Party at the Auto Museum Oct. 28 was most enjoyable thanks to Dick Cavicke for coordinating with the Museum and Martha and Jay Eggers who arranged for the food and Halloween display.

**Door Prizes:** Jim Gerrard: Made \$90 at the November dinner meeting. Granville has new license plate holders.

**Membership Randy Prine:** Seven new members, William Kellner ('48 3.5 L. Saloon, '58 XK-150 DHC), Anthony and Elizabeth Duchi ('60 MK IX Saloon), Bruce and Sandra Butler ('83 XJ6), Donna Schieber and husband Dell Pound ('87 XJ6) were unanimously approved. Chett and Pamela (Hodge) Chew were reinstated. Pamela originally joined in December, '79. Welcome Home Pam! We have received dues for 32 '96 memberships to date.

**Newsletter:** Marilyn Prine will check with Castle on Club's computer. Roger Townsend will coordinate ads.

**Telephone Tree: Robyn Phelps** will continue to coordinate.

**Old Business:** Randy Prine reported on the San Antonio Concours and JCNA Business Meeting October 20 - 22.

**New Slate of Officers for 1996:**


President: Harvey Ruben  
First VP: Jim Gerrard  
Second VP: Roger Townsend  
Treasurer: Diane Ward  
Secretary: Mary Lou Owen

**Board Members:**

Tracy Hazelton (Term expires 1/97)  
Gail Hoffman (Term expires 1/98)  
Josephine Badolato (Term expires 1/98)  
Pamela Chew (Term expires 1/97)

**Adjournment:** 9:15 pm. An Executive Board Meeting only will be held on Dec. 20, at Harvey Ruben's office.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marilyn Prine, Secretary

# President's Message

Merry Christmas to All! Sorry folks, but it is that time of year again. I hope you all get an early start on your Christmas shopping and that Santa Claus brings you all the goodies you asked for!

Our November Dinner Meeting at "Tuscany Restorante" in La Costa was a Great Success. The food was wonderful and the social hour was even better. We saw quite a few new faces this time, and I hope we will see them at future club events.

Tolly Williamson was the prime mover for November's Dinner and she "Done Good". On behalf of the club membership, a well deserved "Thanks, Tolly".

November is the time of year when the club elects the officers of the club. I won't detail the results here, other than to say there area number of new names and faces that appear on the inside front page of the newsletter. (They will also be available for viewing at future club events.)

I'm sorry I was unable to attend the two club events in October. The Halloween party at the San Diego Automobile Museum was, by all reports, a very fun evening. Great cars mixed with good food and camaraderie is a combination hard to beat. Marta and Jay Eggers did a wonderful job. Thank you both for all your time and effort. An outing to the Gas Engine and Tractor Association meet in Vista had been organized by Harvey Ruben for the next day. Very few of us attended apparently, but all who did raved about what a good time they had! Sounds like something we should do again!

Well, this is also the time of year to renew our membership in the San Diego Jaguar Club. I hope you have all sent in your renewal form?

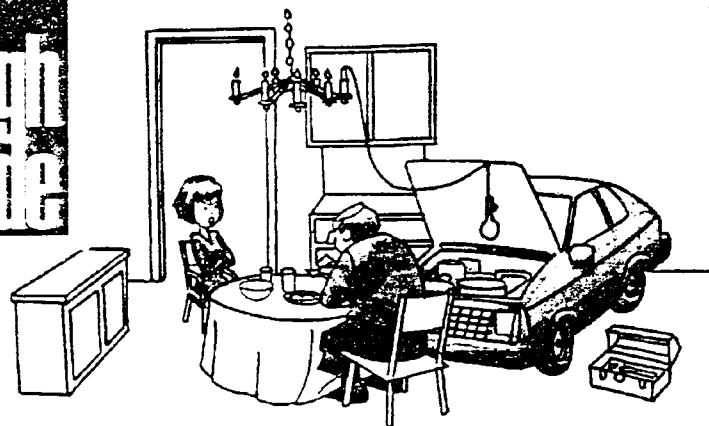
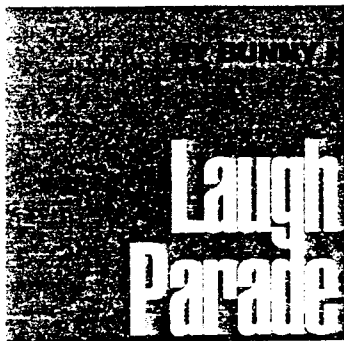
This is the last of a long (too long) line of missives from this president. We have a new president, Harvey Ruben, who will be responsible for filling space. An awful lot of you have been so very helpful, that this has been a fairly easy position to hold in the club. I don't mind telling you though, that it will be a relief to have someone else "in command" so to speak. I have a great respect for all who have held this post before me, and if I have done half as well as they, I'll feel OK.

The installation of all the new officers of the club will take place at the Christmas party. So be sure to reserve your place, so you can meet them all. Speaking of the Christmas party, this one should be fun. Norma Shiner has found a three piece live combo for entertainment and dancing. After a hiatus, Marge Denny is doing the table decorations again. Bob Harding is coordinating our charity drive this year, which is the USMC "Toys for Tots". Marlys Lakin is, again, coordinating the event itself. Thank you, one and all, for your efforts on our behalf.

By the way, please note that the Christmas dinner is a "pre-paid" event and the deadline is December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Looking forward to seeing you all there,

Tracy



"I wish you wouldn't bring your work home with you."

## ??? WHO'S WHO AND WHO'S NEWS ???

At the November business meeting, seven new members were received into the club. Donna Schieber and Dell Pound live in Encinitas and have a 1987 XJ6. Elizabeth and Tony Duchi are from Fallbrook and own a 1960 MK IX Saloon. Sandra and Bruce Butler, from Solana Beach, have a 1983 XJ6.

William Kellner, a retired teacher of science (geology, paleontology and chemistry) and modern European history, has been an antique and classic car enthusiast since 1950. In 1960 he saw an ad in the Paterson, NJ newspaper for a 1948 MK IV Saloon. It had been traded in for a new Volkswagen! The price tag was \$875, totally original and untouched, even the tires were the original Dunlop's. It had only 27,000 miles and came with every factory option, including fitted luggage and all original factory papers, charts and pamphlets. He did a complete mechanical restoration. His magnificent possession is presently undergoing restoration to Imperial Palace Show standards. In addition, Bill has a 1958 XK-150 DHC which is also being restored. Bill currently resides in Escondido and when he is not busy working on his cars, he collects antique maps, goes ocean fishing (non-keep), gardens, enjoys 15 to 19th Century music and is an animal rights activist.

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JAGUAR CLUBS OF NORTH AMERICA SAN FRANCISCO - MARCH 7 - 10, 1996

With the end of 1995 fast approaching, it's time to give serious consideration of our club's representation at the AGM in San Francisco. Each club is entitled to appoint two voting delegates to the AGM. There is no limitation as to the number of club members attending the AGM and all the events. The Jaguar Associate Group is the host club. Headquarters will be at the Parc Fifty Five Hotel, located in the heart of San Francisco. The room rate for JCNA members is \$110 per room, plus tax. An early reservation is recommended. The number is 1-800-650-7272. A brief outline of events follows:

**Thursday, March 7:** A 3-1/2 hour lesson in high speed driving at the Jim Russell Racing School at Laguna Seca, followed by a 20 minute solo drive in a Formula Ford race car. The cost of the lesson is \$299, and it is on a first-come basis!

**Friday, March 8:** Special tour through some of the interesting boutiques and shops in San Francisco, guided by JAG member Barbara Waxman. Or, a 49-mile tour of San Francisco, and seminars: "Preparing and Painting Jaguars to Concours Standards", "Wire Wheels", and "Concours Judging". Later, dinner on a small cruise ship.

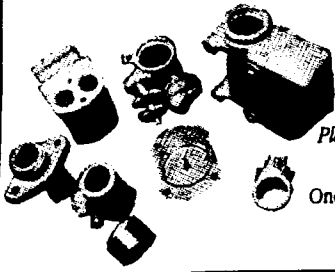
**Saturday, March 9:** Business meeting at 8:30 a.m. In the afternoon, two short seminars. Dinner that evening with awards and a memorial to Fred Horner.

**Sunday, March 10:** Tentative plans for a tour to the Behring Auto Museum in Danville.

Plan ahead to March, 1996, and include the AGM in your schedule. Marilyn and I have thoroughly enjoyed these events over the years. The Jaguar Associate Group has planned an exciting and interesting variety of activities. Mark you calendar and plan a Spring vacation in the City by the Bay. Call Pat Shasby (408) 867-1265 or me for information.

Randy Prine, JCNA SW Representative

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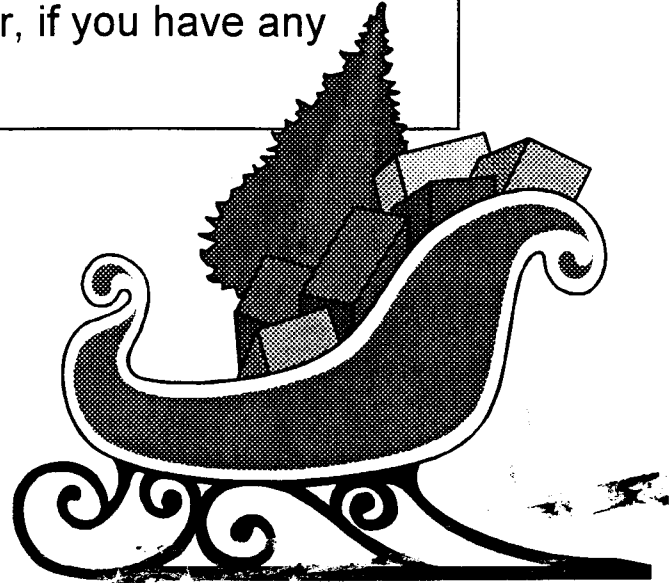
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