

Jag Wyre



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2008 CALENDAR

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- February:** -Port and Chocolate Tasting at the Old Sugar Mill, Clarksburg, Feb.9 &10. Olson's to supply more information- see February Club meeting 2/21/08 Event, page 4
- March:** -Pot Luck, March 15. Banta's will organize. Club meeting 3/20/08 President Richard suggested Towe Auto Museum as a possible place. -AGM meeting in Pittsburg March 28- 29 Expenses to attend are out of pocket. The President suggested the Board consider some kind of reimbursement to the delegate.
- April:** -Ride to Ryde OR to Grand Island Mansion. The suggested date was April 20. Pennie Yeransian volunteered to organize. Club meeting 4/17/08 -Euro 500 Rally 4/26-27.
- May:** -Dixon British Car Show, May 17. Richard Starch to organize. Club meeting 5/15/08 -Shiners Car Show Fundraiser, May 18 to benefit the hospital. For more information contact the Banta's -Wine Country Classic at Infineon Raceway, May 30-31, - Hillsborough Concours May 4, Maxwell Car show TBD . - Mille Migalia in Italy 5/17 for those who might be there
- June:** -Day on the Village Green, Reno. TBD. Club meeting 6/19/08 -Ron Lingren to do Mille Magalia presentation
- August:** -Pebble Beach Concours, August 16, 17 Club meeting 8/21/08 -Possible Club meeting at home of Ron Lingren and Mokelumne Hill with wine tasting. - Marsha and Dennis Bentley to host overnight event with Ironstone Concours and local area tour
- September:** -Car Rally to be organized. Date undetermined. The Banta's Club meeting 9/18/08 volunteered to organize.



Ryde Hotel

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WE HAD A GREAT TURN OUT FOR OUR FIRST CLUB MEETING OF 2008.

Thanks to all who attended and many thanks to those who participated and volunteered to sponsor an event. If this meeting and involvement is an indication of the things to come, 2008 should prove to be an active and fun year for club members. Many ideas hit the table and refinement will be done throughout the year as events, scheduling and commitments are solidified. I look forward to a fun filled year and a variety of club activities and events.

Several ideas were discussed, including a great presentation on a 2009 club calendar. Jim Collipriest presented several versions of a club calendar and will further refine his efforts and present his ideas at future meetings. Andy Banta has been designated the club Historian, as he has several boxes of past club newsletters and photos. Special thanks to Andy

and Linda for responding to the club history request

Kevin Kaser has taken on the responsibility of making the arrangements for the monthly club meetings. He will find meeting locations, arrange for guest speakers and handouts. He is open to suggestions from members as to new meeting locations, so contact Kevin with your ideas.

The membership chair, Bob Olsen, continues to prospect for new members. Please contact him for "Tag a Jag" cards to leave on a jag you find lost in a parking lot. Bob will also be working on welcome kit for new members, as well as strengthening relations with our Jaguar dealership and repair facilities. Member suggestions or ideas for the welcoming kit can be submitted to Bob.

If you haven't visited the Sacramento Jaguar club website, don't miss the great work that Kristina has done to improve the look and update the con-

tent. Check out the new background images on the website. Kristina suggested we register for the webpage forum and participate by posting a question or concern or adding to an existing comment. She also would like some articles and pictures to post to this sight, so don't be shy. Please send Kristina your articles, pictures or an interesting story from a recent Jaguar event.

The members are on a roll. Keep up the great work sponsoring club events or activities. Feel free to contact me as well with suggestions or ideas to present to the club. It is through member involvement and commitment that the club continues to grow. Thanks again to all members who participated in last month's meeting.

LOTS TO DO, LET'S GET STARTED!

Richard Starch
President, Sacramento Jaguar Club

2008 CALENDAR - CONTINUED

October: Open
Club meeting
10/16/08

November: Ron Lingren to host Napa event wine tour
Club meeting
11/20/08

December: -Holiday Party, Doubletree Hotel, Sacramento.
Dec. 7 or 14 (to be decided later). Kristina Creel and Vivian Collipriest volunteered to do the event

Other Ideas: Dan Kelly shop tour and dinner.
Founders Day Dinner with JCNA guest speaker-Frank Weikel
British Car meet, Chico, April 27
Overnight at Garlick's B & B, Sutter Creek
Magic Circle Theater or Garbeau's Dinner Theater



2007 Holiday Party

JANUARY 17TH MINUTES

Twenty one members were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by President Richard Starch. The minutes from the November and December meetings were approved.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported a positive balance as of January 17, 2008. Club members can obtain actual values by contacting the Treasurer in person or at
Linda Banta lbanta@ix.netcom.com.

Membership Report: Current membership renewals total 21 as of 1/18/08 with reminder notices being mailed next week. A reminder notice for renewal was submitted to the JagWyre to appear in the next issue.

JagWyre Report: Andy Banta reported that the JagWyre was scheduled to be sent electronically to the members each month. Richard congratulated him on the excellent format and content.

Events Report: President Richard Starch passed out calendars with scheduled Jaguar events noted. He asked for suggestions from the members for events for 2008 (see pages 1 and 2 for details)

Old Business: Jim Collipriest reported on the Membership List and requested new member information from Bob Olson to include in his next issue. He also requested pictures of our cars to include in the Membership List and well as the next year calendars.

It was noted that the Vice President, Kevin Kaser, has the responsibility to select a restaurant meeting place for the club beginning in March. February meeting will be held at the Paradise Grill, Roseville.

Also discussed was the gathering of historical information about the club. The Banta's said they had a box of old records.

New Business: It was suggested that a New Member kit be assembled to give to new incoming members, to include a welcome letter, membership card, club calendar, schedule of monthly meetings and events, member roster and contact information, etc.

Natalie Olson volunteered to collect cost information about embroidery of club logo on shirts, hats, etc.

Jim Collipriest is working on club calendar and requests additional photos
Andy Banta expressed the need for more advertising in order to produce the JagWyre.

Fundraisers for the club were discussed. As a non-profit organization there was a question as to whether we could do that without penalty.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Natalie Olson, Secretary

FEBRUARY MEETING

The next meeting will be at 6:30 PM on February 21st at the Paradise Grill, 1410 East Roseville Parkway (North Sunrise Avenue and East Roseville Parkway) Roseville.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Jaguar Club of North America the local clubs are preparing brief histories. Our history was submitted a couple weeks ago and is posted with others at www.westernstates2008.com/. Some of the histories are quite interesting and well worth a few minutes of your time. See Samples of our page below; captions are included on the web page.

It seems Tata is busy announcing their \$2500 Nano automobile and can't get around to completing the purchase of Jaguar and Land Rover. However, it appears the \$2 billion deal with Ford is very likely, probably by the end of February. The real question is whether the new owners can find a way to make Jaguar profitable. When it comes to building automobiles, there

are tremendous economies of scale. Many of the overhead costs are the same if you build 100 cars or 1000 cars a day. If the cars don't sell in sufficient quantity the result is financial loss and, in many cases, perpetuation of designs (see next paragraph).

Santa Claus was good to me and, among other things, I received a copy of *Jaguar XK120 In Detail* by Anders Ditlev Clausager. This fine book from the Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust is a very complete history of the XK120 including hundreds of pictures. The chapters on the design of the XK engine (which was built for more than 30 years) and the XK120 chassis are particular interesting. For example, the use of aluminum for the bodies on the original cars was as much a matter of

the lack of availability of steel as a weight saving measure. With the added wood framing in the aluminum bodies, they were only about 120 pounds lighter than the steel bodied cars.

You will note a lack of advertising in this issue. The existing contracts have expired. With the holidays and preparing the 50th anniversary page I haven't been able to work on new advertising but it will return. If you have Jaguar related items you would like to sell, classified advertising is free to any club member.

Andy Banta, Editor
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FEBRUARY EVENT

The Old Sugar Mill in Clarksburg is having a **Port and Chocolate Weekend, February 9 & 10** including live music, gourmet chocolate, desserts and barrel tasting. \$10.00 per person buys you a wine glass and your entry into the event. There are 5 wineries participating, Carvalho, Heringer Estates, Todd Taylor, French Hill Winery, and The Soloman Wine Company. For all interested, we propose to meet at the **Freeport Inn** for brunch or lunch (both will be going on) at **11:30 Sunday Feb. 10th**. Cost for either selection averages \$10 or \$12 per person.

Afterwards, we can **caravan 5 miles** to the Old Sugar Mill. If you are interested, please contact Natalie or Bob Olson at roa2@comcast.net. I have made reservations at the Freeport Inn for 10 people for lunch at 11:30, and I will need a head count by Feb. 5th so I can modify the reservation, if necessary.

From I-5 going South, exit Pocket/Meadowview Road. At the off ramp signal, turn East on Pocket Road. Turn right (South) on Freeport Blvd. The town of Freeport is just ahead, and the Freeport Inn is a short distance on the left.

WESTERN STATES 2008

As you read this, Western States 2008 is only five or six very fast months away. July 28 thru August 2nd are the dates. The web site is up and running, www.westernstates2008.com. You can take a look around the venues, see the schedule of events, reserve your hotel room right away and register. The direct phone number for the Doubletree in Grand Junction is 970-241 8888. Your card will not be charged until you arrive, or so they have told us but ask to be sure.

We will also be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of JCNA. This is where we are encouraging all 65 JCNA clubs to attend Western States 2008 as we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of JCNA in many ways. There will be a publication and each couple will get a copy . There will also be displays of all the club's articles in the Registration Room throughout the week. Speaking of the Registration Room, we will be gathering for many of our events in the Registration Room where our sponsors will have their tables set up. We encourage everyone to visit with our sponsors and support them as without them, this event would not be possible.

Monday is registration day. **Tuesday** is the Coventry West Slalom. For those of you who do not want to run the slalom, we want you to come to Lincoln Park where the slalom is being run because Jaguar Cars has promised they will have a few of the new XF models for test driving. **Wednesday** is the Rallye/Tour sponsored by Classic Showcase out of California. **Wednesday afternoon** is the Gateway Canyons Auto Museum Tour followed by a BBQ dinner at the museum. **Thursday morning** is your time for prepping your Jaguar; there will be adequate facilities for cleaning your pride and joy. Ladies, there will be shuttle rides to downtown Grand Junction. Guys, **Thursday afternoon** is what the Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club calls our Traditional Croquet Tournament. Everyone is invited to dress in proper British white croquet outfits. Men, just white shirts, pants and an optional hat. Ladies wear fun white summer dresses and of course very stylish white hats. There is a very fun prize for the winner. **Thursday evening** we will be hosting a Casino Night. Everyone will have received poker chips as the week goes on. You will use these chips for gambling that evening. **Friday** is the Western States 2008 Concours sponsored by XKs Unlimited. If you are a certified judge, we ask you to please indicate so on your registration form. We are expecting over a hundred Jaguars so we need all the judges we can muster. Standard JCNA classes will apply. **Friday evening** will be the awards banquet.

Saturday there will be an optional second concours sponsored by SNG Barratt. For most JCNA members, there are one to two or more other JCNA clubs within half a day's drive or so. For the Denver Club, the two closest clubs are Kansas City going east and Salt Lake City going west, both a 12 hour day away. So this second concours will give Denver members the opportunity to qualify for regional awards (you must attend two concours) and for others this may give them the opportunity to qualify for national awards (you must attend at least three concours). So we hope everyone will stay the full week for lots of fun.

Steve Kennedy

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DUES NOTICE

Thank you to the almost half of our members who have renewed their memberships for 2008. The Club looks forward to the rest of its members continuing their memberships. In case you did not receive an electronic copy of the Renewal Notice: 2008, please see the one accompanying this newsletter (page 8). If you need a hard copy, please contact Bob Olson at (916) 987-5730 or at roal@comcast.net or joinsjc@comcast.net

RISE OF THE PHOENIX, BY JIM COLLIPRIEST

In the March 2007 issue of Jag Wyre, I reported the resurrection of my 1989 XJ-S that had suffered an engine fire. I've decided it would be appropriate to refer to her as "The Phoenix".

The next obvious task was to restore the AC Freon circuit. While the engine was out, I had installed a new expansion valve since it might have been damaged by the fire and is very difficult to access with the engine in. I had also installed a new dryer/filter as the system had been open for a long time. After researching the pros and cons of freon (R-12 vs R-134a vs the nine other R-12 retrofit refrigerants approved by the EPA) I chose to go with Freeze 12 and POE Ester based synthetic oil. If I had gone with the more conventional R-134a, I would have had to change out my new R-12 expansion valve with one suited for R-134a or accept reduced system performance. Changing to any R-12 substitute also requires changing seals, lubricant and adding a high pressure cutoff switch to avoid dumping freon through the high pressure relief valve in case the system overheats. Each SNAP (Significant New Alternatives Policy) approved retrofit freon also requires unique service fittings.

The next choice I had to make was which compressor to use, the 115 K mile unit from the burned engine (it might have been cooked in the fire) or the 45 K mile compressor from the replacement engine. The logical choice was the low mile-age compressor, right? So, I turned the other compressor in with the burned engine for a core charge. Wrong choice! After replacing burned and cut hoses and new seals, it turned out that the front compressor seal leaked. Now the options were: \$100 for a compressor from salvage, \$285 for a rebuilt compressor, \$400 for a new compressor or \$45 for a compressor I found on eBay. I chose the eBay 1985 Harrison compressor that had been rebuilt by Texas AC and was "working when removed" a standard eBay claim. It was leak tight, so, a good choice? Almost.

In 1985, the Harrison compressor was protected from low system pressure by placing a thermal switch in the high-pressure side. If the system lost freon, the output temperature would rise closing the thermal switch, causing a fusible link to melt and disabling the clutch circuit. By 1989, they were using a pressure switch in the low-pressure side. With an initial pressure of less than 25psi, the clutch is disabled. Quandary . . . I really didn't want to change out the back plates of the two compressors and risk creating a new leak path. An alternate solution presented itself.

As I mentioned before, EPA SNAP requires addition of a high side cutoff switch. The high-pressure cutoff switch retrofit kit I found uses a binary (two function) switch. The contacts are open up to 25 psi, then closed up to 450 psi and then open again.



The retrofit kit includes the switch, and a 'T' fitting to attach to the high side service port. Unfortunately, the new service port configuration was for R-134a.



A small lathe job and I modified the R-134 port to accept the Freeze 12 unique configuration fitting. I simply connected the clutch ground lead through this new switch to an engine ground point and ignored the switch at the back of the compressor.



It was a tight fit to get the new fitting to clear the hood (bonnet), but it can be done. Notice the yellow sticker notifying that the system has been converted to Freeze 12.

Button up the system, evacuate and verify everything is leak tight and charge with 36 oz of Freeze 12 (for \$25) and the freon circuit works fine! All done? Not quite. With the system now running I found there wasn't much air from the upper vents and when commanding heat, the upper vents were tepid and the lower vents were icy. Stay tuned for *Chapter 3. Exploring the AC under the dash.*



Jim's 1989 XJ-S

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE: 2008

Instructions: (1) Enter your name immediately below, (2) for other items, enter only new or changed information from last year, (3) sign and date below, and (4) enclose a check, money order, etc.

Name: _____

Check here if there are no changes to report this year.

Spouse/partner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phones: Res: (____) _____ Office: (____) _____

Cell: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

JCNA # _____ (If you have been a past JCNA member or if you are a member of JCNA thru another local club.)

Do you still own one or more Jaguars? Yes No (Circle response.)

DETAILS OF NEWLY ACQUIRED JAGUAR(S) OWNED:

Year _____ Type/Model _____ Color _____

Serial # _____ Engine size (hp/cc) _____

Year _____ Type/Model _____ Color _____

Serial # _____ Engine size (hp/cc) _____

Year _____ Type _____ Color _____

Serial # _____ Engine size (hp/cc) _____

Do you need replacement membership name badges? There will be a charge for each. If yes, please indicate how you would like your name(s) to appear on the badge(s):

1. _____

2. _____

General Membership dues (which include JCNA membership) are \$55 annually starting January 1st. After July 1st dues are prorated to \$44 for the remainder of the year. Those joining after October 31st should pay \$55 and they will be rolled into the following year's roster.

General Membership dues (without JCNA membership)* are \$38 annually starting January 1st. After July 1st dues are prorated to \$22 for the remainder of the year. Those joining after October 31st should pay \$38 and they will be rolled into the following year's roster.

In accordance with SJC bylaws, I will supply evidence of current auto insurance upon request.

Signature _____ Date _____

* Only for those current JCNA members who belong to another local/regional club that pays the member's annual national dues.

Make dues checks payable to Sacramento Jaguar Club and mail to: **SJC Membership Chairmen, Bob & Natalie Olson, 100 Egloff Circle, Folsom, CA 95630.**

Questions? Phone: (916) 987-5730 or e-mails: roal@comcast.net or joinsjc@comcast.net

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