

# Jag Wyre



S A C R A M E N T O J A G U A R C L U B

## FEBRUARY PORT AND CHOCOLATE EVENT

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

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En route to the Old Sugar Mill in Clarksburg for the Port and Chocolate Tasting, on Sunday February 10, 22 Sacramento Jaguar Club members met at the Freeport Inn/Bar and Grill for a leisurely lunch. It was a beautiful crisp sunny day, after the early February storms. After a substantial breakfast and lots of conversation, the

members proceeded to the historic Old Sugar Mill where five wineries (Carvalho Family Winery, Heringer Estates, French Hill, Todd Taylor, and Solomon Wine Company) poured port and other wines and offered chocolate and chocolate desserts to pair with the ports. Club members were among the 1500 guests that

attended the popular weekend event. If the wines were not sufficient incentive for an outing to the Old Sugar Mill, the gift shops and art displayed on their walls made the trip worthwhile. As always club members enjoyed the socializing.



*Lunch at the Freeport Bar & Grill followed by a happy gathering at the Old Sugar Mill*

## P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

The February meeting at the Paradise Grill in Roseville was well attended and enjoyable for everyone. What a great time of sharing ideas and stories. Thanks to all for your enthusiasm, input and lively conversation.

The meeting covered many topics including the March "non-progressive" progressive dinner, sponsored by Andy and Linda Banta. It sounds like a great time and we should have plenty of food and many volunteers to prepare the wonderful dishes. It was decided to open the dinner up to guests and friends as a fundraiser for the club. See page 4 for details.

Natalie was able to locate a company that will embroider our logo on hats, coats, shirts or whatever we provide the manufacturer. This should be a nice addition for those attending national meetings and concours events. Also, this may provide an item for new members.

For those interested in automobilia, please contact Glynn Kerr, who has graciously offered his collection of tech reports and old advertisements form all over the world. There are many interesting pieces, some that provide photos of the interior, boot and engine area. Glynn was quick to add that the promotional pieces were not necessarily the final production designs.

The club continues to build momentum and it is in the best interest of the club to continue to reach out for new members. I am asking members to continue to promote the "Tag a Jag" campaign. Send your club photos to Jim Collipriest for our club calendar and also send a copy to Andy Banta for the Wyre and Kristina Creel for website. Let's make sure non-members get a visual of our club in action. In addition, I am also asking for someone to take on the role of a technical liaison for the club. This person will contribute technical articles to the Wyre and arrange for tech-

nical sessions with local Jag mechanics. Please let me know if this is of interest to you.

Bob Olsen and I will make every effort to bring the Sacramento Jaguar dealership into our club. We will work with the Sales Manager during March to create some type of joint venture between the club and the dealership. Spring is just around the corner and many more driving events and car shows are on the calendar. Make sure your cat is tuned up and ready to roar!

Sincerely,

*Richard Starch*  
*President*

## FEBRUARY MEETING REPORT

Fourteen members were in attendance the monthly meeting on February 21st.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by President Richard Starch. The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

A report on the Port & Chocolate event on Feb.10 was given. Twenty two members met at the Freeport Bar & Grill for lunch and afterward proceeded to the Old Sugar Mill in Clarksburg for the tasting event.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer reported income from sale of one badge and payment to JCNA. The club has a positive bank balance. Details are available to club members on request.

**Linda Banta**



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**Membership Report:  
Bob Olson**

Bob Olson reported that out of 48 members, 33 have renewed; 15 non renewals. It was suggested that the President call those not renewing and find out why. Checks for new members were turned over to the treasurer. Bob reported that he is working on a Membership Packet to give to new members as they join. He also said the name tag process has been shortened and that name badges will be mailed directly to the new members from the trophy shop.

**JagWyre Report:  
Andy Banta**

Andy requested news items for the next JagWyre and also mentioned he had brought a stack of past JagWyres for those interested.

**Events Report:**

Linda Banta reported on the scheduled March 15 "Nonprogressive Progressive Dinner" to be held at 4:30 pm at the St. Francis Episcopal church hall. A charge for guests and members will be determined later, as will some fun car events.

**Other events:** The Western States meeting in Colorado July/August-for more info, call Bruce Dunow  
*A possibility of a promotional event with the dealership and Jaguar Vodka sometime in March-Richard Starch;*  
A Tour Europe event Sept. 1-14, two weeks for \$4,000- for more info, call Richard Starch;  
*Maxwell Car show, May 17- call Richard Starch; Euro Sunday at the Pavilions, February/ March- call Richard Starch.*

**Old Business:**

It was moved, seconded and passed that the club pay the \$50.00 set-up fee for Logoware to set up the computer for embroidery of the SJC logo on items of clothing. Natalie Olson was going to follow through. Individual cost to each person will be \$10.00 per item.

Jim Collipriest requested more auto photos for the calendar, also for the JagWyre and website.

Ray Yeransian reported that the **Ride to Ryde** will be held in April. The Grand Island Mansion was eliminated because of expense. There will be more information at the March meeting.

**New Business:**

Glynn Kerr reported he had some Jaguar brochures dating as far back as the 1930's, along with original specifications and test reports. He will reproduce information for anyone interested.

Glynn and Diane Kerr are considering a "Century Birthday" party to celebrate both their birthdays. More information to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

*Natalie Olson  
Secretary*

**MARCH MEETING**

The March meeting will be at 6:00PM on March 20 **A. Bunz & Co.**, 311 Judah Street, Roseville. From either direction on I 80, exit at Douglas Blvd and head west for 1 mile to Judah St which goes off to the right at an acute angle. Bunz & Co. is short distance, (about 200 feet) from this turn.

*Kevin Kaser  
Vice President*

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

While there has not been an official announcement, it still appears Tata will be the new owners of Jaguar. It appears the people at Jaguar are anticipating few changes immediately. According to *Autoweek*, they are busily pushing ahead with plans for a variety of new vehicles including a re-engineered and restyled XJ in 2010, and, more interestingly, a two door XF coupe in 2012. It will be interesting to see how this works out.

I would like to thank Jim

Collipriest for his very interesting story about the *Phoenix*. Chapter 3 starts on page 5.

As I've mentioned previously, I would like more input to the Jag Wyre from the members. I realize it is difficult to make editorial comment on coverage of club outing and meetings but it seems there must be something that deserves some feed back. Letters to the editor would be most appreciated. Also, I would remind you that classified advertising--including photos--for selling cars

and parts is free to members. They are also available to non-members for a small fee.

As noted in the February meeting minutes, Linda and I will be attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AGM in Pittsburg. We are looking forward to meeting fellow Jaguar enthusiasts. A complete report will appear in the April (or possibly May) Jag Wyre.

*Andy Banta*  
Editor

*banta@ix.netcom.com*

## MARCH EVENT--SHOW AND SHINE, AND NON-PROGRESSIVE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Come join us at 4:30 PM on March 15<sup>th</sup> (the Ides of March). The event will start with an informal judging of each others cars. The judging will be in broad categories which can be applied to many cars, e. g. the car I'd most like to drive on California Highway 1. Exact rules and scoring will be explained at the event.

A highlight of the event will be a dinner modeled on menus prepared for Concours d'Elegance repasts at Hillsborough. Come join us for a fun and tasty event. For those who are not preparing food, the cost is \$15 including all festivities. ALL ARE WELCOME but reservations must be made by March 10. Checks may be made out to Sacramento Jaguar Club ( SJC) and sent to

Linda Banta, Treas.  
8088 Highwood Way  
Orangevale, CA 95662

This event will be held at St. Francis Episcopal Church,  
11430 Fair oaks Blvd, in Fair Oaks. The church is on the east side of Fair Oaks Blvd about 0.5 miles south of Madison Ave. From Highway 50 or I 80 east, take Sunrise Ave to Madison and go east to the next traffic light and turn right on Fair Oaks Blvd. From I 80 west exit at Madison Ave and travel 5.4 miles east to Fair Oaks Blvd, and again turn right.



## RISE OF THE PHOENIX, by Jim Collipriest

### Chapter 3. AC under the dash.

Welcome to the ongoing saga of the Phoenix, my 1989 Jaguar XJ-S. In Chapter 1. I reported on the resurrection. Repairing fire damage and replacing the 115K mile V-12 engine with a 45 K mile V-12 engine from a donor car that had been crushed by large falling tree. In Chapter 2. I told of restoration of the AC freon circuit including changing over to Freeze 12 an EPA SNAP approved replacement for the now prohibited R-12 freon.

With the freon loop now working, I next addressed problems with air flow inside the Phoenix. As reported in Chapter 2, there was very little air flow from the upper vents, and when commanding heat, the upper vent flow was tepid and the lower vent flow was cold.



After removing the lower vent covers, front console side covers, lower vents and AC ECU (AC computer), a series of tests and checks indicated that the vacuum operated flaps were not working properly. Unfortunately, to get to the defrost and upper vent actuators, the entire Facia (dash) had to be removed. That meant removing the steering wheel, instrument panel, glove box, radio and taking the console loose to free the facia.

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Now with access to the system, it was determined that none of the vacuum actuations were occurring. The problem was eventually traced to a broken 1/8" T fitting buried beneath the AC and behind the radio.



A \$1.28 replacement part and now everything worked fine. All that effort to remove the Facia was not wasted. Numerous foam seals were found to be badly degraded. Most important was the missing seal around the heater core, allowing cold air to bypass the heater function.



End cover plate removal revealed missing foam seal around heater core.



Also, ducting from the AC unit to the center face vent was found to be distorted from 17 years of service, preventing proper engagement of the center face level vent.



This was corrected by inserting spacers within the duct. After applying new foam seal material, the center face vent now seals tightly to the AC duct.

After stuffing new foam seal material around the heater core, it was time to put it all back together. Now everything works as it was intended. There is lots of air flow, and lots of heat or cold on command. While everything was apart, I invoked two improvements suggested in Kirby Palm's *Help For The Jaguar XJ-S Owner*. I blocked the center section of the center face level outlet so that all of that air flow can be directed by the outer sections of that vent. I also rewired the "Map" light control switch so that I can now have the AC operating without the compressor running. This allows outside air, temperature control and fan speed control without running the compressor when it is not needed.

End of story? Hardly. Driver's side passive restraint track is jammed. Cruise control and carpets need work. And, the power antenna just died. Good thing this is a labor of love.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT

FOR SALE: New, never used, Jaguar XK 120 red Lloyd floor mats, \$40 plus shipping; contact Andy or Linda Banta at 916 722 4895 or [banta@ix.netcom.com](mailto:banta@ix.netcom.com)

