

Jag Wyre



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MARCH NON-PROGRESSIVE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

**SPECIAL
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PITTSBURGH

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The Club's Non-progressive Progressive Dinner and Car Show was a great success with about 20 people attending. A new old-Jag owner joined us for fun and food (I think we've got a new member) and another called for info but was a week too late.

For those of you who weren't there, we dined on fine china, the food was excellent, abundant, and "not the usual pot-luck", accompanied (of course) by several varieties of wine. St. Patrick's Day colors and decorations festooned the hall, and the spacious, well equipped kitchen was much appreciated.

Owners' cars were displayed in the parking lot where all participated in judging in several categories - see below. Ribbons and certificates were

awarded with Cynthia walking away with patriotic colors – one ribbon each -red, white and blue. Even our drop-in guest won a ribbon.

BEST DAILY DRIVER

First Place: Cynthia Jones, 1997 XJ
Second Place: Thom and Marianne Lyons, 1986 XJ6
Third Place: Jim Collipriest, 1989 XJS

BEST DETAILED AND DISPLAYED

First Place: Richard Starch, 1994 XJS
Second Place: Cynthia Jones, 1997 XJ
Third Place: Thom and Marianne Lyons, 1986 XJ6

MOST TECHNICALLY INTERESTING WHEN NEW

First place: Linda and Andy Banta, 1954 XK120
Second Place: Steve Hsra, 1961 Mk II
Third Place: Richard Starch, 1994 XJS

MOST LIKE TO OWN

First Place: Richard Starch, 1994 XJS
Second Place: Steve Hsra, 1961 Mk II
Third Place: Cynthia Jones, 1997 XJ
Linda Banta



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our March 15th club event was a "show and shine" car show and a "progressive, non-progressive" potluck dinner. Everyone enjoyed judging the club cars in the various categories and the awards presented were a great addition. The St. Patrick's Day decorations and delicious food made for a festive evening. Thank you to Linda and Andy Banta for all their efforts in sponsoring this event. A former member, Steve joined us with his 60's era Mark II. We look forward to his membership renewal. There were several other people that stopped to check out the cars. A fun event on a beautiful afternoon.

The March 17th club meeting, held at Bunz and Company in old Roseville was well attended. There were lively discussions and participation from everyone. The food selection was diverse, timely in delivery and best of all, tasted good. Thanks to Kevin for making the arrangements.

Our April meeting is set for April

17th, with the location to be announced soon by Kevin. Watch for an email announcing the meeting location. The club event for the month of April is the ever popular "Ride to the Ryde". Enjoy the beautiful drive along the Sacramento Delta and a delicious brunch at the historic hotel in the town of Ryde. We look forward to a great turnout and kick off the '08 driving season with a good showing

Now a few requests: Andy would greatly appreciate written articles or photos for the Jag Wyre, Jim Collipriest would greatly appreciate you and your car in a photo for the '09 Club Calendar. Kristina Creel would like content for the club website. Kevin Kaser would appreciate your suggestions for a meeting location. Bob Olson would encourage everyone to distribute Tag a Jag membership information.

As of this writing, Bruce Dunow, Andy and Linda Banta will be

traveling to the AGM meeting in Pittsburgh for the 50th JCNA Annual Meeting. The club extends their appreciation for your dedication and efforts in supporting our club and JCNA. We look forward to a complete report and updates from the national level. As a member, these delegates will voice your opinions and concerns. Therefore, if you want your opinions or suggestions heard, please contact Bruce or Andy in advance of their departure, March 27.

Looking forward to your participation in an event filled summer

Richard Starch
President Sacramento Jaguar Club



MEETING NOTICE

The April meeting will be at 6:30PM on April 17 at Cattleman's Restaurant, 2000 Taylor Road in Roseville. Heading east on I80 exit at Taylor Road and loop back across I80; Cattleman's is on the right. According to MS Streets and Trips, when approaching from I80 heading west you exit at Eureka road, go back onto I80 heading east and follow the directions above. If you are familiar with the area you may know a better way

Kevin Kaser
Vice President

MARCH MEETING

18 Members attended the March 20th meeting at Bunz & Co, Roseville, CA

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Starch at 6:48 PM. The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

A report on the Non-progressive Progressive dinner on March 15 was given by organizers Linda and Andy Banta. There was a good attendance and a prospective new member from Davis attended. The dishes prepared from the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance cookbook were considered very good. Linda thanked all who cooked, helped set up, clean up and those who attended.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported a positive balance. Expenses for the month were related to setup for shirt logos and the progressive dinner. Actual figures are available to club members on request.
Linda Banta

Membership Report: To date there have been 36 member renewals, with 12 non-renewing members. There has been one new Rocklin member bringing the total membership to 37. Bob is working on a new member Membership Packet with suggestions from Karen Taylor that will contain a variety of information including dealership brochures, list of local repair shops, a JagWyre, our website information, monthly calendar of events, and other helpful items. More information will follow as the packet develops. Bob also continues to monitor the brochure supply at the dealer and repair shops. He plans to distribute the Tag-A-Jag 2008 flyers at the May meeting as members felt that they brought awareness about the club if not a new member here and there.
Bob Olson

Event Report: The date for the Ride to Ryde event has been set for April 27. Cost will be \$35.00 per person. We will meet as before at the Bill Conlin Park at 10 AM. and then caravan to the Ryde Hotel. Lunch will be at 11:30 AM, with a scheduled stop afterwards at the Bogle Vineyard for wine tasting. More details will be forthcoming. The Grand Island Mansion was not considered for this event because of cost.
Pennie Yeransian

Other Events: May 18 will be the Woodland May fair. Sacramento Jaguar Club will have a booth. More information at the April meeting.

April 20: Chico Car show. See Richard for more information. It was suggested that the members in the Chico area be notified of the event, and that it should be posted on the SJC website.

Jim Collipriest will be gathering more information about the Reno Car Club's September event.

If members are interested in a "Driving Vacation" through Germany and Austria this summer, they should contact Richard Starch.

Richard is working on a combined event with the Sacramento Jaguar dealership and the Jaguar Vodka Company.

Flyers for the Roseville Classic Car show are available. Contact Richard Starch.

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Old Business:

Natalie Olson distributed the SJC logo shirts ordered at the Feb. meeting. The cost per shirt is \$27.04 for the short sleeves. Other items such as long sleeve shirts, hats and visors are priced at various other amounts.

Bruce Dunow and Andy Banta, representatives to the AGM meeting, will be leaving at the end of March. Anyone with suggestions or issues for discussion at this national Jaguar Club meeting should contact either Bruce or Andy.

The SJC website maintained by Kristina Creel is being updated frequently as she receives new information. Members should contact her with any SJC items.

Andy Banta, editor of the JagWyer wants feedback on the recent issues. He also requested the need for informative items for publication, offering free classified ads with each submission of a Jaguar related topic.

Jim Collipriest needs more pictures of members' cars for the 2009 calendars.

Glynn Kerr again announced that he has an extensive archive of materials from Europe on Jaguars and other exotic cars. Information ranges from brochures from 1910, to road tests from the 1960's. If you are interested in information about your car, call or e-mail Glynn and he will be happy to copy the appropriate information for you.

New Business:

Richard announced that the grill badges he ordered previously have all been sold to members. A new company offers the badges and will include lapel pins and key fobs at no extra charge. More discussion will follow.

The meeting place for the April 17 meeting was undecided. Vice President Kevin Kaser will contact members by E-mail or phone when a place is located.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Natalie Olson, Secretary

PICTURES FROM THE AGM



Waiting for the boat



Meeting of the delegates



Silent auction

REPORT ON THE AGM IN PITTSBURGH

The 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) was held in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania this year. Our club representatives were Andy and Linda Banta and Bruce Dunow. The following is merger of our recollections and impressions of the AGM. The location of the meeting was at the Sheraton Hotel in an area known as Station Square next to the Monongahela River. In general one could compare Station Square to the water front in Sacramento. Both cities have railroads in common and so the area has a railroad theme about it.

The conference started Friday afternoon with workshops. There was a workshop on air-conditioning for old cars, which was lightly attended. The main attraction of the weekend was the appearance and talk of Norman Dewis, retired test driver for Jaguar Cars. I think the talk by Mr. Dewis was highly anticipated by all that attended and he did not disappoint us. For those of you who are not familiar with Mr. Dewis and his professional credentials, he was a test driver for Jaguar Cars from 1952 until the early eighties. He helped launch 37 different cars, starting with the 1955 XK-140 through to the XK40. During his years at Jaguar he accomplished many feats. One of the most important things he did was to help develop disc brakes for automobiles. Jaguar Cars was the first automobile

manufacturer to use disc brakes on production cars. As you know every car manufacturer uses them today in some fashion. He also set speed records (which was one of his humorous commentaries) at Jabbke Belgium. He set the record of 172 miles per hour in an XK-120 modified for high speed work. When asked, he feels TaTa's purchase of Jaguar will be good for the company. He was particularly impressed that TaTa talked with the labor unions before making the purchase. He is a very gracious and interesting man. He loves people and he is willing to share his experiences with others. He held all of us spellbound for 2 hours.

The Friday evening event was a cruise down the Allegheny River at night. By day it is fairly ordinary, but by night the buildings are lit up and there is even Jumbo Tron and as we passed by it was broadcasting March Madness. The dinner was good and we had an after dinner presentation by Jaguar Cars. The new cars rolling out for 2008 are somewhat Gee Whiz. In the smart car you don't have to use your key to chirp the door open. You simply grab the door handle and open. It senses your presence, knows that an authorized key holder is within five feet. One of the features I will enjoy when I get a new car is the sensors that can feel a object or vehicle on either side of you and gives a signal in the rear view

mirror to indicate somebody may be in your blind spot. Most folks enjoyed the evening, but we did not enjoy the cold air while waiting to board the paddleboat.

Saturday is set aside as the business meeting and award ceremony. It was an early start with breakfast at 6:30 AM and the meeting starting at 7:45. The business meeting consumed all day. It was record - setting in the number of clubs attending and also the number of people in attendance. There were some subtle differences from the past meetings. We didn't elect a new president, he was appointed by the Board of Directors. Another difference was that members could not introduce new issues from the floor (it required prior permission from Board Directors)! I (Bruce) personally don't like this movement away from the membership.

Things started off smoothly enough with routine reports. Probably the most important of these was the treasurer's report which shows JCNA has adequate assets and a substantial operating budget with publication of the journal being a large portion of the expenses. (Exact values will be made available to club members on request.)

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There followed a fairly lengthy discussion on insurance. The details are unclear, but essentially JCNA insurance protects club officers but is not a general liability policy.

Clubs were advised to continue obtaining liability waivers when holding events but should be aware they have little or no legal meaning. One item of particular concern is clubs including alcohol in the fees charged for events. Apparently the law is fairly clear on the liability of businesses selling alcohol; it is not clear if this extends to such things as clubs. Bottom line: in general have a cash bar and let the restaurant be responsible for the liability.

After a short break we got down to new business and things got a bit more interesting. The first item was from the Concours committee. It took lengthy and lively discussion to decide it would be permissible to let "driven" (as opposed to "championship) cars be transported to events. The remainder of the items from the Concours Committee were more routine but still somewhat contentious; e. g. should points be deducted for having a "clear bra" on the front of the car? All of this took us well past the lunch break.

The next business was proposals from the Rally Committee; again, the discussion was long and at times heated. A proposal to combine the two types of time distance rallies was defeated. It was decided that rallies not sponsored by JCNA affiliates must be approved by JCNA (the details are too complicated to explain). A proposal on changing "hidden" checkpoints to "passage" checkpoints also took some time; it was now after 3:00 PM and I (Andy) don't remember the outcome.

Proposals from the Slalom Committee were limited to changes in classifications to include new models and separate C and D types from XK 120, 140 and 150 models. These items were easily approved.

Typically at the end of the business meeting they will announce where the next meeting will take place. Not this year. They are negotiating a place for next year's event at an unannounced location. JCNA is growing in at least one category – number of clubs. They have added three new clubs in the past year. The attendance from Canada and Mexico was announced. I believe this is the first time Mexico has at-

tended. I talked with a representative of the Mexico City Club and they are very eager to participate in JCNA.

After a short break to unwind a bit, it was time for the awards banquet. After mingling—at the cash bar—with representatives from various places for half an hour we sat down for the banquet. Keeping in mind the only awards given were for people actually in attendance the number was impressive (note the pile of boxes in the picture). We'll save you the details; the meal was excellent and the accomplishments being recognized were significant. Many members of JCNA are investing considerable time and money to participate in the various competitions being sponsored.

One of the joys of attending these functions is that you get to meet a wide variety of people from other areas in the country. While having lunch, the Bantas and Bruce were joined by Sherman Taffel the club secretary and Brian Blackwell the Rally committee chairman. At dinner we were seated with folks from the Washington D.C. club.

*Bruce Dunow
Linda & Andy Banta*



Norman Dewis and Candy Williams



Awards Banquet

**Sacramento Jaguar Club
April Event Notice - Ride to Ryde
Sunday, April 27th, 2008**

Cost: \$35.00 per person (we'll have a raffle)

**Meet at 10:15 am, (leave by 10:30 – brunch is at 11:30 am)
at Bill Colin Complex, Pocket/Meadowview Rd. exit off I-5**



The Ryde Hotel was built in 1927 at the peak of the prohibition era. It was an opulent establishment, complete with beauty salon and barbershop that served as a riverboat way station. It was also rumored to be a bordello. The lower level was a speakeasy, offering bootleg whiskey and jazz to a clientele in search of a good time. There was even a trap door in the floor that allegedly opened to reveal a tunnel running under the road to a hidden doorway at the river's edge. It's not difficult to imagine the type of nocturnal activities that secret passageway has seen!

This event will include a caravan drive from Bill Conlin Complex/Park, South Sacramento. Here are the directions to the complex:

Traveling **south on I-5**, take the **Meadowview/Pocket Rd.** off-ramp. You'll see a large, elevated, water storage tank ahead of you.

At the end of the off-ramp there's a stop light. At that light, turn left/east back over the freeway, less than 1/2 mile, to Hwy.160/ Freeport Blvd.

Turn right/south on Hwy 160 for 0.7 miles to the **Bill Conlin Complex/Park** on the left. There's a good-sized paved parking lot there. If you will be coming but not able to caravan here's your directions from Sacramento. Take I-5 South approx. 20 minutes to the Twin Cities Road Exit. At the stop sign Turn right follow the signs to Walnut Grove. Go through Locke to Walnut Grove. Turn right over the bridge, and then turn left onto Hwy 160. Follow road 3 miles to Ryde.

The event is sponsored by Raymond and Pennie Yeransian. Please mail your check for \$35.00 per person, made out to "SJC" to:

Linda Banta
8088 Highwood Way
Orangevale, CA 95662
(916) 722-4895

Checks must be received by April 17th

Raffle prizes gratefully accepted. Plan to stop at Bogle Winery on the drive home.



EDITORS' MESSAGE

First, the club's payment of the AGM registration fees for Bruce and Andy is greatly appreciated; every little bit helps.

As indicated, the Report on the AGM is a joint effort of Bruce Dunow and, Linda and Andy Banta. The following is Linda and Andy's impressions of the AGM, roughly in the order of occurrence. First, the Pittsburgh club did a marvelous job of organizing this meeting. The venue was very good; the food was excellent and the procedural matters generally ran very smoothly. While not perfect, the weather did cooperate.

With possible exception for those who won first place trophies, the talk by Norman Dewis had to be the highlight of the two days. His memory of events is fabulous; he describes things in great detail; e. g. the day of the week, exact engine RPM. etc. Had it not been for the scheduled boat trip, we and most everyone else would gladly have been there for hours listening to stories. Copies of his large and impressive book sold out immediately.

The evening boat trip was enjoyable; the food was quite good. . On the river cruise, we were "entertained" by a presentation about the new Jaguar F-type. Many of the features of the XK are retained, e. g. the engine and suspension. In Europe, three other engines are also available. I

(Linda) was disappointed in the styling of the new XF - three were parked at dockside to look at - nothing that would cause me to give them a second glance in a parking lot. A general lack of enthusiasm and excitement was evident in the captive audience (we were after all on a boat in the middle of a river and it was a convention of Jag enthusiasts). Most of the innovations were electronic gadgets generating a buzz of "what if I loose my key, the car battery is dead, or something doesn't work as expected". So much is controlled electronically that the sense of driving the car yourself was missing. Isn't that what we love about Jags? The PowerPoint display included a video illustrating the F-type stability control. The video and entire presentation went on much too long with little differentiation between minutiae and important factors. An example of differing perceptions of content- several minutes of video showed the F-type skidding through curves - I'm sure intending to portray the ability of the stability system to bring the car back under control. My perception was no matter how you round a curve, the car will skid. I sincerely hope this is not an indication of the future direction of our beloved Jaguars and the new company.

As stated in the AGM Report, the business meeting started off well enough but ran into some problems when action issues took the

floor. While many items were well prepared other were not well thought out. When an organization only meets once a year it is very important to have proposals well prepared. The discussion of some proposals--which legitimately had good arguments for and against their passage--became chaotic. At times it was difficult to tell who had control of the meeting.

I'm sure the banquet was more exciting to those who actually participate in the major activities of the club, concourses, slaloms and rallies. In some cases the judging obviously is extremely competitive; e. g. third place finisher with a score greater than 99.9.

Having attend an AGM for the first time is occurs to me that--to the best of my knowledge--none of the members in our club participate in concourses, rallies or slaloms. While we take pride in our affiliation with JCNA, we don't actively participate in any of its major automotive activities. Obviously this doesn't mean we should stop what we are doing. It is equally obvious that we probably aren't going to start winning trophies any time soon but it does seem we need to think about becoming more active in these events.

Linda & Andy Banta



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LOGO SHIRTS

The club has recently had a logo made through American Logoward for embroidering shirts and other garments. Some of us have ordered shirts and visors. Shirts to purchase and have embroidered, as shown, are \$27.04 regardless of size or color. About 20 colors are available and almost every size imaginable--long and short sleeve. If you are interested, please contact Natalie Olson, SJC Secretary, 100 Egloff Circle , Folsom, CA, 916-987-5730



WESTERN STATES

Western States 2008 is not far off. Plans are already set. Mark your calendars for July 28th through August 2nd.

Although the name is Western States, this is a national event and celebration. We are encouraging all JCNA club members from North American to attend and do have quite a few reservations already. Hotel rooms are filing up fast.

The Grand Junction Double Tree (970-241-8888) is the main venue at \$95 per night. However, some people have said they are bringing pets. The Holiday Inn (970-243-6490), three tenths of a mile away, does accept pets and their room rate is \$100 per night.

Be sure to go out to www.westernstates2008.com for the registration form and other information. This event is a worthy fund raiser for Cerebral Palsy and we appreciate everyones participation

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