

Jag Wyre



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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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RIDE TO RYDE

Ride to Ryde – what can we say - perfectly planned on a perfect day! Eleven cars of us met at the usual park off Freeport to caravan to the Ryde Hotel. The weather couldn't have been nicer – temperature in the eighties and sunny, cars going in rough age sequence, and arriving just in time for the usual fabulous brunch. Penny had set up the room with a display of raffle items and floral centerpieces on the tables. Several club members brought guests, Penny “picked up two men in the parking lot”, and two other new people came so we all met new friends. Most everyone attending won in the raffle – Kristina and Kevin getting the Grand Prize of another brunch at the Ryde, Walter Masuda winning a Big Blue Pail of car care supplies (which

matched his shirt), and Kreglows won the Food Basket. Karen Taylor agreed all was fair in the drawings since all participated and a good time was had by all.

Bobby, one of our newcomers, drove his XJ6C Jag coupe, a rare and unusual car that he is considering selling. Seriously interested buyers should contact him for year and details.

After stuffing ourselves with scrumptious food, several of us drove to the Old Sugar Mill for wine tasting and more fun. Finally tearing ourselves away, each departed for home, thinking about what a grand time we all had and looking forward to next year's Ride to Ryde.



Gathering for the caravan



Enjoying the brunch



Wine and friends at the Old Sugar Mill



Great raffle prizes

More pictures from the Ride to Ryde on page 5

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

Spring is upon us and it's time to enjoy the driving of our Jags. We had great event at the Ryde hotel. The food was excellent and the club had a great time after brunch. The drive from Freeport to the hotel was beautiful as many boaters were on the water and the weather was just perfect.

Upon arriving at the hotel we met other members and guests. I was impressed and happy to see those members and guests from Yuba City, Vallejo, Chico, Walnut Grove and Stockton. Special thanks to those who put on the extra miles to attend the event.

Now for local legislation that could affect our club. SB 1549 which requires all pre-1976 cars to have a smog testing is once again up for consideration. The Association of California Car Clubs is sponsoring a show of support in early May. They have asked car enthusiasts to attend.

ATTENTION ACCC MEMBERS AND CALIFORNIA CAR ENTHUSIASTS

THE 2008 ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA CAR CLUBS, INC. LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWE AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM 2200 FRONT STREET SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA ON MAY 7-9, 2008

THE AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

**MAY 6, 2008 10:00 AM – 2:00PM
CAPITOL CAR SHOW AND SHINE ON WEST STEPS OF CALIFORNIA STATE CAPITOL.**

**MAY 7 – 8, 2008 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
PRESENTATIONS FROM CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD, VARIOUS LEGISLATORS, AND OTHER GUEST SPEAKERS. THERE WILL BE A TOUR OF TOWE AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM AND CATERED LUNCHS.**

**MAY 9, 2008
TOUR – TO BE DETERMINED.**

IT IS VERY CRITICAL THAT WE GET REPRESENTATION FROM AS MANY CLUBS AND CAR ENTHUSIASTS AS POSSIBLE. WE NEED TO SHOW OUR LEGISLATORS AND REGULATORS THAT WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT SAVING OUR CARS. THERE ARE SOME ISSUES THAT ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CAR HOBBY IN CALIFORNIA (ROADSIDE SENSING AND A BILL TO BRING THE EXEMPTED CARS BACK INTO THE SMOG CHECK PROGRAM IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE STATE, ANNUAL SMOG INSPECTIONS FOR VEHICLES 15 YEARS AND OLDER AND VEHICLE AMNESTY). IF YOU WANT TO KEEP THE HOBBY ALIVE IN CALIFORNIA, WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO SEND A DELEGATE TO THE CONFERENCE.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.acccdefender.org or Call Bob Stearns at 916-276-4081

Now on to other upcoming events: I have sent out an email notice of the UBSCC British Car Show at the fairgrounds in Woodland on May 18. The email has a registration form for you to enter your car in the event. The judging is based solely on popular choice, (not for points but for bragging rights). There will be trophies presented to the top 3 positions. In addition to viewing over 140 en-

tries, there will be a silent auction, swap meet for car parts and automobilia as well as vendor booths and displays. As we did last year, the club will have a booth set up (thanks Wally) with club information, membership forms and a forum to talk Jags. Please let me know when you can help at the booth. The UBSCC has also asked for volunteers to help with this event. If you can be avail-

able for any part of the day, please contact myself or send email to spectrumsolids@sbcglobal.net and let Mac Sawhill know you want to help. If you can not find the time to volunteer, please attend this event and enjoy the many beautiful British cars from all over Northern California.

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Our next event will be the Wine Country Classics held at Infineon Raceway May 31 and June 1. The featured car for this 20th anniversary will be the Trans-Am. There will be qualifying races on Saturday from 1 to 5pm and then a parade of some 30 vintage race cars which will go to downtown Sonoma Plaza for display. Participants will be sampling food and wine from Sonoma Valley's finest proprietors. Tickets for this portion of the event will be \$30. The club will try to obtain race tickets which normally sell for \$40 a person. If you can attend this event, please contact me by email.

Consider hosting an event such as a rally, car museum or wine country tour, to name a few ideas. There will be openings during the summer and fall months, so please let it be

known of your idea and willingness to host an event.

Thanks to Karen Taylor for suggesting a membership drive, show and shine in Vallejo. She feels there is an opportunity to not only show off our jags but obtain additional members from her efforts in the Tag a Jag campaign. Thanks to Walter Masuda for suggesting the Chico British Car event for 2009. He has volunteered to obtain details of this event and is possibly willing to host this event for the club next year. Thanks to Frank Weikel for providing his presentation on the early days of forming clubs and his involvement with JCNA. Frank will present at our June meeting. Congratulations to Frank for obtaining his docent position at the Railroad Museum.

Also, articles of interest, photos and event reviews are appreciated for content in the Jag Wyre as well as on our club site. (Note: it is rumored that we may soon be having our own Sacramento Jaguar Club website, details to follow) Please feel free to add your opinions, comments, articles and photos to club paper and web site. This is your club, make it what you want.

I'll sign off for now and look forward to seeing you at the next Club meeting May 15th, then the following weekend in Woodland at the UBSCC British Car Show.

Best Regards,
Richard Starch
President, Sacramento Jaguar Club

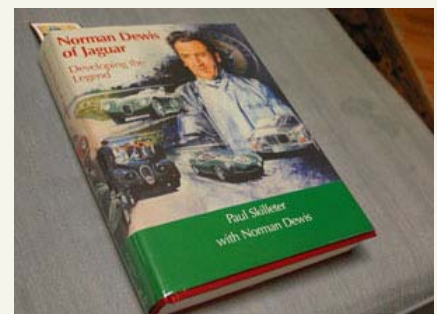
EDITOR'S MESSAGE

As I mentioned last month, one of the high points of the Annual General Meeting in Pittsburgh was the talk by Norman Dewis, who was head of development for Jaguar from 1952 until the 1980s. He and Paul Skilleter have written a book about those years which is titled *Norman Dewis of Jaguar, Developing the Legend*. I purchased a copy of this rather large book (over 500 9" by 12" pages) and have been slowly working my through it. At this point I am up to developing the D Jaguar. Like the talk in Pittsburgh, the book describes things in great detail. One of the more interesting sections talks about development of disc brakes. Jaguar was the first automobile to use disc brakes and they were largely responsible for Jaguar placing first and second at Le Mans in 1953.

Other parts of the book are more personal accounts. One section tells about Norman being sent, alone, to Belgium in a 2.4 Jaguar sedan to be driven by Paul Frère. At the track the car developed an oil leak in the transmission. The story goes on to tell how Norman, with help from a mechanic from the Ecurie Ecosse team, worked all night to repair the car and have it ready 15 minutes before the race. Lacking a lift to raise the car, he removed the transmission by cutting a hole in the top of the tunnel of the uni-body chassis inside the car! After all this the car did win the race.

I could go on but I think you get the idea. The book is available from Paul Skilleter Books for £59.95 (about \$120) plus shipping. An auto-

graphed copy bound in leather in a slip case is available for £150 plus shipping.



MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

Sacramento Jaguar Club Meeting. April 17, 2008

Cattlemen's Restaurant, Roseville

In attendance: Richard & Susan Starch, Raymond & Pennie Yeransian, Jim & Vivian Collipriest, Kristina Creel, Kevin Kaser, Bruce & Judy Dunow, Andy & Linda Banta and Walter Butler

Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM by president Richard Starch

Treasurer's report was presented. Details available on request.

Former member Bruce Brown stopped by to return a large symbolic gavel which had been passed from club to club during past years when the Cal Club was staging car shows throughout the state. The gavel turned up in some Jaguar paraphernalia that had been stored at the Martz residence.

In the absence of membership chairmen, Bob Olson, Jim Collipriest reported that we presently have 40 paid memberships. There are 5 new memberships and 11 non-renewing. Two recent ones are George Ferguson and Kurt Gamara. Jim is working on a new club roster.

Judy Dunow presented the notice for renewal of the sponsorship of the jaguar at the Sacramento Zoo. It was agreed to renew at the \$100 level and Linda Banta will take care of that. The Jaguar kitty was passed around to collect the "fines" for no name tag and non-Jaguar drivers.

Pennie Yeransian reviewed the details of the upcoming Ride to the Ryde Hotel on April 27. 24 reservations have been paid.

Richard reminded everyone of events coming up in the next month, including the Fair Oaks Car Show on May 4th and the Woodland (formerly Dixon) British Car Show and Swap Meet on May 18. SJC will have a booth there and several members will be showing their cars. The Shriner's Concours also will be held on May 18.

Richard has been reading some of the old Jag Wyres to get ideas for future meetings and events. There was a suggestion for a meeting that could involve a visit to the zoo with possibly a pot luck/picnic dinner. He is open to more ideas and suggestions. Luau's seemed to have been a popular event also.

Kristina is trying her best to keep the web site current. At present there is no capacity for storing documents so she will look into getting our old domain back.

Andy & Linda Banta and Bruce Dunow gave a presentation on their recent trip to Pittsburgh PA to attend the Annual General Meeting of JCNA.. They agreed that the venue was great and meeting other Jaguar enthusiasts was fun but the actual business meeting was very long and seemed to dwell on subjects that were not of much interest to our club. Details of their experience are available in the April Jag Wyre.

Richard has received a request for leads to purchasing a Jaguar D Type replica. Let Richard know of any possible contacts regarding this.

The May meeting will be held on the 15th. Notification of the location will be forthcoming. Andy Banta suggested we consider finding a location which would charge a flat rate for a choice of possibly 3 entrees. Many other clubs and organizations do this as has our club in past years.

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Judy Dunow, acting in absence of secretary Natalie Olson

MAY 18, 2008 EVENT

The United British Sports Car Club of Sacramento is proud to host Northern California's premier All British Motorcar Show and Swap meet. This nineteen year tradition finds a new home at the Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland, after ten years in Dixon. A larger venue will provide more space to expand and enjoy even more fellow British car enthusiasts. We now offer an all grassy show field and more shade along the perimeter. This is a wonderful opportunity to see more than 300 cars representing over 90 years of British motoring. For details go to www.ubsc.org/CarShow.htm

MAY 15, 2008 MEETING

The next meeting will be at 6:30 PM on May 15th at the Paradise Grill, 1410 East Roseville Parkway (North Sunrise Avenue and East Roseville Parkway) Roseville.



As usual, the brunch was excellent



Good fun at the Old Sugar Mill



Grand prize winner



Jaguar XJ6C, a real beauty