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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

A DIFFERENT MONTHLY MEETING, SEE PAGE 5

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WOODLAND SWAP MEET

The May 18, 2008 All British Motorcar Show was held in a new venue this year. The Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland provided a pleasant setting for the display of close to 250 British Marques in 33 Classes.

Sacramento Jaguar Club was represented by three XJ-Ss in a field of 6 entrants in Class L where Richard and Susan's 1994 XJ-S took top honors.

The club also sponsored a tent where memorabilia and information were on display. Bobby Smith—who attended the Ride to Ryde-- entered his rare 1975 XJ6 Coupe.

Throughout the day, the SJC tent was manned by Richard, Susan, Bob, Bruce & Judy, Jim and Wally Butler. Club members Tom Hughes and Dennis & Marsha Bentley also stopped by the tent.

The Reno Jaguar Club brought five cars. Two of their classic Salons are pictured on page 2. Eighty-five additional pictures from the show can be viewed at Jim Hill's "Car Person" web site:

<http://www.carperson.clearwire.net/5188.html>

Jim Collipriest



Five of the six XJ-Ss entered in Class L.



Bob & Natalie Olson's 1991 XJ-S Convertible



Richard & Susan Starch's 1994 XJ-S



Jim & Vivian Collipriest's 1989 SJS Coupe



Bobby Smith's 1975 XJ6 Coupe.

SHRINERS' CONCOURS

Shriners held their Concours d'Elégance at Mather field on Sunday, May 18 as one of their fundraisers for a very worthy cause, their children's hospitals nationwide. We were invited to participate and exhibited our '54 XK120 Jaguar. Since we do drive it for enjoyment from time to time, it wasn't polished enough for judging. An excellent selection of cars were present, some other Jags – another XK120, an automatic transmission XK140, a couple XKEs, a 1937 Jaguar 55 and a '47 Mark IV as well as other interesting machinery.

The Best in Show was taken by a 1934 Packard 1107 V12, one of just over 100 built, which had been custom made for the then governor of Massachusetts. It was a truly spectacular example of a vintage touring sedan. Two Mercedes Benz 300 SL gullwings were present more than usual at such a show. The usual US muscle cars were present in force as well as some very nice examples of early Ford Thunderbirds, Studebakers and Chryslers.

motorcycles, bicycles and boats which drew their own crowds of admirers. Although the day was hot – pushing 100 F- there was quite a bit of shade and a pleasant soft breeze blowing most of the day which made it bearable. Out-back Steakhouse provided lunch, an alternative to hot dogs, etc. at another venue. Shriners seemed pleased with the turnout and certainly all who attended the event enjoyed the beautiful cars and pleasant day.

A separate part of the field held vintage *Linda Banta*



1935 Jaguar Model 55 owned by David Shield



1947 Jaguar Mark IV owned by Howard Clarke



1934 Packard 1107 V 12 owned by Jay Moore



May meeting, see report on page 4



Reno Jaguar Club cars on display at Woodland

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to all the new members that have joined our club in the first half of 2008. We look forward to your contributions and sharing in our club activities. Thanks to all members for their continued efforts in recruiting new members, and special thanks to Bob Olson who continues to stay busy with mailings and completing the new member applications.

May's event, the UBSCC British Car Show, had a great club showing (5 cars) as well as nearly 300 other British cars. Thanks to all that entered their cars and for those that supported the club booth. We were able to meet with several possible new members and had invitations from the Towe Auto museum and the Autumn Classic car show in Morgan Hills this October. Further discussion of these invitations will take place at the next club meeting. All went very well for a very hot day, except for the ride home and Jim Collipriest will have to give us his version at the next meeting.

Thanks to Andy and Linda Banta for representing the club at the Shiners' event which unfortunately was held the same day as the UBSCC show. I understand it was a good event and Linda has provided us details in her report.

So looking forward, we have our next meeting scheduled for June 14th at the Sacramento Zoo. This will be a new venue and consists of a picnic and time with our adopted Jaguar and his Keeper. Please mark your calendar for this event as it will be a special club meeting.

In addition, this month is the Wine Country Classics at the Infineon Raceway. There will be vintage racing, wine tasting and a charitable event in Sonoma following the races. Jaguar is no longer the sponsor of this event, but it is sure to be a good time for all. We will meet on Saturday morning and ride together to the race track and park in the Jaguar corral. After enjoying the races and vendor displays, we will join the parade to

Sonoma for their wine and food event.

July's event is still open. Some have suggested that we attend the open air concert in Grass Valley as it has been a hit in past years. If someone is interested in developing a rally in July, please let the club know at the June meeting. In addition, there is the Western States meeting on July 28 in Grand Junction Colorado. Please let me know if you have an interest in this event as I have been given a CD of the meeting details and would be happy to send it to you for your review. August will provide us with several car shows with details to follow. As you can see, there is a great deal of activities going on through the summer.

Looking forward to a busy summer schedule,

Richard Starch

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

First, my thanks to Jim Collipriest for the report on the Woodland Show. In the future, I will gladly accept unsolicited reports on and photos of club events.

As I mentioned last month, I've been reading Norman Dewis' book on years at Jaguar from 1952 until the middle 1980s. While he includes many interesting stories, what I find more interesting is the overall impressions of Jaguar during these years. Williams Lyons ran a very frugal operation; this is obviously one of the secrets of Jaguar's success. From looking at the cars of this era and knowing approximately what they cost, it is obvious that Jaguar didn't pay their employees high wages. Without going into details, assembly costs are generally pro-

portional to the number of parts, the number of different parts and the number of interfaces between parts. If you look at a Jaguar of the 1950s or 1960, it is high on all counts; i. e. they involved many hours of hand assembly.

Norman Dewis gives further evidence of the tight monetary control exercised by Jaguar. When he drove at Le Mans they took his hotel bill out of his starting money for being a driver. Perhaps more interestingly, he writes at length about development of the XKE car. It appears the entire development program was done with three cars, one of which was assembled very quickly using a large quantity of pop rivets. Typically, one week they would use a chassis to test

brakes and the next they would use it for suspension work. Much of the testing was done on public roads. When things got too congested in the UK they went to Italy and used the Autostrada. In fact at one point they were using a test track in southern Italy.

It appears this mode of operation changed when Jaguar became part of British Leyland which is about the time of the development of the XJ40 (XJS in the US). It appears many changes took place during Jaguar's time as part of BL; I have the impression these were not the happiest of times for the long term employees.

Andy Banta

MAY 18TH MEETING REPORT

Fourteen members were in attendance at the meeting held at the Paradise Grille. The meeting was called to order by President Richard Starch at 6:45 PM. The minutes from the April meeting were distributed..

- Treasurer's Report:** Linda Banta reported a positive balance; numbers are available to club members on request
- Membership Report:** To date there are 42 paid members with 3 new members joining. Bob said that he would like contact information about people that show up for our events. He would like to follow up with member information.
- Web Site:** Kristina reported that the web site has some new changes, and that she is looking into a domain that will give her more flexibility and provide more space.
- Event Report:** This coming weekend, May 18 will be the Woodland British Car Show and swap meet Sacramento Jaguar Club will have a booth. There will be 5 XJS' attending. Logo hats and shirts will be for sale.
- Also May 18 weekend is the Shriners' Event featuring Model T's and Corvettes. It will be held at Mather Air Force base. For more information contact Andy Banta.
- May 31 will be the Wine Country Classic at the Infineon Raceway in Sonoma. The event will feature Coppola wines and hors d'ouvres. Those who are interested will meet in So. Sacramento at a designated place for the drive. Contact Richard Starch.
- July 28- August 2: The Golden Anniversary of the Western States Jaguar Club in Grand Junction, CO is presenting a week of events for \$750 per couple. Brochures are available for this event including reservation forms.
- The Sacramento Zoo is hosting a thank you picnic dinner for Zoo parents on June 14. The Club has adopted the Jaguar at the zoo. Kevin Kaser will look into the possibility of bringing our own picnic for a group event.
- Labor Day weekend, August 30-31 will be a Scottish Game event sponsored by the Caledonian Club at the Presidio in San Francisco.. The event will feature Morgans.
- Old Business:** Jim Collipriest has the new brochure and roster ready for mailing. In the package along with the brochure, will be 2008 Tag-A-Jag cards.
- Richard is working on a combined event with the Sacramento Jaguar dealership and the Jaguar Vodka Company. The new ownership doesn't seem to be too receptive to events, but he will approach them again.
- New Business:** The meeting place for the June 19 meeting was undecided. Vice President Kevin Kaser will contact members by E-mail or phone when a place is located.
- Richard announced that Classic Detail in Roseville will detail cars and includes cleaning under carriages as well as engine compartments. The cost is \$135.00
- Announcements:** Andy announced that the speaker at the AGM meeting, Norman Dewis who has authored a book with Paul Skilleter titled "Norman Dewis of Jaguar, Developing the Legend", has them for sale. Sold by Paul Skilleter Books, the estimated price is \$125 plus shipping.
- Richard announced that the movie "Milk" with his car in it, will be out in September.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM
Natalie Olson, Secretary

JUNE 14TH MEETING

We are doing something different this month. The June meeting will be on Saturday, June 14th at the Sacramento Zoo. We will be having a picnic starting at 6:00 Details on the picnic will follow. **Please note: the Zoo does not permit alcoholic beverages or glass containers.** We will have opportunity to meet the Jaguars we sponsor.

With construction on I5, it appears the best route is Business I80/99 to Sutterville Rd. Head west on Sutterville Rd until it makes a T intersection with Freeport Blvd. Turn left and follow Freeport Blvd for about 0.2 miles and turn right on Sutterville Rd. and follow for about 0.5 miles to Land Park Dr. Turn right and the Zoo is on the left. If you are familiar with this part of Sacramento, it may be shorter to take US50 to 16 St and find your way on to Land Park Dr.

MONTEREY HISTORIC RACES

**You are cordially invited to Join the San Francisco JAG Corral at
Laguna Seca Raceway
On Saturday, August 16th**

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Be assured of a reserved parking place within a reasonable distance of the Laguna Seca RaceTrack.

See a number of very expensive and outstanding historic cars racing which will include a variety of Jaguars

Have access to the shade, refreshments & hospitality of the JAG tent

Have easy access to the Paddock Area

Be with a great group of Jaguar interested people

Will enjoy a \$15.00 discount from the gate price of \$85.00 per person, down to \$70.00 per person for a fun filled day of outstanding racing . . .

The entire announcement is much to long to print. If you are interested contact me at banta@ix.netcom.com and I'll forward the entire message to you.

Andy Banta

ADDITIONAL JUNE EVENT

Information on an additional June event is not available at this time. Please watch your e-mail for updates

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