

Jag Wyre



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MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

Our Jag Club celebrated the Fourth of July one evening early by gathering at the Nevada County Fairgrounds to hear "Music in the Mountains". Several of us were thrown off course by proceeding along the access road to our normal entry gate only to be told the fire crews were using that area for staging for forest fire fighting and turned back to the first entry gate. All found parking spaces there, some way in the outfield.

After gathering in the concert area and spreading our blankets,

tablecloths, etc., about 16 of us settled on an excellent spot – close to the entrance and with a good view of the stage.

Starch's brought guests to share our potluck meal – no one left hungry! Several young musicians entertained us with their expertise before the entire ensemble – orchestra and choir- assembled . Their repertoire of old favorites and patriotic music and readings was thoroughly enjoyable, especially so since it was the final concert to be conducted by their long time leader.

Crowd watching was also fun- people wearing lighted flag head baubles, red, white and blue candle settings for picnic areas, children dancing and really getting into the spirit of the celebration. Raffle tickets were sold to support youth music education. Not surprisingly none of our group won any of the raffle prizes – just chalk it up to money spent for a good cause.

Linda Banta



Left — A fine gathering of club members and guests

Right — Fine musical entertainment



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



July was filled with club events and a good club meeting. August looks like another summer month full of car activities, but more on that later.

July's events started with Music in the Mountain concert that was well attended and set in amongst the tall pines of the Grass Valley Fairgrounds. The concert provided many patriotic songs as it took place on July 3rd. Please read the full review for further details. I would strongly suggest this event next year for a club picnic and evening concert.

As of this writing, the Western States meeting in Grand Junction Colorado is underway. Unfortunately, our club did not have any members able to

attend. As this event is far away, it was more than any club member was willing to drive their Jag. Maybe the next event will be closer to our club.

I and speaking for the club, wish Bob Olson a speedy recovery from surgery and will miss him and Natalie at the Mokelumne Hill event. We were also sorry to miss Tom and Marianne at the Music in the Mountains event and hope that Marianne has made a full recovery as well.

Thanks in advance to Dennis and Marsha Bentley for hosting and making all the arrangements for this month's event. They have planned a terrific overnight stay, brunch and a cave tour. A similar event in the past years has been a favorite and I think this year's will be another for the memory book. Looking forward to seeing many club members at this event. Please contact Marsha if you need additional information or details.

The club meeting held at Paradise Grill welcomed two new members and enjoyed a great presentation by Frank Wiekel. Frank had to compete with a live band playing next to our

club meeting and he won! Thanks Frank for covering the early days of starting your club back east. I invite you to show the movie at our September meeting as we will have a separate room with less background noise.

Non-club events you may want to consider include the Hot August nights in Reno as well as the local Concours Raduno at Masque Ristrante on August 5th or the Concours d'Elegance at Pebble Beach. If you are able to attend any of these other events, please provide the club with the details through an article submitted to our newsletter.

August's club event will be hosted by Ron Lingren at his home. It promises to be an educational night with Ron discussing his whole wine process and he will share some of his favorite wines. Thanks Ron, we look forward to an evening of wine and discussion on August 21.

Enjoy the many August events

Richard Starch

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

As you may know, there is a spurious hypothesis that electricity is really smoke. This strange thinking is based on the observation that once you let the smoke out of an electrical device it no longer works. Most Jaguar owners have, at one time or another, encountered the shortcomings (pun intended) of Lucas electrical equipment. Having said this, you really need to have your browser call up http://www3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry/smoke.htm.

As I commented previously, while I greatly enjoy our many social events, I

would like to see at least one "automotive" type event each year. Since most club members own 1980s or newer Jaguars, the days of 'tech sessions' have basically come and gone. (Electronic ignition and fuel injection are beyond the ability and facilities of most owners.) I don't really think many members are interested in slaloms. This leaves some type of rally as a logical choice. With the current price of gasoline I'm not sure this is a good suggestion but I would like some expression of interest, positive or negative. Please contact me at

banta@surewest.net (a new e-mail address).

Once again, my thanks to Jim Colipriest for keeping us up to date on the Phoenix (see page 5). If other members have things of interest to the club please feel free to e-mail them to me; the 25th of the month is the deadline for inclusion in the following month's Jag Wyre.

Andy Banta

JULY MEETING

16 members were in attendance at the Paradise Grill in Roseville.

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Starch at 6:45 PM. The minutes from the May meeting were distributed, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer indicated a positive balance; exact values are available to members by request.

Membership Report: To date there are 43 paid members. Two prospective members were introduced; Jerry Reynolds, a former member of the club, and Kurt Crew.

Event Report: Kevin Kaser reported on the June 14 Sacramento Zoo Picnic for Zoo Parents. The evening was enjoyed by about 17 members.

Andy Banta reported on the May 18 Shriner's Event held at Mather Field . Approximately 6 Jaguars were present.

Richard reported on the July 3 Music in the Mountains event. Patriotic music was supplied by two bands from Grass Valley and Nevada City.

Upcoming Events: July 28- August 2: The Golden Anniversary of the Western States Events: Jaguar Club in Grand Junction, CO is presenting a week of events for \$750 per couple. Brochures are still available for this event including reservation forms.

Aug. 9-10: Weekend in Mokelumne Hill. Marsha and Dennis Bentley have organized an exciting event for us. Overnight at the Leger Hotel with hors d'oeuvres and dinner, a tour Sunday morning of the Volcano Chasm Caverns, and brunch at the St. George Hotel.

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.

Upcoming events in October will be the Serrano Concours sponsored by Niello Oct. 5, Oct. 11 Clovis British Car Club Roundup, and the Oct. 18-19 car show in Morgan Hill. More details to be shared later.

New Business: It was moved and seconded that the Club join the Towe Auto Museum for \$100 per year which includes the use of the museum for meeting and club events.

The August meeting is scheduled to be at either the home of member Ron Lingren in Fair Oaks, or at his winery. We will be sending out information as soon as plans are finalized.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM and followed by a talk and slide presentation by Frank Weikel.



Natalie Olson

Left — A birthday celebration

Right — A birth of a club talk



AUGUST EVENT

Dennis and I have gone ahead with our planning of the August Event. The Leger Hotel is reserved for Saturday, August 9th. Guests who stay at the Hotel will get a discount on the room rate. Plan your arrival for 4:30 pm. We will have cocktails in the garden at 5:30 and dine in the banquet room at 6:30. After dinner you can play billiards or enjoy spirited conversation. On Sunday we'll have a continental breakfast at the Bentley's Glen (only 2 miles away) and then drive to Volcano to explore the Black Caverns. We can lunch in Volcano, too.

Guests will make their own reservations for rooms at the hotel (call 209 286-1401). (*I believe the Leger Hotel is full; there are other motels in Jackson. Editor*) I'll be getting a menu together soon and costs for the dinner. There'll be a no host bar and Sunday expenses will be up to each participant

I hope this sounds like a fun event. If you can attend on Saturday August 9th and Sunday August 10th please let me know.

Marsha Bentley

SACRAMENTO JAGUAR CLUB LOGOWEAR

The club offers members a choice of monogrammed articles of clothing including shirts, baseball caps and various other items. The most popular are the shirts which are short sleeve, golf-type, 3 buttons with collar. Sizes for men are XS to 6XL, and for women, XS to XXL. There are many color choices, but most popular with the men are British racing green or Burgundy. The ladies like mostly pastels. All shirts run \$27.04 each, regardless of size or color. The baseball caps vary in price depending on the style. The Sacramento Jaguar Club logo in color (see page 1) is embroidered on the left side of the shirt above where a pocket would be. The logo measures 2 ½ inches in diameter (it includes only the circular part of the logo). It is especially attractive on the British racing green color.

Call or email Natalie Olson for your order or for more information at roa2@comcast.net or 916-987-5730.

AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting will be at 6:30 PM on Thursday, the 21st at the home of Ron Lindgrin.

Ron has a small vineyard, small winery facility, and small tasting room. He has offered to explain the entire wine making process and let members do some tasting.

It is requested that members bring an hors d'oeuvre or salad to share for a light meal. Ron will provide assorted soft drinks and wine from his "Fair Oaks Cantina." Zinfandel grapes are grown in the vineyard and used to make Zinfandel wine. Grapes for Chardonnay and Syrah are purchased.

To get to 8412 Buffum Court in Fair Oaks:

From Sunrise-go east on Sunset, cross Fair Oaks Blvd. and Chicago, proceed a bit further and turn left on Manzanillo then right on Buffum Court.

From Hazel-go west on Sunset, cross Illinois, cross Kenneth, turn right on Manzanillo then right on Buffum Court.

Ron lives in a cul de sac so parking should not be a problem. Ron will alert the neighbors.

The telephone number is 961-8375 and the cell is 849-5911 if someone gets lost.

THE PLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX—CHAPTER 4

Having completed the major tasks of fire repair/engine swap and AC repair/refurbishment, it was time to address a few lesser issues. But about that time, the aftermarket power antenna died. Removal and disassembly revealed that the internal mechanism to count revolutions of the spool had broken. A quick search on eBay and I found an authentic Jaguar used antenna. Drops right in, plugs right in and works just fine.

Then the drivers side “passive” restraint system went belly up. Also referred to as the “mouse motor” it stopped releasing the belt. I removed the rear seat and left side panel to get access, and determined that the motor ran fine. It just didn’t run long enough to extend to the released position. Removal and disassembly revealed a mechanism just like the power antenna, just very heavy duty. And guess what? The revolution counting mechanism was broken. Of course, it was contained in a sealed assembly.



Access achieved



The heart of the beast.

I took the assembly (just the gearbox portion) to NIELLO Jaguar and learned the bad news: the small gearbox section is not serviced separately. Only the complete assembly is available and it lists for about \$900!!!

Then some good news: Because the restraint mechanism is a safety issue, it is covered under warranty for the life of the Jaguar. Then bad news: unless the Jaguar has been “salvaged”. Oh-Oh! The Phoenix was an insurance company write-off after the engine fire thus my DMV registration says “SALVAGE”. Then possible good news: DMV registration doesn’t matter, only what the Jaguar master computer system says. What is the VIN? Great news: the Jaguar computer didn’t say “salvaged”. The insurance company hadn’t notified Jaguar. I’m covered!

Great! Can you just order me the part and let me put it in? NO . . . warranty rules say the dealer must verify that it doesn’t work, then remove & replace it. So I had to go home, re-install the dead unit, then drive it to the dealer so they could do the R&R. At least they didn’t make me put the seat & side panel back in first.

Bottom line: new assembly at no cost, works fine. But I still hate the d__n “passive” belt system. Items to report next time: wiper blades park on the driver’s side, and loose A post stainless trim. Stay tuned.

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IN AND OUT OF GEAR

This column is a new feature which will be included from time to time. Basically it is a place to include things which may be of interest to the club but don't really fit anywhere else. Please feel Free to submit items and I will include them as space permits. Andy Banta, Editor

Our member George Feruson is selling his excellently maintained 1973 XKE series III. He has provided me with detail sheets that I will bring to the meetings but he can be reached at 209-532-0200. This would make a great collector's car as he has many records of the various repairs and original owner. (From what I read, XKEs, any XKE, are much in demand. *Editor*)

Also, Jason Patch has offered a 10% discount on his auto parts to our members should we mention the club while ordering on line from his website. His contact information is: Jason Patch, British Parts Outlet,(603)315-1035, britishpartsoutlet.com

Finally, if you have been wondering about the small MAPP gas, Oxygen torches offered by BernzOmatic at various hardware stores, I can now provide a little information. I needed to repair a broken weld on a metal frame chair. Basically it was attaching a 1/2" by 1/8" strap to a 1/2" square tube. I was successful but I'm not sure I would want to try anything much bigger. While the flame is certainly hot, it just isn't very big and it takes some time to bring things up to temperature. Time is an important consideration; according to the instruction, the oxygen tank is good for about 20 minutes. I also found the control valve on the MAPP gas cylinder very touchy. I feel quite sure it is simply a throttling device, not a regulator. If others have had experience with this or similar equipment I would like to hear from you. *Andy Banta*

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