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## SCRABBLE RALLY

Sacramento Jaguar Club's September activity was once again organized and sponsored by Linda and Andy Banta. Embellishing on last year's very successful Shortest Distance Rally, this year the event was a **Scrabble Rally**, starting at the Almond Plaza, Madison Avenue and Fair Oaks Blvd. The rules and instructions were straightforward.

The instructions listed by description and photo image, seven landmark checkpoints. A map of the greater Sacramento area showing the relative position of the checkpoints was provided. Participants were given the option of visiting a minimum of five

or all seven locations. For each location visited and verified by digital camera images, the participants were awarded three Scrabble letters. The gamble was whether to keep the mileage low and only visit five locations or to visit more locations to garner more Scrabble pieces. At the conclusion of the event, the participants gathered at The Old Spaghetti Factory on Sunrise Avenue in Roseville.

The landmark locations were located alphabetically in Davis, Knights Landing, Pleasant Grove (where the heck is Pleasant Grove?), Rocklin, the CSUS campus, Raley Field and Woodland.

Scoring proceeded as follows: Each entrant's actual mileage was recorded. The numeric value sum of the Scrabble letters awarded was then subtracted from the mileage figure. Then the numeric value of the letters that could be arranged in legitimate words was also subtracted giving a final score. Lowest total score wins.

Unfortunately, this year, there was a very small sign up and one entrant had to cancel due to a minor illness. This resulted in only three entries and it became an XJ-S event.

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*Left -- Gathering at the beginning of the rally*

*Right — The starting lineup plus the rally masters' 120*



**SCRABBLE RALLY *Continued***

Gathering at the Spaghetti Factory there was time for an attitude adjustment session prior to having an early dinner. Awarding of the scrabble pieces and calculating scores took place at the beginning of dinner. Jim & Vivian Collipriest visited all seven sites and collected 21 scrabble pieces (including an X for 8 points and a Z for 10 points) for a total of

49 points. Vivian was able to use all of the scrabble pieces to form words so their mileage was reduced by a total of 98 winning the first place trophy. Richard Starch and Steve Spangler visited only 5 sites and had only 95 miles but with only 15 scrabble pieces won the second place trophy. Wally Butler visited all seven sites but took a detour to Yuba City to finish in third place, but still a trophy.

A great time was had by all who participated in the event and attended the awards dinner. It is regrettable that so few members chose to participate. Possibly the economy and/or price of gas? Those who did participate felt it was well worth it and gave a resounding **hurrah** for Andy and Linda for putting on the event.

*Jim Collipriest*



*Left — Pennie and Raymond joined the festivities at the end of the rally*

*Right — The winners with their trophy.*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is coming to an end, yet there are still many events coming up for the club and your kitty. Keep in mind the many concourse events during October and the one the club will be attending is the Niello's Serrano Concourse on October 5. This event is located at the Serrano Country Club and has been a nice event in past years. Remember, if you visit one of the Niello dealerships, you can obtain Concourse tickets for \$35 or if you wait until the event, the tickets will be \$45. After the viewing, we will meet at Bistro 33 for concourse review and discussion over cocktails and light snacks.

For this month's club event, we will be on the road, traveling to the Buckhorn restaurant in Winters (location: 2 Main Street, Winters, CA 95694). This restaurant is known for their steaks and should provide a location closer to our Davis and Vallejo mem-

bers. We look forward to having them meet us for a great evening and club business.

As has been the custom in past years, we are coming up on the election of officers for next year's club offices. I want to encourage all members to consider helping the club. If you are not considering running for a board position, then please volunteer your time to be on a committee, sponsor an event, or contribute what you feel would benefit the club. As with any volunteer organization, the success of the club depends on the efforts of the members. I want to thank all of you who have contributed to this year's many events and projects. I have seen great things happening to this club and I am excited for next year. Please consider working for your club and make 2009 a year to remember.

The Scrabble Rally sponsored by

Linda and Andy Banta, was set on a perfect day and participants had a great time. The course was set up to travel to at least 5 of 7 locations with the shortest distance. With each stop, verified by a photo, the participant was given 3 scrabble letters. At the end of the rally, the mileage was reduced by the value of the Scrabble letters and words. Congratulations to the first place winners, Jim and Vivian Collipriest. Of special note was the challenge to find Knights Landing and Pleasant Grove and more specifically, the shortest distance between these two fine towns. Thanks to the Bantas and those that participated.

The weather is holding out for a few more weeks to enjoy your cars, so keep on Jagin' and we will see you in Winters on October 16

*Richard Starch*

## MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

September 18, 2008 meeting was held at Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant 6600, Lonetree Blvd., Rocklin.

16 members and one guest were in attendance

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Starch at 7:10 PM. The minutes from the July and August meetings were approved.

Richard Starch introduced guest Don Korock who is interested in selling his near concours ready 1970 E-type. He can be reached at 916-984-1970.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer, Linda Banta reported a positive balance; exact values are available to members by request

**Membership Report:** Robert Olson announced that to date there are 45 paid members. He urged members to continue to "Tag-a-Jag" as a way to recruit new members. He also announced that Towe Auto Museum is sending each club member passes to the museum.

**Upcoming Events:** The October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Buckhorn Grill in Winters. Watch for the notice in the JagWyer and on the web site for directions.  
**Sept. 21** Scrabble Rally. Andy reported that the course was set, and it will be a point to point event taking the shortest distance possible. It will take approximately 4-5 hours, and about 100 miles. He reminded participants to bring cameras in order to take pictures of the checkpoints. All participants should meet at the coffee shop in Almond Plaza at 10 AM.

**Oct. 5** Serrano Concours sponsored by Niello. For those that are interested, we will meet at Bistro 33, off Latrobe Road for dinner following the Concours.

**Oct. 11,** Clovis British Car Club Roundup.

**Oct. 18-19** Car show in Morgan Hill

**Dec. 14** Christmas Party. The 2008 December Christmas party will be organized by Vivian Collipriest and Kristina Creel. It will be a brunch held from 10-2 pm. at the Doubletree Hotel on Arden Way, in Sacramento.

**New Business  
And Discussion:** President Richard Starch asked for 3 volunteers to form the Nominating Committee. The volunteers are Natalie Olson, Susan Starch and Kristina Creel. They will present their nominees to the membership at the October meeting, and take nominations from the floor at that time.

Richard announced that grille badges or badges that can be applied to the body of the car are available for \$25.00 each. Please let him know of your interest.

Richard also announced that Lucy Steffens, who locates autos for film, would be interested in seeing photos of club cars for future films. See Richard if you are interested. The film "Milk" is due out this September, where the Starch's car makes its film debut.

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SEPTEMBER MEETINGS MINUTES *Continued*

Two possible speakers for future meetings were discussed -Scotty Bullock, who was a founding member of the Sacramento Jaguar Club, and Allister Oliver, or his father, who worked at the Jaguar plant for many years.

Buying a Jaguar and restoring it for a fundraiser for the club was discussed. A committee to find a fixer-upper was formed. Those volunteering were Walley Butler, Jim Colipriest and Richard Starch. Club members would volunteer their talents to help in the restoration.

Andy Banta raised the question as to the copywriting of the JagWyre article and the permission to use reprints.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM..

*Natalie Olson, Secretary*

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

As a I was setting up a folder for this month's Jag Wyre, I realized I've been Editor for a year. As far as I'm concerned, it has been a good year; I hope others share this assessment. I would like to thank all of the members who have contributed articles; without your help the Jag Wyre wouldn't be possible. I'm always open to suggestions on how to improve the Jag Wyre. My offer to publish letters to the Editor remains open; at this point I haven't had any takers.

According to the latest "Autoweek" a 1960 Jaguar E2A racing prototype has recently changed hands for a cool \$4,957,000. Described by some as the "missing link" between the D Type and the E Type, basically it was a D Type with an independent rear suspension. It was raced at le Mans as a Briggs Cunningham entry with Dan Gurney driving. It was also successfully driven in other races by Walt Hansgen, Jack Brabham and Bruce McLaren. According to Norman Dewis this

car was also used for testing the Maxret anti-lock brake system which used belt driven wheel lock-up sensors on each hub. While dates are not given I would guess this work was done in the early 1960s.

*Andy Banta*

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## SERRANO CONCOURS OCTOBER 5TH

This month's event is the Niello Concours at Serrano on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The concours opens to the public at 10:00 AM; you can arrive any time you like. The earlier you arrive the better the parking. Club members will gather in the afternoon and eventually depart to **Bistro 33** for food and drink. If you are not interested in the concours but would like to join others at **Bistro 33** you are very welcome to meet there at about 4:30. In any case if you plan to be at **Bistro 33**, please contact Richard Starch *as soon as possible* (916 774 9669, [rstarch@surewest.net](mailto:rstarch@surewest.net)) to be included in the count. The day of the event tickets are \$45 per person but you get them for \$35 by going to any Niello dealer prior to the event. As far as I know, the club doesn't have anyone entering a car in the concours but, based on past experience, it is a marvelous event with a great variety of really interesting cars; be sure to bring your camera.

To get to the concours from the west take Highway 50 east to the Latrobe Road/ El Dorado hills Blvd exit and take the second off ramp which puts you north on El Dorado Hills Blvd. From the east, take the off ramp and turn right. Follow Eldorado Hills Blvd to Serrano Pkwy and look for signs for the concours. To get to **Bistro 33** take Highway 50 to Latrobe Rd/ El Dorado Hills Blvd and head south on Latrobe Road (from the west take the first ramp) and turn left at the first intersection onto Town Center Blvd for about 0.2 miles; **Bistro 33** is on the right and just a bit hard to spot. If you get to the lake you've gone too far.



*Scenes from the 2007 Serrano Concours*

## OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting will be at 7:00 PM—**NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME**—on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Buckhorn Grill, 2 Main Street, Winters CA. As part of the arrangement with the Buckhorn we need to divide the check among ourselves. Please come prepared to pay in cash and be ready to figure your bill to the closest dollar.

Directions are as follows: From the west the route is quite clear. Take I 80 to I 505 and head north; exit at route 128 and head west. From the east the picture is less clear. In spite of having laid out the rally route I'm not familiar with the Davis, Winters area. Studying the maps, there are two obvious choices. One is to take I 80 to I 505 but it looks like it takes you out of the way. An alternative appears to be taking I 80 to Mace Blvd in Davis and heading north, This will lead you onto Covell Blvd which becomes route E6 which leads you onto route 128. In any case, once you are going west on route 128 it becomes Grant Ave in Winters; turn left on Railroad Street and follow to Main Street.

## “MEET A MEMBER” WRITER NEEDED

“Everyone has a story to tell,” it is commonly said. We need a member to help write short biographies of our members. The articles would appear in JagWyre and on the Club’s website. For example, the club has community workers, ex-Marines, retired professors, political consultants, teachers-in-the-making, home stagers, backyard vintners, investment advisors, doctors, motorcycle designers, gemologists, rodeo cowboys, airline pilots, and other people with an amazing array of interesting backgrounds.

We have our Jaguars in common, but the “Meet A Member” column would be one way of getting to know each other better. Bob Olson, our Membership Chairman, is looking for helpers to write a short monthly article about one of us. Most of the work could be done by electronic interviews (phone, e-mail). An occasional one-on-one interview might be needed. Bob will help prepare a standard set of questions. *(Sounds like a great idea to me, Editor)*

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*Ride to Ryde April 2006*

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