

# Jag Wyre



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## PORT AND CHOCOLATE

Let it never be said that the members of the SJC are fair weather car enthusiasts. Twenty-four hearty members and guests braved the wind and rain on Sunday, February 15, to enjoy a wonderful brunch at the Freeport Bar & Grill. After a leisurely meal accompanied by lots of good conversation, most of the group meandered on down the Sacramento River to Clarksburg where we spent the afternoon tasting a variety of local wines and indulging ourselves in delicious chocolates at the Old Sugar Mill Port & Chocolate event. After dodging the raindrops getting into the

restored Sugar Mill complex we could relax and visit the various wine-tasting rooms, check out the art work and antiques or just sit and engage in interesting conversations with fellow members. There is never a shortage of stories, questions, answers, and general advice when we all get together so most of us go away a little more enlightened about anything to do with Jaguars . . . and much more.

The Bantas' day had started on a down note when they discovered that one of their "Brand X" cars had been vandalized during the

night. If there was a bright side to that incident it was that at least it wasn't their Jaguar!!

It was nice to meet new member David Jenson along with his wife and some his friends who joined us for this fun day. We hope to see more of them in the future.

Our calendar of events for the upcoming year is going to be jam packed with a variety of activities so we are hoping to continue having good turnouts as we go through the year.

*Judy Dunow*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very pleased to welcome Sam Mahal, our newest member. Sam lives in Sacramento, and he owns a white 1976 XJ12L, which had been sitting for nine years before he purchased it. We look forward to meeting Sam and seeing his beautiful sedan.

Thanks to all who participated in our brunch in Freeport and the Port and Chocolate event at the Old Sugar Mill in Clarksburg. The club also celebrated its 31<sup>st</sup> birthday during the regular meeting on February 19.

We still need a volunteer to help create and write a *Meet A Member* column for the newsletter. While we have our Jaguars in common, our 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. If you can spare some time and like to interview and write about people, contact me at (916) 987-5730 or at [roal@comcast.net](mailto:roal@comcast.net).

*Jaguar XJ-S – The Essential Buyer's Guide*, is a new book for XJS owners and fans. It is available from Veloce Publishing ([www.veloce.co.uk](http://www.veloce.co.uk)). The ad describes the book as "A practical and highly-illustrated hands-on guide, to take you step-by-step through examination and purchase of Jaguar's longest-running production car of all..." (I put it on my gift list!)

I have developed a draft *Jaguar Local Service and Parts Sources*. It is an attempt to compile information that I hope will be useful to the members. I visited almost every one of these places during my term as Membership Chairman. If you would like to see the list and make

additions or corrections, let me know so I can finish the list and make it available to our members.

Interested in visiting the Towe Auto Museum? Contact me for passes good until 9/30/09. Our club will be displaying members' cars during August. Bill Kreglow, Jerry Reynolds, and I are starting to plan the event and select the cars for display.

For those few members who still need to renew your membership for 2009, please do so ASAP.

March's meeting will be held on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>. The board will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00. The location is Mimi's Restaurant, 3511 North Freeway Blvd., Sacramento (vicinity of Truxel Road and I-80 and near Carino's Restaurant, where we have met before).

*Bob Olson, President*  
President

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

One of the perks of being newsletter editor is receiving notices of postings of newsletters from other clubs. From time to time I scan some of these to see what other folks are doing. I recently looked at a copy of *The Island Growler*, published by the Jaguar Club of Victoria. There on the penultimate page was a reprint of an article from the March 1950 *Road & Track: My Favorite Sports Car* by Clark Gable. (If you don't recognize the name, do a Google search.) As many of you may have guessed, the subject of the article is Mr. Gable's XK120 roadster. In the article he states "I can say without reservation, that the car

is the easiest handling vehicle I have maneuvered at any speed or condition. There isn't the slightest feeling of exceptionally high speed one generally has in smaller automobiles . . ."

Based on this comment and similar items I have found from other sources of the same era, automobiles have certainly improved considerably in the past 50 years. We have been recently been doing considerable long distance driving and I don't want to even think about making these trips in our XK 120. While it is fun to drive, an excursion of 100 to 150 miles is enough for one day. Compared to modern auto-

mobile, the steering, clutch and shift all require more effort. In keeping with its sporting character the ride is quite firm and can become tiresome after a few hours.

Speaking of ride, I would note that we found considerable improvement in our Brand X car when we switched from Bridgestone to Michelin tires. Both the ride and noise level are much better.

Finally, I can't help wondering where cars will be in another fifty years. I have some ideas but I'll reserve my thoughts for another month. *Andy Banta, Editor*

## FEBRUARY MEETING

Minutes of the February meeting will appear in the April Jag Wyre. For now you will have to make do with the picture at the right. *Editor*

## MARCH EVENTS

Unless some urgent business comes up, the March meeting has been canceled

The March event is a wine tasting tour. Tentatively, the wineries include:

- 1) Harmony Winery: Live pipe organ music with personal tour from winemaker:  
Special Wine: Alicante Bouschet
- 2) Vio Con Brio with both indoor and outdoor picnic facilities. The club will need to bring picnic food and supplies. Special Wine: Pinotage (rare in US)
- 3) Harney Lane: new facility but nice Tempranillo
- 4) D'art winery with nice art work and their special Barbera

We will meet at Elk Grove Regional Park at 10:00am and proceed to Lockeford. The park is located at the intersection of Elk Grove Florin Rd and Elk Grove Blvd; take 99 to the Elk Grove Blvd exit and head east for about 0.8 miles. Others coming from outside of Sacramento, can meet the club at the Vino Piazza at 11:00am for the first of the trip.

Members can prepare an individual picnic lunch to be eaten at the Vio Con Brio winery. Some wineries may charge a small tasting fee. If you wish to purchase wine most will take a charge card as well as cash. The organized trip will conclude around 2:30pm at which time, members can journey around Lodi for other wineries or events of interest. A contest with a wine related prizes will be offered. **Please RSVP to Bill Kreglow or Richard Starch for this event (e-mail addresses on page 5). In the interest of driver safety, members may want to car pool with a designated driver.**

### Future events sponsored by others that may be of interest are:

Shriners Hospitals Concours d'Elegance in Ranch Cordova, Sunday, May 17, 2009

The San Francisco Concours d'Elegance at the Presidio on Sunday, July 19, 2009 (celebrating the marques of Packard & Bentley  
( tickets are on an **Advance purchase only**, go to: The Concours.net)

The "Day on the Green" SW Region JCNA event July 31 - August 2, at Cal-Neva Resort, Crystal Bay, Lake Tahoe, NV).  
(for info: [jcna.com/calendar/events.php](http://jcna.com/calendar/events.php))

## PHOTO CONTEST

We have a Jag Wyre contest; if not the first, it is the first in a long time. The young lady shown with her XKE is the wife of a current member. Can you identify who she is? Send your replies to [banta@surewest.net](mailto:banta@surewest.net) or 8088 Highwood Way, Orangevale, CA, 95662; the first correct entry will receive a small prize.



## THE JAGUAR RECOVERY TEAM, PROJECT II, REPORT IV

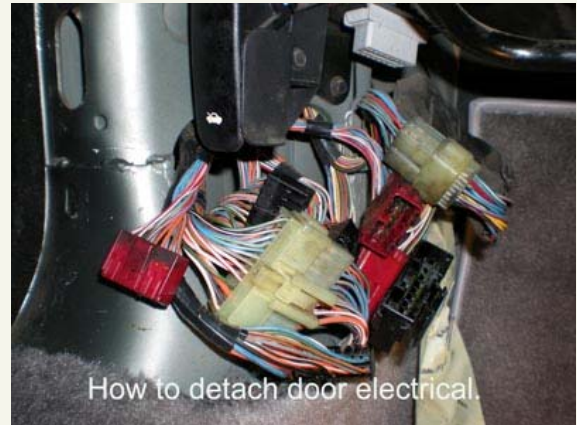
### MORE PROGRESS

The # II Project Jaguar now sports new front seat skins. Getting the old covers off was a challenge but educational. Getting the new skins on was another challenge but the result was well worth it. The last major project was replacing the driver's door top hinge due to a broken spring. Getting the old hinge out was a hassle. Getting the replacement hinge in was almost as much of a hassle. Then the door had to be jacked into final position and all of the displaced items had to be crammed back where they came from. Once more the result was worth the effort.

After much discussion, it was decided that the top (hood) did need to be replaced. A replacement top was purchased and is on hand to be installed. Richard Starch found a hood (bonnet) on Craigslist. It was in Santa Anna but by the time this JagWyre goes to press it should be here thanks to Wally Butler who volunteered to make the round trip to save the project crating and shipping charges.

When installation of the top and hood are completed the project car will be ready for detailing and paint. The light is visible at the end of this tunnel.

*Jim Collipriest*



## CAR FOR SALE

This low mileage 1994 XJS is now for sale. If you have ever wanted a clean, great condition XJS, look no further. This convertible red and tan jag has less than 25,000 miles (original). It has a clean title and never been in an accident. Everything works mechanically and electrically including the headlight washers. I am asking \$15,000 for this top of the line feline. Please contact Richard Starch at 916 774-9669 or email me for further details and photos at [rstarch@surewest.net](mailto:rstarch@surewest.net)



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