

# Jag Wyre



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## LODI WINE TASTING

The Sacramento Jag Club made a trip to the Lodi area to taste wine and have a picnic. The day was slightly overcast and on the cool side, but was still a fair day for a drive. We met at the Elk Grove Regional Park and everyone was given a Lodi map, a 2 bottle wine carrier and a short quiz.

The club's six cars headed out on the back roads to Lodi. We took several roads east and south passing goats, horses, llamas and one zebra. We took in several sights including the old cooling towers of Rancho Seco and fields of grapes and fruit trees in various stages of bloom. We arrived at the Vino Piazza in Locheford as they were opening several of the 5 wineries on location. After a few tastings, the club headed down highway 88 to Harney Lane where we attempted to visit four wineries. We stopped at Harmony Wynelands where we tasted 6 various wines including their prize winning Alicante Bouschet.

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## AGM REPORT

One of the fun parts about attending the AGM is renewing old friendships and making new friends. Seven of us were able to get together Thursday evening for a wonderful dinner at a nearby Brazilian Churascaria. The food was plentiful and delicious and we all tried many unusual dishes from the enormous soup/salad bar. Meat was served directly at the table by gauchos carrying huge skewers with any kind of meat you could imagine. It was a delightful evening and a wonderful experience.

During the day on Friday many of us visited the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum. This offers a wonderful exhibit of many vintage military planes as well as historical information about aviation. It is located in a huge hangar at the former Lowry AFB. One of the more interesting exhibits was a small plane that exhausted the jet over the top of the wing to increase lift.

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*Right: Members close to home at Lodi wine tasting*



*Far right: Members and friends further from home at the Denver AGM*



Sean, the winemaker, gave us a tour of their facility and then topped off the visit with a pipe organ review from owner Bob Hartzell. Bob, at 76, had been playing the organ since age four.

Bob's long term vision was to own an old theater pipe organ. He was able to secure the Castro Theatre pipe organ out of San Francisco and proceeded to design their tasting room around the 2200 pipes and organ. To this day, the pipe organ is used for weddings, celebrations and 5 times a year; this winery has an evening of silent movies once again filling in the silence with organ back

up music and sound effects.

The club, after securing a few select bottles of Harmony wines, drove to the next winery, Vino Con Brio. This winery had a covered picnic facility set up with cloth covered tables next to the wine tasting room. (There was also a 4 room bed and breakfast associated with this winery should you desire a quiet get-away.) We tasted their Pinotage, which is one of only 10 wineries in the US that grows and produces a Pinotage. After enjoying our picnic lunch, the quiz was graded and wine related prizes given out. As we had spent extra time at the earlier wineries,

several members needed to head back home.

The balance of the club did visit the third winery, Harney Lane Winery before calling it a day. Harney Lane's specialty was their Tempranillo wine. We enjoyed tasting their other wines before leaving for home as the rain began to sprinkle.

The day was filled with good wines, a nice drive and as always good company of our members.

*Richard Starch*



*Pictures from the Lodi wine tasting*



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Friday evening the group was bussed to Arvada where we enjoyed a tour of the Cussler Auto Museum. Clive Cussler is a well-known author who usually incorporates his cars into his stories. He has many beautifully restored cars on display but sadly not one Jaguar. However, there is a supercharged Bentley with the blower on the front of crank and the SU's right out there on the intake, see photo below. Dinner that night was a chuckwagon type BBQ with all the trimmin's.

The AGM business meeting got started early this year (7:30 AM). The main topics were updating the by-laws, sounds familiar. As usual with this group they tend to dwell on words. The second item was the trailering issue, which caused a furor last fall. They have modified the existing

rule to allow trailering if your car is 35 years or more old. This is floating date so each year another group of cars will join those with trailering privileges. The idea is older cars are less reliable and more difficult to drive to some events. This allows those owners who have the proper equipment to trailer theirs to a show. There were few changes to the Rally rules, mostly house keeping.

Next year the AGM will be held in Indianapolis IN, as I was informed just prior to the meeting by Cliff Burke with whom I sat during the meeting. Looking to the future Ottawa is considering holding the 2011 AGM. All this is good news. Not many clubs are stepping up these days.

On Saturday evening we enjoyed a fine banquet and awarding of tro-

phies to winners who were attending. This event also included a presentation by Stefan. In conjunction with the Jaguar Heritage group (primarily an organization for the owners) Jaguar is establishing classic parts operation to assist the dealers with parts that are no longer available. As Stefan mentioned they are getting factory moulds and drawing. The XJS folks have received some factory drawings as part of the communications between JCNA and the factory. At the present time the classic parts web site is not up yet; it is more like a test pattern!

*Judy & Bruce Dunow*



*Left, Saturday meeting; if you look carefully you can see the SJC delegates*



*Upper Right, plane with jet exhaust over the wing*



*Right, Blower Bentley*

*Judy & Bruce , left watch awards being given , right*



**SACRAMENTO JAGUAR CLUB GENERAL MEETING**  
**February 19, 2009**  
**Rancho Cordova, CA**

**16 members were in attendance were:**

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Olson at 6:45 PM.

**Announcements:** Bob announced that we have two new members: David Jensen and Sam Mahal.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

**OFFICERS REPORTS**

**President:** Information about the San Francisco Concours and the Day on the Green sponsored by Reno Car Club in Crystal Bay, July 31-August 3 is available for anyone interested in attending. Please contact Bob Olson or Bill Kreglow and they will forward the information, or watch the JagWyre for details.

Also noted, Haggarty Insurance offers car club information on its website. This might be a site for SJC to explore.

**VP Activities:** Bill Kreglow reported that he would like to organize a catered evening affair at the Sacramento Jaguar dealership to tour the facility and showroom. He is working on the arrangements with the service manager and ideally, the event will take place when the new 2010 XJ arrives sometime this spring.

Bill is looking into the Blackhawk Museum in Danville for an activity in late March or April.

Richard Starch volunteered to organize an activity at Lodi Wine and Visitors Center and Wine and Roses Inn in for a possible April activity.

Bill announced that the March 19 meeting will be a Mimi's Restaurant in the Natomas area, 3511 North Freeway Blvd., in Sacramento next door to Carino's where we met before.

**Treasurers** Linda Banta distributed copies of the current Treasurer's report which shows a positive balance

**PROJECT & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** Jim Collipriest reported that we now have 33 paid members, 2 new members, and 13 dropped memberships.

- Website Mgr.** Kristina Creel was absent from this meeting.
- JagWyre:** Andy Banta continues to update the JagWyre each month with club information and news. He asked that Judy Dunow write a report for the next JagWyre issue on the February 15th brunch at the Freeport Bar and Grill prior to the Port and Chocolate event at the Old Sugar Mill in Clarksburg.
- Project Car:** Jim Collipriest updated the members with the progress of the project car. They are currently looking for a boot (hood) and may have located one in So. California. Wally Butler volunteered to drive down and get it, if purchased. Other progress has been a new canvas top and hinge replacement, and new seat covers.
- President Olson asked that someone volunteer to create a certificate and wording, suitable for framing, that can be awarded to Doris Lockness and other future Honorary Members. Andy Banta volunteered to create such a certificate.
- New Business:** President Olson asked that the Secretary of State records be checked to insure they are up to date. Natalie Olson volunteered to research them. He also asked that the Tax Exempt status of the club be reviewed by Linda Banta.
- A parts and repair information list was passed around and members were asked to add any other known vendors to the list. A finalized copy will be distributed to those interested.
- The president announced that February was the birthday month for the Sacramento Jaguar Club, and that a birthday cake would be served after adjournment. The club is 31 years old this year.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

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*Natalie Olson, Club Secretary*



*February meeting at Cattleman's in Ranch Cordova*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you read that **Jaguar** and Buick displaced Lexus and tied for the top rating in vehicle dependability according to J.D. Power and Associates' annual survey? Now every morning I point to my XJS and say "Be dependable!"

Six couples—and five Jaguars—participated in the caravan for wine tasting and lunch on March 21. No DUIs were reported issued. Special thanks to Richard Starch for organizing the event, which included white tablecloths for the picnic and gifts for those attending.

Save **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**. That is the date of the All British Motorcar Show and Swap Meet hosted by the United British Sports Car Club of Sacramento at the Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland. This is one of the best gatherings of cars that "crossed the pond." Last year, we had enough XJS' to have a display of

our own. Rich Starch's XJS won "Best in Class." Bill Kreglow is exploring the possibilities of having a club picnic at the show. It is a fun event.

A reminder to those few members who have not renewed, please do it now or you will be deleted from the 2009 SJC Roster. Publication date is targeted for April 15. Assuming you renew for 2009, e-mail Jim Collipriest at [jamescolliprie2393@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jamescolliprie2393@sbcglobal.net) for inclusion in the Roster, and send your checks payable to Sacramento Jaguar Club or SJC to Linda Banta at 8088 Highwood Way, Orangevale, CA 95662.

The Board at its next meeting will be discussing how best to maintain the club's website that Kristina Creel has so graciously hosted and artistically created. JCNA's website provides very limited hosting services. The

Board will be deciding about the purchase of our own domain name and subscribing to a web hosting service. Our own site will allow us to upload and store more information and provide continuity as editors change.

We wish Karen Taylor, our unofficial "Morale Officer," a speedy and successful recovery from her recent surgery.

April's meeting will be held on **Thursday the 16<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*

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

One of the fun things that goes with attending the AGM is the chance to talk with other Jaguar enthusiasts from other clubs. Among other things, these conversations brought out the fact that SJC is strong on social events but lacking on truly automotive events. We have participated in the United British Sports Car Club's event in May and we have had a couple rallyes but none of these has been well attended. In talking with a member of the San Francisco club it was suggested that we hold a joint course in Fairfield. The location

would be about equal distance from each club and could be a lot of fun. While I don't expect SJC will ever be a major player in the concourse scene, it would give us a chance to have our cars judged in a somewhat friendly setting. It would also provide opportunity to have some of our members trained as judges.

On another matter, the latest Autoweek (which now is published bi-weekly) has spied testing of the 2011 Jaguar XJ. While it will remain the same size as the

current model, AW states it will look significantly different with lines drawn from the XF. The top power-plant will a supercharged 5.0 liter V8 cranking out 503 hp.

Several members contributed to this Jag Wyre. I appreciate the help; my thanks goes to each of them.

Finally, I've had only one entry—incorrect—to the photo contest in last month's Jag Wyre; surely you can do better than that!

*Andy Banta, Editor*

## APRIL HAPPENINGS

The Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, meeting will be held at Mimi's which is off I-80 at the Truxel exit going north. Take the first right on Truxel, Gateway Park Blvd. and Mimi's is on the right. They have a large parking lot. The address is 3511 North Freeway Blvd. the corner of Gateway Park Blvd. and North Freeway Blvd, the phone number is 916 575-9501.

The Board meeting is at 6:30 PM (all members are invited to attend) and dinner is at 7:00 PM

The scheduled event is the Chico British Car Show on April 26th. **We have conflicting information about this event actually taking place; keep an eye on your e-mail for an update.**

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

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

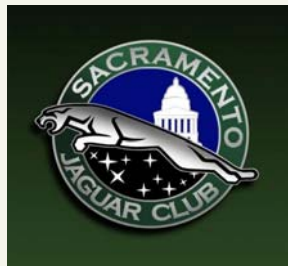
The San Francisco Concours d'Elegance at the Presidio on Sunday, July 19, 2009 (celebrating the marques of Packard & Bentley (for info: go to the Concours web page, **tickets are on an Advance purchase only.**)

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

The Niello Concours at Serrano will be held on Sunday, October4, 2009.

## LOGOWARE FOR SJC MEMBERS

The Sacramento Jaguar Club has a sharp logo (below) that can be embroidered on shirts, hats jackets, totes, etc. A catalogue is available for you to choose color and size of the various articles of clothing. Club secretary, Natalie Olson will bring the catalogue to the meeting in April for you to examine. A short sleeve polo shirt, men's or women's sizes including tax, is \$27.25. Other articles (caps, etc.) are priced separately. Logo articles are great to wear to SJC events, so order yours at the April meeting!



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

### M O R E P R O G R E S S

During the removal of the old convertible top, several items were encountered that help explain the problems with the fabric pulling out at the corners of the rear window (called a Backlight). First, the hinge points for the linkage that positions the rear window frame were all rust bound. This kept the window from dropping normally when the top was lowered. Second, during the previous installation, bolts used to attach the positioning linkage to the window frame were too long breaking and displacing the mastic dam at both lower corners. Third, the straps connecting the frame to the rear bow were incorrectly installed causing the window to be installed ¼" too high. And fourth, the previous installation was done without removing the glass from the frame. This resulted in staples securing the fabric to the mastic dam to be placed at the top corner rather than at the side of the dam. The result was very narrow edge margin facilitating pullout of the fabric.

The glass was properly removed from the frame by using piano wire to cut through the old sealant. This then allowed the removal of all old staples from the original and replacement installations.

Unfortunately the linkage pivot points were hard riveted assemblies. This meant that they had to be drilled out, then drilled through to allow reassembly with stainless steel bolts and lock nuts. The breaks in the mastic dam were repaired with through screws and epoxy and the bracket attach bolts were cut off to proper length.

The new top has now been fitted (with some difficulty) and the next step will be to cut in and staple the rear window frame. The final step will be to re-bond the window glass and outer seal to the installed frame using urethane sealant.

The replacement right front fender has been detailed and primed by MIRACALE AUTO PAINTING in Citrus Heights and reinstalled. The replacement bonnet has been fitted and adjusted. And the front bumper cover has been structurally repaired and installed.

As soon as the rear window installation is completed, the car goes to the paint shop. Then after reinstallation of a few trim pieces and panels, the project is complete.

*Jim Collipriest*



Fender & hood fitted

Old top removed



New top installed (less rear window)

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Cutting sealant between glass & frame.