

Jag Wyre



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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Report on the Project car

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CHICO CAR SHOW

Where should I start to recap the British Car Show in Chico for those who were unable to attend: with the weather or with the cars? Both were amazing and judging by the fact that the food line ran out of food, I think it is safe to say the turn out in people and show cars was more than expected. The Austin-Healey club must have requested everyone owning a Healey- or an Austin- make within 150 miles to attend the event! There were numerous MG's in various makes and models. There were old-time British motorcycles, mini Coopers, and various Triumph models--including one owned by the same person since purchased in 1971! The Chico show

hosted a saxophone quartet, tri-tip sandwiches, bangers, artwork, auctions, and novelties or one-off vehicles such as a NOBEL and many other rare restored cars and a truck.

The Jaguar clubs made a modest turn out. A handful of Jags of various years and makes took the corner of the show area nearest the tee-off spot for one of the holes. I must say I never saw so many yellow E-Types at one time--there were at least three or four at the show. There was a tricked out, svelte 1985 XJ6 coupe with no outer handles. We were curious how one might enter the car when the windows were rolled up, the doors locked,

and the key fob battery dead. Hmmm. Nonetheless, it was very stealthy with its contemporary blacked out mirrors and the depth of its meticulous black paint job. I guess you could imagine it as a hot rod XJ6. It was pretty cool as well as unique.

The most fascinating part of the show, for me, must have been the opportunity to stand in the sunshine while talking with and listening to SJC member Fred Garisher of Paradise and former SJC member Larry Jackson (Jim) talk about their beautifully restored and maintained vehicles.

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Left: Jaguar owners made a showing

Right: SJC members also made a showing



Fred described the Spring Green colored - 1958 - 3.4 liter - Mark 1 Saloon with a hand-sewn Forest Green accordion-style sunroof - owned and showed by Fred and Nancy Garisher; and Jim described the White Smoke colored - 1951 - 3.5 liter - XK120M - open - Two-Seat Roadster that he owns and entered in the show.

Fred described the painstaking (or rather prickly) time and effort he put into hand-sewing the sunroof on the Mark 1 so that it would look great AND be functional, too. Jim commented on the fact that the 1951 XK120 used to be his daily commuter vehicle [Can you believe it?] because it got at least 22 mpg! What a fun commuter car. The gentlemen commented about their racing days, about restoring these vehicles and others, about the club history and the time the club waned, about club participation and event turn out, about the cars they've acquired and how they acquired them over the years, about garage space or the lack there

of and the need for more garages and garage space. I was amazed to learn that their two vehicles (a saloon and a roadster) roughly thirty years older than my 1986 XJ6 weigh less than my car, which tips the scales near 5,000 lbs [depending on how many tri-tip sandwiches I eat].

One of the fun and intriguing conversations Fred and Jim captivated us with was their trip to view the confiscated Bugatti collection of Hans and Fritz Schlumpf now owned by the National Motor Museum of France. Their tales of the adventures of renting a car to visit the collection, recounting of the history of the collection, and their descriptions of their too short full day tour of the museum would definitely be worthwhile to hear again if we could get them to be our guest speakers sometime in the future. I think their experiences, adventures, restorations, and collections offer something to captivate every club member. In summary, Fred and Jim were delighted to see club members

at this event. Fred commented that he frequently shows and never sees a single club member. I imagine this sentiment might be the same for Andy and Linda Banta when they show their cars at the Shriners' Concours, Mather, Niello, et al when club support is thin. Perhaps, this year we might be able to make it to a few more shows to support our members. If you do go, be sure to seek out and talk with the members; they will be glad you did.

If you would like more information on the Bugatti collection, you can find its history, photos, and much more at [The National Motor Museum of France](#) on the internet. Key words: Bugatti, Schlumpf collection, Museum.

-- Kristina Creel



Fred Gerisher with his Mark I and Larry Jackson with his XK120



Fred Gerisher, Kevin Kaser and Larry Jackson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was a great pleasure meeting our newest members Michael and Lena Platt at our April business meeting. We look forward to their participation and ideas and the addition of their 1996 XJS to our stable of fine Jaguars.

Forthcoming activities include the all British Motorcar Show and Swap Meet hosted by the United British Sports Car Club of Sacramento on **Sunday, May 17th** at the Yolo County Fairgrounds in Woodland; a display of some of our club's cars at the California Auto Museum (formerly Towe Museum) during the month of **August**; and possibly displaying many of our cars at a "Jaguar Day" at the State Fair in **August-September**. In addition, two events with neighboring Jaguar clubs are being planned: (1) a caravan to South Lake Tahoe on **Sunday, August 2**, to visit the Reno Jaguar Club's "Day on the Village

Green" event, and (2) a joint gathering, including a concours, with the San Francisco club in the **fall** in the Fairfield-Vacaville area. Also, the Zoo Parents Picnic will be held in **June**, providing another chance to see our "mascot." Details to follow.

Most of us probably know that some months ago Ford Motor Company sold Jaguar to India's Tata Group. What is the Tata Group? According to its information, the company was founded in 1868 as a trading company. Now "the Tata Group comprises 96 operating companies in seven business sectors: Information Technology and Communications, Engineering, Materials, Services, Energy, Consumer Products, and Chemicals." It is India's largest conglomerate with nearly 300,000 employees, and the Group has operations in over 80 countries.

The company reported that "Jaguar finished 2008 with global sales of more than 65,000 cars—an increase of 8% over 2007 and one of only a handful of brands to report a year-on-year sales increase." Earlier this year, Jaguar officially introduced "the new XFR and the next generation XKR Coupe and Convertible, all available in 2010 Model Year" along with two new 5.0 liter engines, one rated at 385hp and the supercharged other at 510hp.

May's meeting will be held on **Thursday the 21st**. The board will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00. The location is Cattleman's Restaurant, 2000 Taylor Road, Roseville (916) 782-5587.

Thanks again for your continued support and participation.

Bob Olson
President

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The British Car Show at Chico is reported elsewhere in this newsletter; my thanks to Kristina Creel for her fine report. I would like to add a couple comments. First, by chance, we talked with the professor from Chico State who teaches the class that planned and ran the car show; unfortunately, we didn't get his name. I'm impressed, they did a fine job of putting on a great show.

I had never before realized how many makes of automobiles used SU carburetors and how many variations there were among them. The Marcos race car built for Le Mans was also quite interesting. In particular I noticed the alternator (possibly a generator) driven from the final drive. In talking with the owner, I was told part of the idea was to use braking to generate electricity; some ideas aren't as new as you think! Finally,

I don't usually think of a Delorean as British car but it was built in Belfast which—much to the dismay of the Irish—is a part of Great Britain.

I would like to extend my thanks to Jim Collipriest for organizing the Jaguar recovery project, his work on it and the reports he has provided; it has been real fun.

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Marcos Le Mans car (which never ran at Le Mans but did run at Spa in Belgium) with its alternator driven from the final drive



MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

The April 16, 2009 meeting was held at Mimi's Restaurant, 3511 North Freeway Blvd., Sacramento, CA; 14 members were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Olson at 6:55 PM.

Announcements: Bob welcomed and introduced new members Michael and Lena Platt.

Special Item: It is necessary to move the web hosting subscription and domain name services to another service since Kristina Creel (Webmaster) has been supporting the website on her personal account. It was agreed that the discussion should be revisited when Kristina was present. Treasurer Linda Banta said the club treasury could support whatever the costs might be. It was moved, seconded and approved to pay for the costs from the club funds. Further discussion will follow.

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

OFFICERS REPORTS

President: President Olson discussed the upcoming events and encouraged members to participate. The next event will be the Chico British Car Show at the Canyon Oaks Golf Club, 999 Yosemite Drive, Chico on Sunday, April 26. A caravan will be organized, starting location to be announced when we know who will attend. An e-mail will be sent with instructions.

Bob also thanked Andy Banta for creating and printing an Honorary Member Certificate. Our first Honorary Member, Doris Lockness, will be presented with the framed certificate at the Ride to Ryde brunch. (*See proposed bylaws change on page 9, Ed.*)

VP Activities: Bill Kreglow expressed the value of the monthly meetings in order to get feedback on recent events. His goal is to plan events about which the membership is enthusiastic. He would like to make the Woodland Car show an official Sacramento Jaguar Club event. This year the date is May 17. More information will follow.

Other future events in the planning stage are:

The Ride to Ryde May event date is pending Pennie Yeransian's confirmation. She will need some help in soliciting raffle prizes.

Fresno concourse and *Sacramento Zoo Picnic* in June.

San Francisco concours July 19;

Bill proposed a bus trip to *Laguna Seca* for the Antique Car Races in August. He will look into the possibility.

In October 2010, *Los Angeles club's concours* in Santa Maria with possible tour of Hearst Castle.

The May 21 meeting place is yet to be announced.

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Treasurers Report: Linda Banta distributed copies of the current Treasurer's report which shows a comfortable positive balance.

PROJECT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Jim Collipriest reported that as of April 16 we now have 41 paid members, which includes 4 new members.

Project Car: Jim Collipriest updated the members with the progress of the project car. The back light is operating; the top is fully assembled and the car currently is in the paint shop. Jim will need a detail crew after painting prior to delivery to new owner, Judy Dunow.

Old Business: It was determined that the payment of the club's non-profit organization taxes confirmed the club was in good standing with the state. No further investigation of good standing was considered necessary.

AGM Rep. Report: Bruce Dunow reported the San Francisco club's interest in a joint concours in the Fairfield/Green Valley area in October. The event would include judges' training for those interested in judging concours events. President Olson will contact the San Francisco club's president for details. The JagWyre will print the pertinent information.

Bruce also reported that the Reno club will have their event in South Lake Tahoe on August 2. Details of that will follow later.

Bruce inquired of the AGM about our charter. It was determined that it was buried in archives and that the retrieval of it would be difficult.

On the subject of insurance, Bruce reported that the club was covered for its events as long as there was no club sponsored alcohol being served.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Natalie Olson, Club Secretary

MAY MEETING

The May meeting will be May 21st at Cattleman's Restaurant, 2000 Taylor Road in Roseville. The board meeting is at 6:30 PM, **all members are welcome to attend**, and dinner is at 7:00 PM. Heading east on I-80 exit at Taylor Road and loop back across I-80; Cattleman's is on the right. According to *MS Streets and Trips*, when approaching from I-80 heading west you exit at Eureka road, go back onto I-80 heading east and follow the directions above. If you are familiar with the area you many know a better way



Richard Starch chats with new members, Michael and Lena Platt.

MAY EVENT

As in past years, the May event is the United British Sports Car Club of Sacramento's car show and swap meet in Woodland which will occur on Sunday, May 17th. We would like to have a good turnout. If you simply want to attend it is free; if you want to show a car you must register. It is \$20 to pre-register and \$30 on the day of the event; go to UBSCC's web page for details. Vendors and car entrants can enter at 7:00 AM and the gates are open to the public at 8:00 AM. Driving instructions from the UBSCC web page are:

This year, all car show and Swap Meet entries will enter the Fair at the gate on East Gibson. Parking and entry for attending the show may still use the gate on Gum. From Sacramento: Take I-5 North toward Woodland. Take the Main St. exit toward CA-113 S/Woodland. Turn left at Main St. Go left at East St. past Gum, and left on East Gibson to enter the fairgrounds.

A map and directions from other directions are given on the UBSCC web page.



SJC at last year's UBSCC Woodland Car Show where Richard and Susan's 1994 XJ-S, right, took top honors.



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The latest edition of Autoweek just arrived and it has an article about the newest offerings from Jaguar. The 2010 XFR and XKR. The XFR weighs in at 4169 pounds, has a 5.0 liter supercharged engine which produces 510 hp and 461 ft-lbs of torque. With the power transmitted through a six speed automatic it reaches 60 mph in 4.7 seconds. The base price is \$80,000. For another \$16,000 you can get the XKR which has the same engine and transmission but is a bit lighter at 3885 pounds and thus makes it to 60 mph a tenth of a second quicker. Both cars are limited (*presumably by their tires, Ed*) to 155 mph. Autoweek also mentions the possibility of an electric XJ by 2011,

A couple months ago we had a photo contest; this month I have another one. We visited the Blackhawk Museum a few weeks ago and purchased a poster shown in the photo. I would like to know the make of the car in the picture. Being right hand drive and having a square windshield leads me to believe it is pre WWII British but beyond that I'm at a loss.

Send your guesses to me at banta@surewest.net.

Andy Banta, Editor

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THE JAGUAR RECOVERY TEAM, PROJECT II, REPORT VI MORE PROGRESS AND ALMOST FINAL REPORT.

Cutting in and securing the new top to the rear window frame took many hands and much concentration. Setting the backlight glass and external seal with urethane sealant was almost anti-climatic. A trip to Miracle Auto Painting and re-setting the front end trim & grill and the project was nearly complete.

This project had started with a Craigslist ad stating “1995 Jaguar XJS, clean title, light front end damage, just needs hood, right fender and right headlight”.

Well, it needed just a little more: New motor mounts, oil pan, oil cooler, AC fan assembly, carpets, front seat re-covering, new top, driver’s door top hinge, brake repair and straightening of significant secondary structure. The project took a little longer than expected and ran slightly over the original cost estimates (guesses). The results seem worth it. The Jaguar now resides at its new home in Penryn with proud owner Judy Dunow. Club members can expect to see the final product at future SJC meetings and events.

It was a satisfying task for the crew: Richard Starch, Andy & Linda Banta, Ron Lingren, Bill Kreglow, Wally Butler and Jim & Vivian Collipriest. Special thanks also to suppliers: British Recyclers now Specialized Parts Planet of Rancho Cordova, Paul’s Jaguar of Fort Lauderdale FL, Quality-tops-and-interiors of Los Angeles, Miracle Auto Painting of Citrus Heights and of course eBay for many cost saving items. *Jim Collipriest*



Linda, Andy and Vivian stapling the top cut-



Top and backlight (rear window) installation complete.



Judy Dunow takes possession of her Jaguar in El Dorado Hills



Project car at its new home in Penryn.

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Light front end damage?



Became this



And finally this!



The final product

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PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

(The proposal is to remove the portion of paragraph b shown in red and add paragraph f, Ed.)

Article IV: MEMBERSHIP

- a) All members of the SACRAMENTO JAGUAR CLUB as of February 1, 1978 shall be designated as Charter Members, and shall be so listed on the Membership Roster of the club.
- b) **There shall be one class of membership.** The rights and privileges of all members shall be equal. In cases of memberships granted to households, all persons shall have all rights and privileges of membership, except that each membership shall have one vote. A member is considered a member in good standing upon payment of dues.
- c) Dues for membership are due and payable on January first of each year. A second reminder to be sent on February first, and nonpayment by April 1, results in termination of membership, except for extenuating circumstances.
- d) The Board of Directors is hereby granted the exclusive power to reject the application for membership of any person, and to expel any member when that person's association with the SACRAMENTO JAGUAR CLUB is not considered in the best interests of the club.
- e) Recognition may be given to a SACRAMENTO JAGUAR CLUB member who volunteers above and beyond as determined by the Board of Directors.
- f) **Honorary Membership: Nominees for Honorary Membership can be made at any time by an Active Member of the SACRAMENTO JAGUAR CLUB. The award requires a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. This award is given to recognize members and others, including organizations, who have made unique, notable, sustained, or outstanding contributions or special services to the club, Jaguar automobiles in general, or services to the public that served to maintain interest in and support for Jaguar automobiles. Each recipient shall be announced at a club's regular business meeting, and the honoree shall receive a framed citation and lifetime membership with a waiver of membership dues.**