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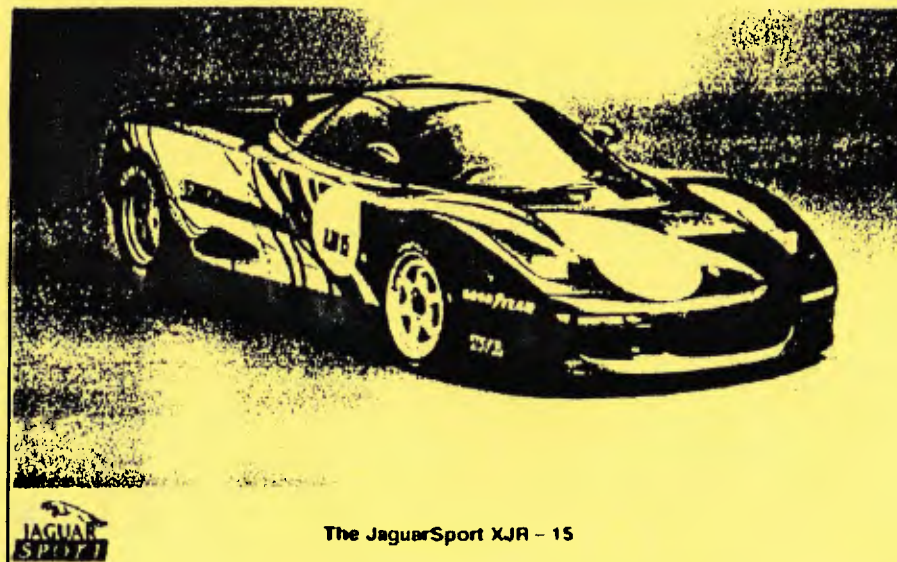
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**Wanted:** XK120 OTS LH rear fender. Don Nattress (215) 348-1767. (Jan)

**Wanted:** 1970 XKE 2+2 Bonnet. Mark Schwartz (610) 525-4567.



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## The Prez Sez:

Our 1999 Concours is over for another year. This was our 34th show and I have been to most of them. I had requested help from the membership and we had many early birds show up to lend a hand. We had plenty of help judging and scoring and I am extremely grateful to all those who dedicated their time and energy. We always have a wonderful "weather" day that first weekend of June -- true again for this year as it was a *purrfect* day. The Club tent went right up with a minimum of fuss and past V.P. Joe Federico came through as usual with the free coffee and donuts. We had so many trophies and gifts for the raffle table we actually had to "borrow" another ten-foot table to set it all up. Our own members, Mr. & Mrs. Vito Gatto, with their maroon SS-100, won the Best of Show trophy which was a German crystal Jaguar mounted on a walnut base. They have since taken first place in J.T.C. and Long Island and Best in Show. There were so few of these SS-100s ever built, that I feel personally honored to have two of them show up at our Concours. Dave Milling always makes sure that his wonderful gray SS-100 makes it to the show, too! I am thankful for the Roy Andersons attending with their champion MK II and not even having it judged, but still allowing the public to view their car.

We did not do the slalom this year as I hoped. This would have been nice, but I cannot do both events. Here is an opportunity for the Club to do this event and time it with the Concours. I would like to think we could do this along with our 35th Annual Show in the year 2000! We did this on a regular basis in the 70s, and Steve still has all of our timing equipment stored in his garage. If someone wants a job that is very satisfying, I would love to talk to you about how we could do this event. Our Club Director, Jeff Dement, already has a new member who owns a shopping center with a giant parking lot in northern Delaware, just off I-95. This could be a very strong

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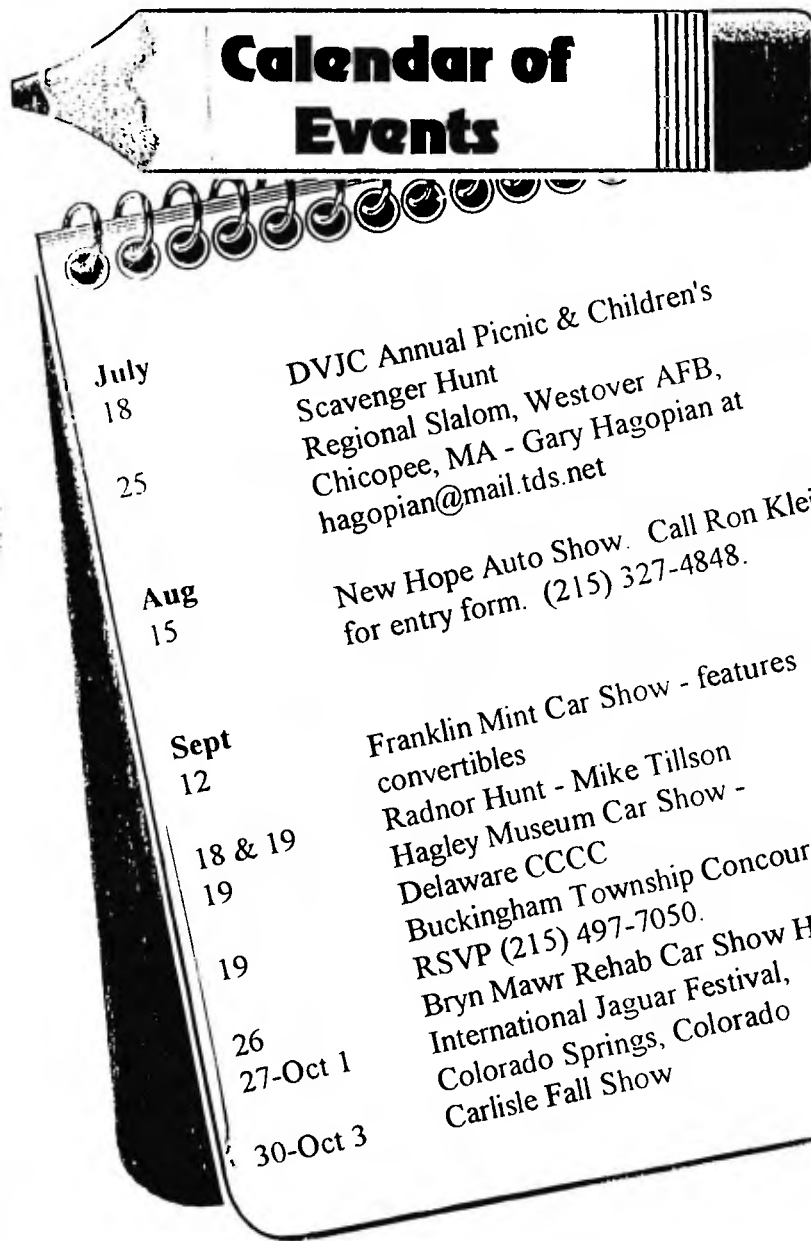
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possibility. Anyone interested should contact Jeff and he will be happy to give you the information and even help out as I will, too!! All we need is for someone to lead it and be the organizer. Any takers?

The following businesses were very generous with their contributions, most of which we used on the raffle table: Eastwood Co., Welsh Jaguar, Terry's Jaguar, Hemmings Magazine who also advertised our show on the web site, Bygone Era who sent us a Castrol Decorator oil can all the way from Kent, England which was won by the Howard Finkleman (this will look nice next to their 1st place trophy won with their 9.99 XK 120 cp), Ragtops & Roadsters, Lindley Motors, I.D.S. Performance Center, Eddie's Classic Restorations, Jack Sanft, the "Tie Guy", Kurt Rappold, auto polish and Hemmings Issue, Ford Motor Co. and Jaguar, Inc., and my grandchildren who helped sell the tickets. Our Club made a monetary presentation to the Hospital at the Awards Ceremony and we are welcome back each year for this event.

By the time you read this, our Club picnic at the home of Steve & Betty Kress will be history again. Thanks again to them for opening up their home to us. I hope you made it to the event and had a good time.

Upcoming events include the regional slalom, New Hope Auto Show, Franklin Mint Auto Show featuring convertibles, Radnor Hunt Run by member Mike Tillson, Buckingham Concours run by Al Pincus, Bryn Mawr Rehab, The International Festival in Colorado, and a different kind of tech session in October. We are requested to display our Jaguars here beforehand to promote the marque. Our speaker will be an engineer from the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) and he will speak on the design of the new "S" type. I must have your check in my hand in advance so if this interests you, shine up the old Jaguar and let me know.

*Kurt Rappold*

## Tech Corner

Here's a very important tip that may prevent serious steering problems on older *Jaguar* sedans including MKII, 3.8, 420, 420G, and MKX: One of the weak points of early sedan steering is the two pin and bush assemblies that connect the steering box and idler arms to the steering linkage (See inset in diagram). When these rubber bushings wear, steering can be extremely sloppy. Upon examining my MK X, I noticed that the driver side bushing had deteriorated to the point that all rubber was missing. The steering wheel could be moved from the 12:00 position to the 3:00 position without changing the direction of the car. This problem could become extremely serious if the metal pin through the center of the bushing fatigues. In that case, all steering would be lost.

In order to remove the bushings it will be necessary to remove the center link (See diagram). In order to remove the center link, the inner tie rod ends have to be removed. Use a puller in order to release the inner tie rod end. An alternative method is to carefully heat the tie rod end without burning the rubber cup. Use a two pound sledge to drive out the tie rod end. Be sure to have a nut on the end of the threaded portion of the tie rod end to prevent the thread from being damaged. The easy part is pressing the rubber portion of the bushing out. The difficult part is removing the thin tapered sleeve from the cast housing into which it is pressed. Steve Kress and I tried using a press to push the sleeve out but this did not work. I had to use a hack saw to cut through the thin sleeve. Be careful not to cut into the center link casting when using the hack saw. The sleeve can then be collapsed inward by carefully using a sturdy screwdriver and a hammer.

There is a new improved bushing that I purchased from XKs Unlimited in San Louis Obispo, California (800 444-JAGS). The new bushing is actually a sealed mini ball joint riding in a nylon

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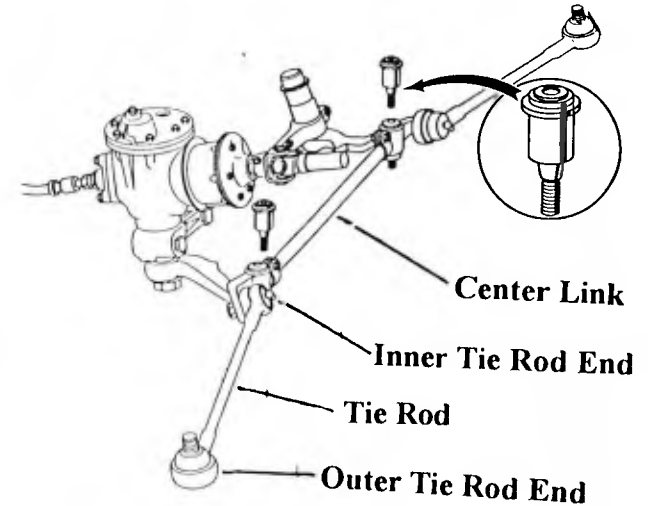
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*Ron Klein*

# CORRECTION

FOR MEMBERS WISHING TO ATTEND THE BUCKINGHAM CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE ON SEPTEMBER 19TH, THIS EVENT IS BY INVITATION. NO CAR WILL BE ADMITTED ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW. THERE IS NO CHARGE TO ENTER A CAR. THE OCCUPANTS OF EACH CAR ENTERED ARE ENTITLED TO A CATERED BREAKFAST. CONTACT AL PINCUS BY MAIL AT: 1440 PINEVILLE ROAD, NEW HOPE, PA 18938 WITH YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND YEAR AND MODEL OF YOUR JAG. A SIT DOWN BUFFET DINNER FOR \$50 IS AVAILABLE THE DAY OF THE EVENT. SEE CENTERFOLD IN THIS ISSUE.

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( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Where it is published \_\_\_\_\_  Daily  Weekly

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