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## The Prez Sez:

The Jaguar Corporation has had a wonderful year in 1999, having sold a record 75,312 cars, 80% of which were exported. Here in the US, sales totaled 35,039, an increase of 56%. The launch of the "S" type in 1999 is a major success for Jaguar. The "S" type goes for about 48K, the XK convertible for 70K, the coupe is 65K the RJR is 68.5 K and the XK is about 81K. Quite a price range! I marvel at what our XKE cost new as compared to today's prices.

Our scheduled Tech Session seemed to be a success with 27 persons attending. The night before the event, it snowed again, so those who ventured out also had that to contend with. Cloverleaf had hot coffee and tea with fresh donuts waiting for us at 9 A.M. We toured the new shops and had plenty of Jaguar talk. Now Ralph, Art and Jeff have plenty of room to play with the "kitties". Ralph started off the session about 10 A.M. with a talk on old tires. He was on my case until I bought a new set this year. He showed us a tire sample of what happens when your rubber gets too old. A tire just blew out on a car as they were unloading it off a flat bed. This is a good reason to examine those tires for cracks when you get the car inspected next time.

Ralph then gave us information and the history and of fuel pumps, passed samples of different types around and discussed rebuilding the pumps. It seems that the new fuels we have maintain their shelf life for only about three months. This is due to all the additives used. We discussed using the additive "Stabil" to keep the octane up and to keep the fuel from turning into varnish inside your fuel system while sitting all winter in your garage. We also spoke about the effect these new fuels have on the older rubber parts of fuel systems designed years ago. Seems like the best bet is to get a new or rebuilt pump with the improved

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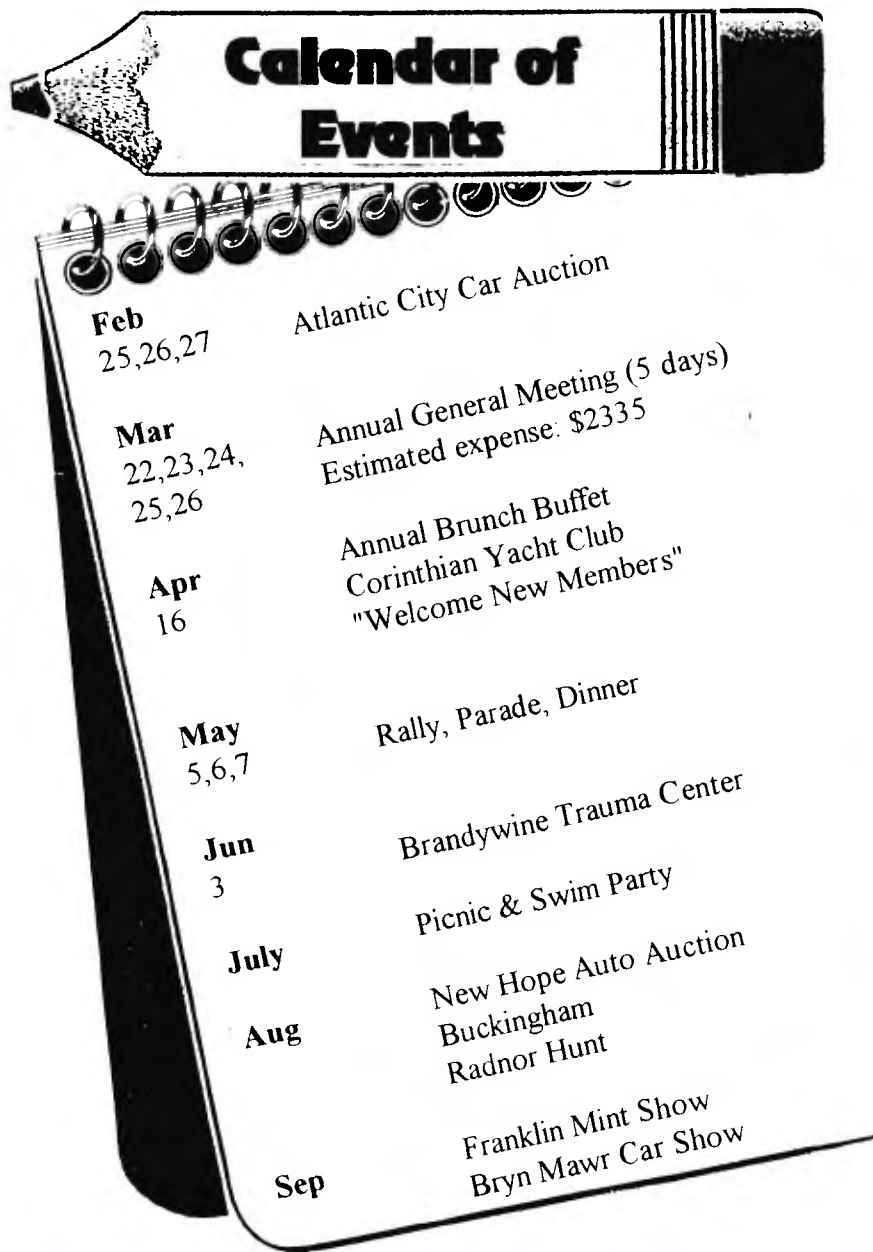
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internal parts, rather than rebuild your pump with parts you may have purchased prior to the fuel changes. He also told us, as did Steve Kress, that many fuel pumps go over 100,000 miles without any problem. The XK cars all had their pumps located under the car where they were exposed to all kinds of weather. The XKEs are all in the boot and all XJ6s have the pump in the spare tire compartment. Keeping your fuel pump clean and dry has to have a positive effect on performance. We all enjoyed the entire session and Ralph answered our many questions with ease afterward.

After a break, Jeff Dement took over to cover *Jaguar* suspension. We were lucky to have a fine example of a member's *Jaguar* up on the rack that had come in for front suspension work. Jeff did a good job of explaining how all the little suspension parts worked and how important such things as the proper surface of the support washers are. He showed us how the insides of the *Jaguar* suspension washers are chrome plated so that they wear and function well. We were able to see the new suspension bushings in the demo car quite well. You can almost see when your *Jaguar* needs this service when you look down the side of your car and see the top of the front tire appear to be in further than the bottom. We also discussed service on front wheel bearings. They must not be too tight as when they roll, they heat up and expand. If set too tight, they will bind up and wear prematurely. The folks speaking up learned a lot and we all must thank Cloverleaf for having us over to the new shop. Art was in the next shop starting to reassemble a cool yellow and black Austin Healey. He stopped long enough to take a lunch order of pizza and soda for us. We all thoroughly enjoyed the Tech Session and look forward to coming back here next year. We presented Ralph with a token of our appreciation, two metal *Jaguar* signs.

After lunch, we then conducted our Directors Meeting. We agreed on the Event Calendar and we discussed the upcoming "New Member" brunch at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Please see

the updated calendar in this *Purr* if you are interested in attending. We welcome our many new 1999 members to this affair. See the flyer for your incentive to respond early. This will be an event that you can drive the *Jaguar* to on Palm Sunday and spend a beautiful afternoon on the Delaware River. Please come and bring your family to this beautiful place.

The directors discussed the plans for *Jaguar Journal* to discontinue reporting club event results. In our case, the upcoming rally in May and the June 3 concours results will not be seen in the *Journal*. We are all at a loss to explain how a change like this could be put into effect without input from any DVJC member. We know of no one who was polled on making this change, and in fact, I have already had calls protesting this change! I can hardly wait until the Concours season gets started this year and some of the entrants don't see the results published!

Steve Kress reported that we have over \$8000 in our account with approximately 50% of the membership having paid their dues so far. If you are one of those not yet renewed, please do so as things go a lot smoother for Steve if you do so early. This year we are requesting you e-mail address also. The directors decided that all non paid members and advertisers would be discontinued if dues are not received by March 1!!!

In March, Pat and I will journey to Vancouver, BC to represent the Club at the Annual General Meeting of the Jaguar Clubs of America. Our report will be ready for presentation at the April 16th Brunch. If you cannot make it, please try to attend the club rally in Millville, NJ on May 5, 6, and 7. I could use some help on Friday to do the car inspections, even if it is just help cutting out the "blindlers" that we cover up the tachs and clocks with. There is a neat parade and dinner afterwards, and who knows, you may even be in the newspaper or on TV! I would like to see a large presence of *Jaguar* cars in this rally. We have actually had other Jag clubs come in to take some of our cool prizes. We have submitted the paperwork to be subsidized so that we can again donate to DARE. It will be a lot of fun for a couple to tour south

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Jersey, and a little info Ralph shared with us at the Tech Session was that we again would take the Cape May-Lewes Ferry. That alone is a nice time and a chance to enjoy the beautiful rural state of Delaware. Let's enjoy it together!

The Carolina Jaguar Club has invited any interested participants to enter their concours on April 29. XJs will be the featured Marque on its 25th year. This will take place at the scenic Reynolds House and Gardens in Winston Salem, NC.

*Happy Motoring!*

*Kurt*

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