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PREZ SAYS

SEPTEMBER 2001

Our trip to the Jaguar A.G. M in Nashville, TN turned out to be the experience of a lifetime, Would you believe 211 Jaguars entered in a downtown concours setting in Franklin, TN with 25 "C" & "D" types, and 3 XKSS' present. Quite a concours!! It's about 800 miles from here to Franklin so we made it into a two day drive. All activities were organized and head quartered in the Marriott Hotel. There were four D.V.J.C member families there with their cars. The Vince Gatto's, the Bill Beiswinger's ,Pat and I and the Jerry Kunkle's all of who's cars did well in the Concours Pat & I arrived just in time to run the rally in our E-type which took us over 5 hours of country roads around Franklin. We never found out the rally results but we do know we did not come anywhere in the first three places. We were the 8th car to finish and they closed the last check point after we checked in out of 18 cars we were told. The following day Gary Hagopian ran the Slalom at the local high school parking lot. We had all sorts of Jags running against the clock from a SS 100 out of Chicago to a new X-type saloon that Jaguar Inc sent down for the show.

We visited the Jack Daniels operation one evening which was some 70 miles South. Sorry no free samples! We had Lynchburg Lemonade and then we went to dinner with 25 other JCNA members. Jerry Nell was good enough to follow along as sweep in case someone broke down

We had a very well run annual meeting chaired by V.P Judy Ferring after President Eric Schumaker resigned in the last month of his term. We now have a new J.C.N.A President from the North East region, my friend Gary Hagopian. Judy Ferring was again elected Vice President. Gary is with J.A.N.E and Judy with J.T.C

At the Marriott, where most of the Jaguar delegates and attendees stayed our parking lot was totally full of great Jaguars and of course we had police security. We were told that the first seven "C" & "D" types that were there had a combined value of \$10.5 million I heard no estimated value of all 25 including the XKSS's but one can well imagine. The exciting part is that I can never recall seeing so many of this type together at one time and perhaps never will again. I took a video of the whole group as they sat in the Franklin town center square. We even had a Lister Jaguar and Sir william Lyons 1924 motorcycle the "Brough Superior"

At the final awards banquet the Vince Gatto's took first in their class with their SS Jaguar 100 and it is very appropriate that Vince has given us an article in this issue of Purr covering this historic and outstanding car in detail. Pat and I took second in the Preservation class behind Gary Bartlett's XKSS, a million dollar car. Also we heard from the famous former Jaguar test driver Norman Dewis who would have tested everyone of those 25 "C/D/XKSS" we had on display and was part of the development team for all production cars from 1952 to 1985 He recounted tales from his 38 year career mostly at 100 mph. He estimated over 1,000,000 miles of testing for Jaguar at that speed. Also we heard from the Past President of Jaguar North America, Mike Dale and current President Mike O'Driscoll. Things are looking up for Jaguar and they expect the new X-type to increase sales dramatically

Our actual meeting turned out well with many issues being covered. Basically the group voted again this year to keep things as they are. The next A.G.M will be held in Kansas City, MO. March 21st 2002 .Full details will appear in the next Jaguar Journal I must thank Chairwoman Kathy Nell and her assistant Lisa Hendricks together with their husbands Jerry & Tom for an excellent job and for the best ever A.G.M Also Jaguar Inc for their support of the event

We drove home in the rain through the Tennessee and Virginia mountains on Rt 81. I must admit to being frightened by the huge tractor – trailers who always seemed aggressive passing us in the pouring rain, downhill, and on curves. Our trailer was loaded heavily with a V-12 Jag from JTC that had broken down. The owner of this car drove our E-type and after a complete day of cleaning & drying our car was back to normal It was great to have the pleasure and honor to represent the Delaware Valley Jaguar Club at this JCNA Annual Meeting of which Mike O'Driscoll, President of Jaguar later said "I recently attended the 2001 JCNA Challenge Championship in Nashville, TN and was struck by the sheer enthusiasm, passion and dedication of all those who attended. It is that passion for Jaguar that must never be lost. I also believe that this further strengthens Jaguar's position in the market "

After saying in last months issue we have not got show flyers for JCNA concours in the North East section one for the Nations Capitol arrived and is in this issue See page 35 for the venue in the JCNA Journal Also the New Jersey Jaguar Touring Club Concours is on the 22nd of September. If you wish to try for additional National or Sector trophy recognition you must attend three JCNA events so here's your chance.

The Editor's article last month about Coy's auction in England pointed out the importance of verification of originality. To that end we have our own authenticity process with the JCNA. Members can request the Heritage Trust to verify their Jaguars for a small fee of \$25. To participate in the Preservation Class 18 you must show your Heritage Trust Certificate when being judged. As an example, the great SŞ Jaguar 100 of Vince and Barbara Gatto has its complete Heritage proven with matching numbers for the Chassis, Motor and transmission. I have the correct JCNA forms to submit for your certificate.

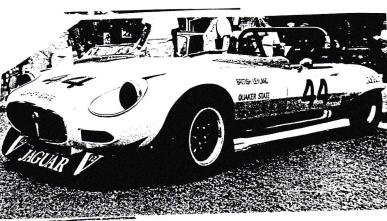
It was announced on August 11 that effective September 1 that the North American operations for Aston Martin, Jaguar and Land Rover will be consolidated into one new organization. Mike O'Driscoll will be the President. This is a logical process as the three makes share many common systems, business practices and franchise partners.

Kurt Rappold President.

JCNA Challenge Championship in Franklin Tennessee



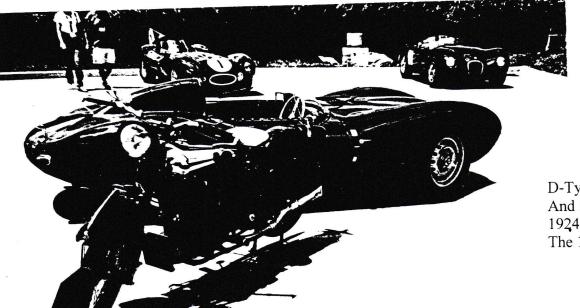
Group 44 race car Driven to championships by Bob Tullis



Jaguar Club of Tulsa, Inc.

The most correctly restored SS100 Larry West has ever seen. Owner: Vito & Barbara Gatto of Delaware Valley Jaguar Club

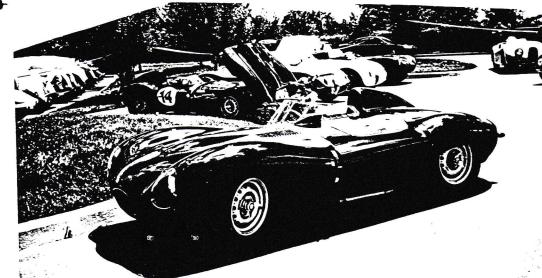
The photos above from the Jaguar Club of Tulsa
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Kurt Rappold



D-Types . a C-Type And Sir William Lyons 1924 Motorcycle The 1924 Brough –Superior

A gagle of "D s" "C s" And XK's

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Greetings Sports Car Enthusiasts,

Autumn's harvest is just around the corner and Sports Car Touring Day is planning its Fall drives. You don't want to miss either of these events, so mark your calendars early.

The Fall day drive is scheduled for **Sunday, September 9, 2001** (Rain Date - Sunday, Sept. 16). We will gather at 9:30 a.m. at Franklin Park in Purcellville, VA for a fantastic drive through 140 miles of the most beautiful roads in Virginia and West Virginia. Our morning rest/gas stops will be at Miles 33 and 85 and then we are off to Belle Grove Plantation (http://www.bellegrove.org/) in Middletown, VA for a picnic lunch and tour of this Civil War site. During the Civil War, Belle Grove was at the center of the decisive Battle of Cedar Creek. Today, the plantation includes the main house and gardens, original outbuildings, a classic 1918 barn, an overseer's house, the slave cemetery, a heritage apple orchard, fields and meadows, and scenic mountain views. The Hungry Dog Café in Strausburg, VA will deliver assorted sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, desserts, and drinks at 1:00 p.m. and at 2:00 p.m. we will tour this historic landmark. The cost for the lunch and tour is \$18.00 per person.

Our Fall overnighter, **Mountain Run 2001**, will be on **Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14, 2001 (rain or shine).** We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at Franklin Park in Purcellville, VA and drive approximately 140 miles before lunch and then another 30 miles to the Alpine Lake Resort in Terra Alta, WV (http://www.alpinelake.com/). There will be two rest/gas stops in the morning before lunch at the Blackwater Brewing Company (http://www.blackwater-brewing.com/) in Davis, WV. This Brew Pub/Restaurant serves traditional soups, salads and sandwiches, as well as German and Italian Entrees at reasonable prices. Before leaving the restaurant, you may want to carry out a liter of their home brewed beer. After an afternoon rest/gas stop, we expect to arrive at the Alpine Lake Lodge around 4:00 p.m. After checking in to your motel style room (2 double beds - \$65.00 per night), you will be faced with some tough decisions:

- Do I want to take a swim in the indoor heated Olympic-sized swimming pool?
- Do I want to take boat out on the 148 acre stocked lake and fish?
- Do I want to play 18 holes of golf?
- Do I want to relax and read a book on the lake's sandy beach?
- Do I want to take a hike and see the Fall foliage?
- Do I want to play a game of tennis?
- Do I want to work out in the exercise room?
- Do I want to play a game of pinball in the game room?

Dinner on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday morning will be in the Lodge's restaurant. However, after breakfast on Sunday, you will again be faced with another round of tough decisions:

- Do I want to request a late check out and stay by the pool, take one more cruise around the lake, or play another round of golf?
- Do I want to stop by the Autumn Glory Festival in Oakland, Maryland?
- Do I want to visit Swallow Falls, Herrington Manor, or Blackwater State Parks?
- Do I want to go whitewater rafting, kayaking, or canoeing on the Cheat River?
- Do I want to ride the West Virginia Northern Railroad providing historic and scenic excursions from Kingwood to Tunnelton?
- Do I want to visit Arthurdale, the first depression-pericelleanor Roosevelt in the 1930's?

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Our driving tours continue to be a "no fee" event and you are responsible for your travel expenses, meals, and lodging. We are open to all sports car marques and reserving a place in the group is on a first come, first served basis. Space will be limited on both of these tours, so if you would like to join us please reserve your space early. Highly detailed maps and directions are sent to all persons who RSVP.

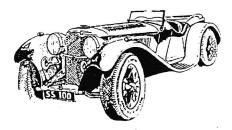
The roadways we have chosen to drive are some of the best around for scenery and roadbed quality. We are particular about the road surface since we value our car as much as yours. This is our eighth day drive and our third overnighter and we expect these events to be as enjoyable as those in the past. We hope you will join us in the Fall of 2001.

Sincerely, Dwight and Tara

Dwight and Tara Mowery
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The Buckingham Township Land Preservation Fund

Join us in this relaxing setting on the Holicong Park Grounds corner of Route 202 and Holicong Road, Holicong, Sunday the 16th of September from 8 AM to 4 PM

Rain date – Sunday the 23rd of September

Refreshment will be available on the park grounds during the day of the show. No alcoholic beverages permitted.

VICTORY LANE DRIVE THROUGH AWARDS PRESENTATION at 3 PM

A special commemorative memento will be awarded to all entrants

A large number of special category Sponsor donated trophies will be awarded

All show cars must be on the field by 11 AM

All cars entered must have valid insurance, car registration and fire extinguisher

A photograph of the car must be included with the registration form

No modifies or street rods or commercial vehicles permitted

Show cars will enter and check in the Holicong Park's side entrance off of Holicong Rd.

Check in time starts at 8 AM

REGISTRATION FEE - \$12.00 PER CAR/DAY OF SHOW - \$25.00

Please print:	DETACH AND RETURN	
Name:	Phone:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Make:	Model:	Year:
Your Signature:		

Mail your completed registration form and photograph by September 5,,2001 to:

The Buckingham Land Preservation Fund
C/O Al Pincus
1440 Pineville Road
New Hope, PA 18938

By signing the above, the participant acknowledges that Buckingham Township, its employees and the volunteers of the Buckingham Concours d'Elegance are not responsible for any damage incurred at the car show.

All car registrants (two per car) will be the guests of our sponsors for a complimentary breakfast served on the Show Grounds from 8 AM to 10 AM. For additional tickets to the breakfast, please include \$10.00 per person along with your registration form

For additional information call:

Al Pincus at (215) 598-0882 or Ralph Tompkins at (215) 598-3740 Or check our website at www.Buckinghampa.org

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BUCKINGHAM CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE TO BENEFIT LAND PRESERVATION

Sunday September 16th 2001 Rain Date Sunday September 23rd

Buckingham Township will be presenting their 3rd Concours d'Elegance car show to be held on Sunday the 16th of September 2001 at the Holicong Park Grounds corner of Rt. 202 and Holicong Road from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Some of the finest Classic Cars in the country will be shown at the Concours with many examples rivaling the classic Pebble Beach Show.

The proceeds will benefit *The Buckingham Land Preservation Fund* established by the Township for the purpose of acquiring funds to purchase land and or transfer development rights from farmers and land owners offering their property for sale. Once the property has been acquired it can be placed into the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Trust and may not be developed. In this way, farm lands, open space and a way of life can be preserved for future generations.

This is your opportunity to enjoy a day out with your family and join your friends and neighbors in the relaxing setting of the Buckingham countryside. Take advantage of an up-close and personal view of the large number of prestigious award winning antique and special interest cars that will be on display.

Refreshments will be available on the park grounds during the day of the show.

Award presentations will commence at 3:30 PM with a drive through parade of cars

A Buckingham Township trophy will be awarded

A Peoples Choice trophy will be awarded

The Presenter's trophy will be awarded

The Principal Sponsor trophy will be awarded

And a large number of special category Sponsor donated trophies will also be awarded

Show entrance tickets will be available at the park entrance on the day of the show \$ 5 per person - \$ 3 children

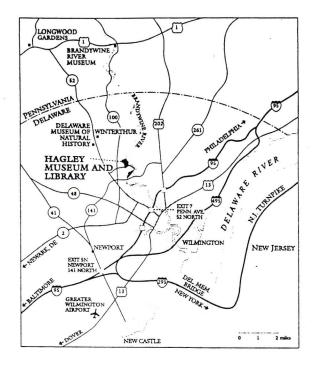
For additional information, please check out our website at www.Buckinghampa.org

Free Public Parking is conveniently located directly across from the park entrance at the Midway Fire Company Grounds

December 4.2001

Autoweek Magazine

"Buckingham Show attracts among the Best"



Free day of show admission to all
Hagley Museum exhibits,
historic restorations, and grounds

The Hagley Store will carry special souvenir merchandise, and will have a special sales tent next to the show field

Food Service and Music

Dash Plaque and Participation Award for all vehicles in attendance

A fully charged fire extinguisher is recommended on all vehicles

No alcoholic beverages
No "For Sale" signs • No pets
As a courtesy to others, please do not play
radios or similar devices loudly

A detailed map and directions will be sent in September.

The goal of Hagley's Car Show is to assemble an array of vehicles emphasizing the history and hobby of motor vehicles in America. Trailer parking will be available on a limited basis. The registration fee of \$10 per vehicle defrays some of the expenses of the show. Proceeds from the Hagley Car Show support the public education programs of Hagley Museum and Library, a nonprofit institution.

Planning and show field arrangements are managed with participation from the following organizations:

Brandywine Region AACA Historical Vintage Car Club of Delaware Chester County Antique Car Club First State Corvair Club

Historical Car Club of Pennsylvania South Jersey Region AACA Yesterdays Chevrolet Club of Delaware, Inc. Philadelphia Chapter, American Truck Historical Society





BE A PART OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL

Hagley Antique Car Show

Sunday, September 16, 2001 Wilmington, Delaware - Rain or Shine

Bygone Brands will be the special feature in 2001.

Vehicles that are now **Lost Marques** or **Orphaned Brands** will be honored as Hagley continues the celebration of the American Automotive Industry.

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Vehicles must be on show field by 9:30 a.m.

PRE-REGISTERED VEHICLES ONLY, NO DAY-OF-SHOW REGISTRATIONS.

Because of limited space, advance registration is required.

There is no registration fee for pre-1920 vehicles.

Visitor parking will be at DuPont's Barley Mill Plaza on Route 141 with continuous shuttle service to Hagley. Only display vehicles admitted to show grounds.

Confirmation will be sent • No refunds for cancellations after July 31, 2001

VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly • Fee is \$10 • No fee for pre-1920 vehicles

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Name:			
Address:		E-mail:	
City / State / Zip:		Phone: ()
Year: Make and Mod	el:		
Circle one: Convertible Sedan	Truck Cycle C	Coupe Station Wagon	
Have you participated in a previous Hagley (Car Show? 🔲 Yes 🗆	No If so, is this a new	address?
Check here if you will bring your veh	icle on a trailer	Trailer length:	Trailer height:
Signature:			(MUST BE SIGNED)
As a condition of registration, I understand that I as	m fully responsible for my veh	ticle(s) and hereby verify that I carry c	omplete insurance coverage.
Are you willing to drive your vehicle in a	parade at the Hagley	y Car Show if asked?	Yes 🖵 No
Make checks payable to Hagley Museum and Lib	orary and mail to: Hagley	y's Car Show • P.O. Box 3630	• Wilmington, DE 19807-0630

I I th Annual Benefit Antique Car Show And Family Fun Day

Presented by Bryn Mawr Rehab Volunteer Association with Historical Car Club of Pennsylvania

Sunday, September 23 2001 10 - 4 Rain or Shine

on grounds of Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital
414 Paoli Pike (between Rts 352 and 30)
Malvern, Chester County, PA

JUDGING IN 21 CLASSES - 3 awards per class



Judging begins at 1:00pm • Dash plaques to first 175 arrivals

Must be present to receive award.

All proceeds benefit patient programs and services at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital
Petting Zoo...Raffle...Food booth...Flea Market...Old Engines...Entertainment...Some Surprises!
Fun Attractions for kids and adults!

Special Awards to first 15 AACA National First vehicles registered and in attendance at awards presentation Classes:

- I. All cars thru 1930
- 2. Model "A" Fords 1928-1931
- 3. 1931 thru 1940
- 4. 1941 thru 1950
- 5. 1951 thru 1955
- 6. 1956 thru 1960
- 7. 1961 thru 1965
- 8. 1966 thru 1971
- 9. 1972 thru 1976

- 10. Classic cars per AACA rules
- 11. Thunderbirds thru 1976
- 12. Corvettes thru 1976
- 13. Mustangs thru 1976
- 14. Jaguars thru 1976
- 15. Sports cars thru 1976
- 16. Motorcycles thru 1976
- 17. Pre-1949 Hot Rods & Modified Cars
- 18. Modificed Cars 1949 thru 1976
- 19. Commerical & Fire Vehicle thru 1976
- Muscle Cars 1961 thru 1974 (350 cu. in. V8 or larger, biggest engine for given year and model.)
- 21. Show & Shine 1976 to present (No make or model limitations. Just vehicles you think others would like to see.)

We reserve the right to change classes if required on show day.

2001 Vehicle Registration

Make of vehicle		_	Model o	or Body Style		Year Mfg.	Class #
Do you want this vehicle judged? Is this vehicle an AACA National Fi	rst winner?		□ No	nal first car regist	ration fee \$15 - S		
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City:	4/27	1,		State:	1	Zip:	
Telephone:							
Pre-registration tax- deductible do	onation - \$12	per vehicl	e, \$15 would be	e welcome,			
	if y	ou can!			Amount Enclos	sed	
Day of show tax-deductible registr	ation donat	ion - \$15 p	er vehicle				

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FROM DELAWARE AND POINTS SOUTH: Follow I-55 north to Exit 8 (202 north). Follow Rt. 202 north to Paoli Pike exit. Turn left at stop sign at bottom of exit ramp. Follow Paoli Pike 4 miles to BMR on right. FROM BERKS COUNTY AND POINTS WEST: Take Ia. Tpk. east to Exit 23 (Downingtown). Take Rt. 100 south to Rt. 30. Turn left onto Rt. 30 east and continue to Rt. 352. Turn right onto Rt. 352 south and continue to Paoli Pike. Turn left onto Paoli Pike. Proceed 2 miles to BMR on

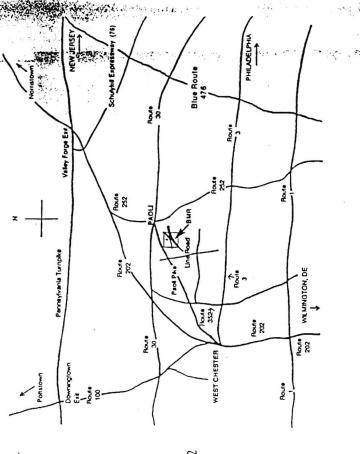
FROM NORTHERN NJ OR NEW YORK CITY AREA: Follow NJ Turnpike to Exit 6 (Pa. Tpk.). Take Pa. Tpk. to Exit 24 (Valley Forge). Take Rt. 202 south to Rt. 252 south (Paoli). Follow to Rt. 30. Turn right onto Rt. 30 west. Follow to Paoli Pike (Matthews Ford dealership). Make soft left onto Paoli Pike and proceed 4 miles to BMR on left.

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FROM SOUTH JERSEY VIA WALT WHITMAN BRIDGE: Take Walt Whitman Bridge to Rt. 76 west Follow to Rt. 30. Turn right onto Rt. 30 west. Follow to Paoli Pike (Matthews Ford dealership). (Schuylkill Expressway). Exit at Rt. 202 south. Take Rt. 202 south to Rt. 252 south (Paoli). Make soft left onto Paoli Pike and proceed 4 miles to BMR on left.

ight onto Rt. 3 (West Chester Pike). Proceed west 10 Rt. 352 north and turn right. Continue to north). Take the Blue Route to Exit 4 (Upper Dar by/ Newtown Square) and make a left at the FROM PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT: Take 1-95 south to the Blue Route (Rt. 476 he 3rd light which is Paoli Pike. Turn right onto Paoli Pike and BMR is 1 mile on the right.

FROM DELAWARE COUNTY: Take Rt. 1 or Rt. 3 to Rt. 352. Follow Rt. 352 north to Paoli Pike. Turn right onto Paoli Pike and proceed 2 miles to BMR on right.





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British Car Club of Delaware Annual Car Show Sunday October 7, 2001 New Castle, DE

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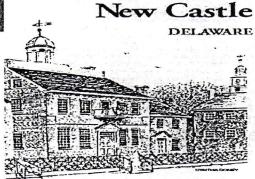


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\$10 registration fee includes *free T shirt* for all cars registered by September 21st, 2001.

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Car show registration table will be open from 10 am to 12 pm.

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Voting:

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THE NATION'S NEWSPAPER



May 18-20, 2001

J.D. Powers and Associates 2001 Quality Study

Among the brands improving this year are Europeans **Jaguar** and Saab, which have gotten new investment from U.S. owners. **Jaguar**, owned by Ford, moved to second in the rankings from 10th last year. Saab, owned by GM, moved to fifth from 12th. If that trend continues, Land Rover and Volvo, both acquired by Ford Motor in the last 2 years, could be expected to start showing improvement.

J.D. Power and Associates' Initial Quality Study (IQS) ranks new cars and trucks according to how many problems per 100 vehicles that owners tell Power they experienced the first 90 days. Fewer is better. Power doesn't disclose below-average scores. Those were obtained by USA TODAY from industry sources. Results for 2001 show each brand's overall number of problems per 100 vehicles. Results for 2000 also show the brand's rank that year in parentheses.

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Brand	2001	2000	rank	Brand	2001	2000	rank
1. Lexus	85	107 (2)	6	19. Nissan	148	157 (19)	11
2. Jaguar	108	139 (10)	1	20. Lincoln	149	144 (14)	12
3. Acura	118	95 (1)	4	21. GMC	153	178 (27)	29
4. BMW	119	95 (1)	4	22. Volvo	154	154 (17)	14
5. Saab	121	140 (12)	20	23. Jeep	155	191 (29)	33
6. Toyota	121	122 (5)	7	24. Oldsmobile	159	161 (21)	23
7. Buick	123	135 (8)	2	25. Ford	162	166 (22)	19
8. Infiniti	123	110 (3)	3	26. VW	165	203 (33)	32
9. Cadillac	126	149 (16)	9	27. Pontiac	167	170 (25)	25
10. Mercedes	129	137 (9)	13	28. Mitsubishi	169	169 (23)	29
11. Honda	135	130 (7)	8	29. Dodge	170	179 (28)	24
12. Chrysler	137	155 (18)	10	30. Daewoo	176	214 (35)	n/a
13. Saturn	139	169 (24)	20	31. Subaru	183	202 (32)	22
14. Audi	140	144 (13)	17	32. Hyundai	192	206 (34)	28
15. Porsche	140	125 (6)	15	33. Isuzu	192	196 (31)	34
16. Mercury	143	148 (15)	25	34. Land Rover	207	195 (30)	31
17. Plymouth	145	140 (11)	-15	35. Mazda	209	158 (20)	17
18. Chevrolet	146	171 (26)	27	36. Suzuki	234	228 (36)	35
Industry Average	147	158		37. Kia	267	256 (37)	36



INVITE ALL BRITISH MARQUES

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We're looking forward to seeing you all!

This excellent summary of Sir Sterling Moss's involvement with racing Jaguars was extracted from the Jaguar Model Clubs current magazine. Thank you Gary Oxley for the information. See the Jaguar Model clubs advert in this magazine and join the club

STIRLING MOSS & HIS JAGUAR RACING CAREER

I thought it would be of interest to show all the Jaguar cars Stirling Moss drove throughout his career. Especially as he is to sign this years club model. The list also shows special bodied cars with Jaguar engines:

RACES:

September 1950 - RAC Tourist Trophy, Dundrod, N. Ireland - XK120 Roadster 'JWK 988' #7 (One of the six works aluminium cars) - 1st April 1951 - Mille Miglia, Italy - XK120 Roadster 'HKV 500' - Retired (Brake Problems)

May 1951 - BRDC International Trophy, 1 Hour Production Sports Race - XK120 Roadster 'JWK 675' # 26 (First steel bodied XK120) - 1st

June 1951 - Lel ans 24 Hour - C-type # 22 - Moss / Walker - Retired

September 1951 - RAC Tourist Trophy, Dundrod, N. Ireland - C-type # 7 XKC002 - 1st

September 1951 - Madgwick Cup, Goodwood, Sports Car Race - C-type - 1st

September 1951 - Madgwick Cup, Goodwood, September Handicap - C-type - 1st

March 1952 - Lyon-Charbonnieres Rally - XK120FHC - 2nd in class, 15th overall.

April 1952 - Earl of March Trophy, Goodwood Easter Handicap - C-type - 4th

May 1952 - Mille Miglia, Italy - C-type # 619 XKC003 - Moss / Dewis - Retired

May 1952 - BRDC Silverstone - Touring Car Race - MKVII 'LWK 343' - 1st

May 1952 - BRDC Silverstone - Production Sports Cars - C-type - 1st

May 1952 - BRDC Silverstone - The Race of Champions - XK120 Roadster - 1st

June 1952 - Monaco GP - C-type # 78 - Disqualified

June 1952 - LeMans 24 Hour - C-type Longnose #17 - Moss / Walker - Retired

June 1952 - Reims Sports Car Race - C-type # 50 XKC005 (Tommy Wisdom's own car, first win on disc brakes) - 1st (2001 Club Model)

August 1952 - Daily Mail Trophy, Boreham - Sports Car Race - C-type XKC005 (Tommy Wisdom's car again) - 1st

August 1952 - Goodwood 9 Hour Race - Moss / Walker - C-type - Retired

August 1952 - Turnberry, Scotland - C-type - 1st in heat, 1st in final.

September 1952 - Goodwood - Sports Car Race - C-type - 2nd

October 1952 - Charterhall, Scotland - C-type - 2nd

November 1952 - Daily Express Rally - XK120FHC - Class Award, 13th overall

April 1953 - Mille Miglia - C-type - Moss / Mortimer Morris-Goodall - Retired

May 1953 - BRDC Silverstone - International Trophy - Production Touring Car Race - MKVII 'LWK 343' # 40 - 1st

May 1953 - BRDC Silverstone - International Trophy - Sports Car Race - C-type #40 - 7th (He rolled this C-type over in practice)

June 1953 - LeMans 24 Hour - C-type '164 WK' # 17 XKC053 Lightweight - Moss / Walker - Retired

June 1953 - British Empire Trophy, Douglas, Isle of Man - C-type - 2nd in heat three, 4th in final.

July 1953 - Reims GP 12 Hours - C-type XKC012 - Moss / Whitehead - 1st

July 1953 - Jubilee GP, Lisbon, Portugal - C-type - 2nd

August 1953 - Goodwood 9 Hour Race - C-type # 1 XKC012 - Moss / Walker - Retired

September 1953 - RAC Tourist Trophy, Dundrod, N Ireland - C-type - Moss / Walker - 1st in over 3 Litre class, 4th overall.

May 1954 - BRDC Silverstone - International Trophy - Production Touring Car Race - MKVII 'LWK 343' - 3rd (Starter jammed on line)

June 1954 - LeMans 24 Hour - Shortnose D-type 'OKV 2' # 12 - Moss / Walker - Retired

July 1954 - Reims 12 Hour Race - D-type - Retired

September 1954 - RAC Tourist Trophy, Dundrod, N. Ireland - D-type - Moss / Walker - 18th (Lost oil pressure)

May 1960 - BRDC Silverstone - International Trophy - Touring Car Race - 3.8 MKII Equipe Endeavour 'JAG 400' # 42 - 2nd

JAGUAR ENGINED CARS:

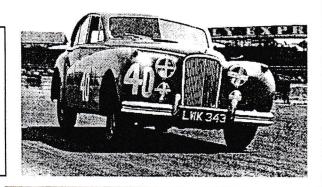
July **1958** - British GP, Silverstone - Sports Car Race - 'Knobbly' Lister-Jaguar 'MVE 303' # 29 - Moss / Allison - **1st** March **1959** - Sebring 12 Hour Race, USA - Costin Bodied Lister-Jaguar - Moss / Bueb - Disqualified

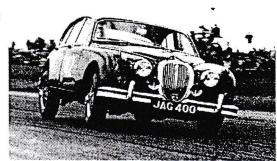
RECORD BREAKING

August 1952 - Montlhery, France - XK120FHC 'LWK 707' - 7 Days, 7 Nights averaging 100.31 mph - Moss / Johnson / Fairman / Hadley I must say, before I researched Stirling Moss and the Jaguar's he drove, I didn't realise how successful he had been in his exploits behind the wheel of Sir William Lyons creations. Out of 37 Jaguar drives, he won 14 times (15 if you include the Lister from 1958) and was second 5 times. The rest of the time the machinery either failed him, or he fell off!!.

I take my hat off to you, Sir Stirling.

Stirling Moss had great memories of the MKVII, here is what he said..... What a fabulous car, I have the warmest affection for the old MKVII, because although it looked like a great waddling dumpling and it made such a business of going round corners, it was actually very well balanced and light to drive. On tight corners, I had to stretch my leg across to brace myself against the opposite door, otherwise I would slide across the seat like the carriage on a typewriter !!!. He was of course talking about LWK 343.





Stirling Moss didn't like the MKII, he only

drove one (JAG 400) in his career. He came

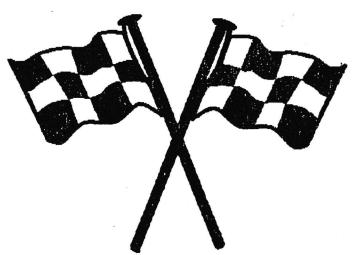
nervous, and less forgiving than the MKVII.

2nd, at Silverstone. He said it was more

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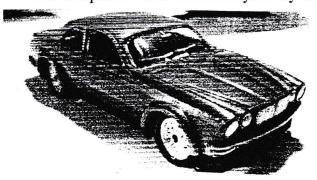
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Auctions.

O In the last issue I told you what Sir Elton John realized at auction for his XJ220 (\$331,000) and I can now tell you that he got \$\$121,125 for his red Series 1 E-Type Roadster, registration number OKE 1.

O Also in the last issue I told you about the rare Dinky Toys model of Steeds New Avengers XJC which was to be auctioned at Christies with an estimate of \$3000.It sold for a whopping \$3878. Here is a picture of it. Go look in your toy box!



O Here is the full list of prices made at the "Jaguar Legend Sale" at the Rockinham Motor Speedway Historic Festival May 26 – 28 Before the main event the scene was set by the sale of automobilia. There were some fifty lots of original C, D and lightweight E-type parts from the Walter Hill collection. As an example a D-type rebuilt rev counter, expected to make \$600-750 sold for \$7,200 and a light-weight E-type five speed ZF gearbox with an estimate of \$6000-9000 fetched \$15,300. Here are the full results of this unique Jaguar sale:

X 1955D-type XKD505 \$588,330

X 1950 Aluminium XK 120 Roadster \$82,500

X JWK 651 ex works aluminium 1950 XK120 Raced at LeMans, the Mille Miglia \$346,275

X 1992 XJ220 from a private museum \$170,500

X 1949 XK120 Lightweight rare RHD aluminium example original, but modern metallic paint \$93,000

X 1952 RGS Atalanta-Jaguar Dick Shattock's race prototype \$75,000

X 1952 XK120 Roadster Broadsport number '9' Final bid \$70,500 unsold

X 1950 XK120 Roadster Broadsport number '10' visually modified \$66,000

X 1970 E-type Series 2 Roadster ex Denis Jenkinson in good condition \$60,000

X 1959 XK150SDHC original and unrestored; 42000 miles \$43,400

X 1951 XK 120 Roadster Ex-works; ex-John Lyons KRW 923 Unsold final bid \$42,500

X 1958 XK150 Roadster LHD, lightly modified; undistinguished restoration \$46,500

X 1933 SS1 Coupe Worn interior \$40,500





X 1951 XK120 XK 120 Roadster, Shabby but very retrievable \$39,675

X 1961 MK2 3.8 MOD The HBE-modified 277 \$36,425

X 1977 Daimler Double Six Coupe. Possibly best in existence; Jaguar Drivers Club Supreme Concours Championship winner \$28,500

The sale that really was astounding was the \$346,275 for the aluminium bodied XK120. This must be a world record for an XK120 but it has a great history...LeMans, two Mille Miglias, RAC Rally and record breaking with Sterling Moss. Even so it's an amazing amount of money. Perhaps it is the continuing upward trend for old Jaguars. FORMULA 1

O I read an article recently with an interesting question. "Why do major car companies enter and the invest millions in Formula 1 racing.?" It seems the answer is "Fear" and to get dollars to invest they have to convince their directors of the many benefits of the exposure they will get by participating in a sport which has the largest viewing audience of 500 million worldwide! This is why we see Jaguar, Ferrari, Williams-BMW, McClaren- Mercedes and all the Honda engined cars etc.. Next year will see Toyota enter the fray and it is rumored that Porsche will not be far behind. It will be argued that the technical innovation they put in the race cars can be passed on to the everyday consumer. The flipside of course is that non-performance can be just as damaging as winning can be beneficial so the heat is on all teams to perform. You have to say that in the last race in Germany Pedro De La Rosa was going really fast when he smashed his Jaguar up and it made a real impression!!

1,000 E-TYPES

O The Jaguar Enthusiast Club in the Uk organised an E-type bash at Donnington Park June 9-10 to celebrate the cars 40th birthday. More than 400 cars turned up on the Saturday and an amazing 1000 on the Sunday. Jaguar-Daimler Heritage Trust provided special exhibits including 77RW, the earliest known roadster, the one off XJ13 & the Group 44 V12 racer, 9600HP the Geneva Show car, E2A the racing prototype, 848 CRY the car used in the movie "The Italian Job" Commemorative end-of-run Series 3 models, numerous lightweights and other early production cars.

QE 2 GETS NEW CAR

O It seems Queen Elizabeth is getting a Jaguar or a Daimler. That's the good news. The bad news is that according to a report in the British Guardian Newspaper a Jaguar employee has resigned over pornographic magazines and painted swastika found in her new car. Bomb- proofers found the items when they removed panels in the car to modify it. A Jaguar spokesman was quoted as saying" It is one of those old traditions where people used to write things behind the seat panel.....but on this occasion, it was not very funny" I hope she will not be too disappointed when she goes rummaging about behind the seats! Now don't go taking all the panels out of your cars!





THE 2002 RANGE

O We have now read a lot about the X – type. Other models I believe for 2002 will be an increase from 5 to 6 of the Xj sedans. The XJ8L will go. In its place will be the XJ8 Sport, an XJR without the supercharger and the limited edition XJR 100, with anthracite exterior, black interior, smoked wood trim and Brembo brakes. Others in the range are XJ8, XJR, XJ8 Vanden Plas, and Super V8, which is the old supercharged version of the XJ8 Vanden Plas with a new name. The XK range will have minor trim changes. A limited edition is to be called XKR100 This will be much the same as the XJR100 sedan but more brushed aluminium trim. There are no changes to the S-type.

GOOD SALES AT GREAT BRITAINS

O I was visiting Great Britains, The Jaguar Dealership, and they told me that the X-type was selling well. Even though they have a number of models on display they have a delivery backlog. It really is a stunning car for the money.

QUOTE OF THE YEAR

O In an interview with Lord Montague Of Beaulieu, Founder of the UK National Motor Museum, Classic and Sports Car Magazine asked "Name an essential tool that all classic owners should carry at all times?" Response "A mobile phone"

O NEW HOPE

Thirteen 0f our cars made it to the New Hope Show. In our part of the show and behind us was a good showing of Mercedes and behind them a very good line up of Rolls Royces & Bentleys. To the surprise of us all an unknown gunmetal SS100 also appeared but it joined another group. Kurt Rappold chased him but he wanted to stay with his club The day started out damp and stayed that way for an hour or two. Later it started a fine drizzle which developed into heavy rain.. Paul Racette & Mike Tate had open tent covers over their cars and they became a good rallying point for the gathering and punters as well. If we'd charged a \$1 we could have made a little money for the club. For judging our cars were placed in two groups :- Sports cars and Saloon as follows Sports Cars Vince Gatto SS Jaguar 100 (1) Bill Beiswinger E-Type 2+2 (1) Al Pincus E-Type 2+2 (3) Paul Racette E-Type Coupe, Gary King E-Type roadster, George Carr XK150 Coupe, Bill Simpson XK 120 Coupe Saloons Gary King MK 1X (1), Adam Hepburn XJ 12 Series 2 (2), Mike Tate MK 2 (3), Charlie Olson XJ6 Series 3, Sanford Marcus Daimler Majestic Major. Vince Gatto's SS Jaguar 100 was voted by members as the popular choice. The judging was NOT intense and the numbers in brackets (1to3) indicates the first three positions in each group. Sanford Marcus's Daimler was a really nice example of that regal marque. Kurt tried to interested him in joining the club as we would really like to have him

NEW MEMBERS

R. Iain Haight- Ashton of New Hope joined the club at the show He has a 1985 Vanden Plas Saloon and a 1990 XJ 40. Also joining the club from Thorofare New Jersey are Thomas and Arline Moore who own a 1995 Red XJ S Convertible. Welcome to you all!

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Michael Tate

Editor

Technical Tips

Splined Hubs

Spoke wheels are both neat and neglected. Nearly all spoke wheels, which are original equipment on Jaguars, are of the 52-mm Rudge Whitworth Spline drive type. They require some maintenance, especially the splines. The splines should be cleaned periodically and re-greased.

If you wait too long to regrease the splines, the lubricant dries out and the wheel may even become stuck on the splines. If this happens, use penetrant and patience. Probably the best penetrant is kerosene or diesel oil (referred to as paraffin in older manuals). Jack the car up, block it, and remove the knock off nut. The wheel will usually move a little bit but will not come off. Soak the area between the wheel and the hub splines with penetrant. Move the wheel around for a minute or two and keep the splined area wet with penetrant. Be patient and do this often over the course of a day or two. Do not force the wheel off by beating on the back side. Usually after much soaking, patience, and wobbling the wheel around, it will come off.

After it is off, clean the internal wheel splines and the external hub splines thoroughly and examine them. You will notice a wear pattern on the hub splines particularly. As the splines wear, they allow the wheel to work back and forth, accelerating the wear until either the wheel splines or the hub splines give way on hard braking and strip the splines so that the the wheel turns on the hub. Once this happens the wheel spline and hub spline must be replaced.

It is better to replace before the spline strips rather than after. The question arises - how much wear is acceptable? The generally accepted guage is that when the hub splines become sharp on the peak, they are worn out (new splines have a flat area on the peak about .010 to .020 inch wide). Compare the large worn area of the spline to the small unworn portion. If you have been doing your maintenance and kept notes and/or remember how it was, you can get a feel for the rate of wear. If the hubs are cleaned and re-greased periodically (often enough) and the knock offs are tightened sufficiently, wear will be negligible. The splines should last a long-long time, nearly forever! Drive your car often, daily or at least weekly if possible.

XK engine dipstick

On most of the older Jags it is sometimes difficult to check the oil in the engine because it's hard to see the hole in the block where the dipstick goes. Since it is best to check the level before the engine is started, it's kind of dark down there because the car is in the garage. Clean off the little flat area around the hole with some spirits or solvent and paint it white. Brushable white-out works good here. (This small white area was standard on some of the later E-Types).

TECHNICAL STUFF

The Four Laws of Mechanics

- If it jams, force it. If it breaks, it needed replacing anyway.
- Any tool when dropped will fall into the least accessible corner.
- 3. After your hands become covered with grease, your nose will begin to itch.
- 4. There is no mechanical problem that cannot be solved by brut strength and ignorance.

Wire Wheel Cleanup: It's All in the Tools

I've being hunting around for a better way to clean wire wheels, and I think I've found it. The secret is to use a paintbrush. You'll want to use a three inch, natural bristle brush. Go to a real paint store for this. A professional quality brush will have very long bristles, which can be manipulated deeply into the spokes, this is the key. The first step is to wash the rim by brushing it with a solvent. Tar remover or kerosene will remove aggressive stuff like tar and grease. Use the brush to work it in well. A brush with long, flexible bristles will allow you to work into all the nooks and crannies. Next, fill a bucket with hot water and car washing detergent. Brush this in the same way to remove all the solvent as well as any remaining dirt. Rinse off the wheel with a hose, using lots of water. Blot up as much water as you can with a rag to prevent water spots. Next, pour about an ounce of Armor All into a small container. Brush this on the tires, let it soak and wipe off the excess. The result will be a show quality wheel. By Mike Frank, JTC. [Reprinted from The Jaguar's Roar, Volume XXXVI, No. 7, July, 2000, A publication of the national Capital Jaguar Owners Club.]



My "Heaven Sent" 1938 3.5 litre SS Jaguar 100 BY Vince Gatto

Why "Heaven Sent?" Because it took the participation of two Priests and an American Indian to ensure I satisfied a long time dream and prayer to get an SS Jaguar 100

It was 1968 when my interest in Jaguar cars was first aroused. I was in a Motorcycle shop in Scranton and a Vietnam Vet, on his way to college, brought in a 1965 E-Type Jaguar as a trade for a Triumph motorcycle. I did not buy this E but I did buy some Jaguar reference books and it was in these that I first saw what I believed to be the most beautiful car in the world. This led to a plan to one day find and purchase a Jaguar SS 100. At first I said it was impossible as they had made so few that I believed that non of them would have survived so I purchased and enjoyed a number of other cars including an E-Type and an XK140MC while continuing to search

The SS 100 was one of the very first sports cars and was manufactured by Swallow Sidecars in Coventry. England and was one of the first of their cars to incorporate the name "Jaguar". "Jaguar" first appeared on the SS1 in 1936. SS was stamped in several prominent places on the car. During World War two these initials reminded the British of the Schutzstaffel, the SS troops of the German Army. The inclusion of the name "Jaguar" softened the "SS" initials and in 1946, after the war, they were dropped from the name. "Jaguar" now stood on its own. Consequently there are very few early cars either with the name "SS" (the very first cars) or "SS Jaguar" so obtaining one was not easy and it was not until one day a man from Syracuse, who was looking for parts for a Packard and I helped him find them, told me that he had a friend who owned one which was possibly for sale. The owner was an American Indian in his 80th year and he was, rightly, very attached to this unique car and it took another four years before he agreed to sell.!! twenty three years had passed since my early Jaguar introduction in Scranton in 1968.

The owner had obtained the car in 1955 from an Anglican Priest in England who had purchased it new in 1938. Later I tied to locate this original owner through a Priest in Scranton and found he was aged 90 and in a nursing home in England. Regrettably before I could talk to him he had died.

When the American Indian closed the sale with the British Anglican Priest he went to New York City to pick up the car when it arrived. It was a cold, winters day. The car had no heater but it did have its original "side curtains" (side windows) . He drove it home with his wife, freezing all the way. He said it was the most exciting day of his life, going to the docks, seeing the car for the first time , starting it up and driving home. Syracuse is a long way from New York..

When I got the car in 1991 it had been painted blue some 25-30 years earlier. All numbers matched which is most unusual in a car which was then 53 years old. Once I had the car I drove it around for 6 years going to shows – Philadelphia, Rhinebeck, New York etc. The car was a delight and brought both my wife and I so much enjoyment but also to people who saw it who were interested in its unusual history and the fact it was very original. I then decided that it should be restored to its former glory.

So began a two year restoration project. The objective was to not over restore but to return it as close as possible to the day in 1938 when it left the factory with the Anglican Priest who very likely went to Coventry to collect it. It was Number 46 off the manufacturing line.

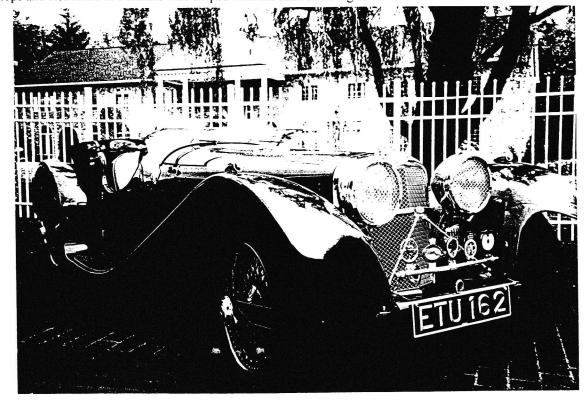
When the blue top coat of paint and then multiple layers of other paints were removed it was discovered that the original color was gunmetal with a special interior believed to be white. There was no color code for gunmetal so we decided that, as maroon was an offered option in 1938, the restored body would be painted this color The body of the SS 100 is made up of fragile aluminum panels laid over a wooden framework When manufactured panel beaters shaped the body parts for each individual car. So new panels could not be got off the shelf

Many essential parts were located in England where the restoration of the dashboard gauges was also completed. Even the right spark plugs and 40 year old "new" wires were found. The large and impressive headlights were sent as far as South Africa for restoration which included the provision of stone guards The car still has its original honeycomb radiator which is a testament to the manufacturing quality 63 years ago.

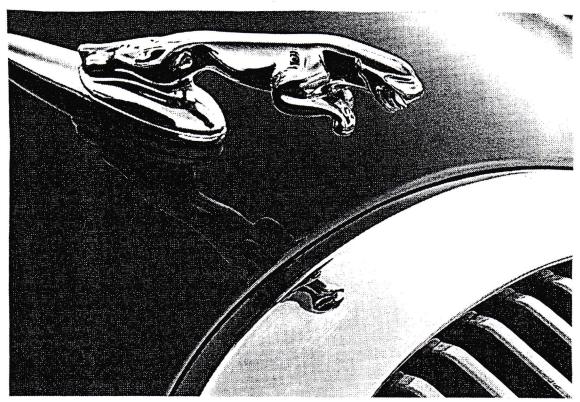
So after all the research, detailed work, and much anxiety the restoration was complete.. There stood this car with its six cylinder engine, overhead valves, reserve fuel tank and 12 volt electrical systems in equal condition to when it came from the factory in 1938. Many of these features were not seen on US cars until the fifties. A final touch was the provision of the original British registration plates and a complete and correct tool kit including wrenches, screw drivers, oil can, grease gun, tire pump and starting handle. As a reward and a testament to the cars originality, correct specifications and qualifications as one of the top cars in the country it was recently indicated to me that I could be invited to show the car at Pebble Beach which not only delighted me but surprised me as well. This will be the ultimate prize if the invitation does come. I have taken the car to many shows and the key results are to become the North American Jaguar Club Class Champion in 1999, also The Delaware Valley Jaguar Clubs Best in Show in . In fact in 1999 we won class champion and best in show in all the shows we attended

In 2000 we did not compete in the JCNA but went to invitational shows and at the famous Meadowbrook Show in Michigan took the top trophy. I have just attended the Jaguar of North America Annual meeting which was a wonderful experience with so many outstanding cars in attendance and I was so pleased when the car took first in class

I used the word "reward" above because I feel I have helped to restore this elegant Jaguar to its former glory and that it will be available to be enjoyed by everyone as part of early automotive history for many years to come. Obviously during the restoration I had much advice and encouragement and I would like to acknowledge and thank two people. D.V.J.C member David Milling who has both a 1938 and a 1939 SS 100. Both these cars can be regularly seen as David Rallies/races and attends shows . Also Michael Engard of Ragtops and Roadsters in Perkasie who helped with the final finishing of the car.







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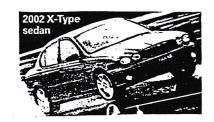
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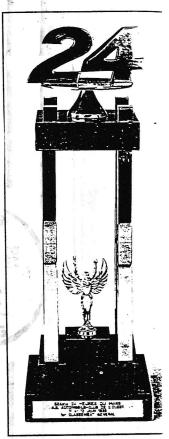




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Styles change. This is the trophy presented to Jaguar a winners in 1988. That too we a milestone win for the company. It marked their six victory at Le Mans and mean that they had finally passed 1 Bentley tally of five wins — having equalled it with the Ecurie Ecosse D-type win we back in 1957. (Photo courte: JDHT.)