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YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
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## UPCOMING DVJC EVENTS

Next Year!!!!!!!!!!

Tentative Sanctions for 2006

Spring Rally, Millville, NJ April 28-29-30  
 Concours, Rancocas, NJ June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rain date 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Slalom July 29  
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More updates to follow

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## THE PREZ SAYS

### Dear Folks:

We hope you had a great Thanksgiving Holiday! Pat & I sat down for three hours Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> to review our scribbled notes of the meeting so as to not forget anything. During that week I took the minutes out to Kennet Square to Clare Saxton for typing. True to form Clare mailed them right back to me & emailed them also to Steve Kress.

Kit would you proceed to submit the sanctions for our (4) 2006 events.

Jerry I received the info about Slalom Timers. There is a 50% rebate available from JCNA for equipment. Since the root cause of our timing difficulties is light colored cars and sunlight could we just buy the laser receivers for our timer?

Respectfully submitted, Kurt Rappold

## THE ROVING REPORTER - MIKE TATE

### Tony Blair's Panzer

Tony Blair, the British Prime Minister, has sunk to a new low. Perhaps it's George Bush's influence...he gets blamed for everything else so why not this. The standard motor for many years for British Government officials has been "Jaguar". Now Tony has taken delivery of a \$500,000 luxury fortress on wheels to protect him against terrorists....a BMW!

The bomb proof BMW has its own oxygen supply in case of chemical or biological attack, interior "gun ports" for bodyguards to shoot at attackers, run flat tires, bullet- proof glass and Kevlar armor. Should Tony get trapped inside the car, a small explosive device blows out the front windscreen to make an escape route. The car also has a loudspeaker system to address people outside and its engine and fuel tank have protection against bomb blasts.

It is said that BMW bosses spent two years trying to persuade the Government to buy German. Munich based BMW has three British factories and build Minis in Oxford, Rolls - Royces in East Sussex and engines in Warwickshire. (This last sentence says it all about the British car industry.) The car weighs 3 tons, is 17ft long, 6ft 3in wide, 4ft 11in high. It has a 445 bhp 6-litre V12 engine with 0 - 60 mph in 5.6 seconds and a top speed of 155 mph. Did not know a tank could move so quickly. Perhaps Jaguar were correct in taking Joe Greenwell from his job as boss of Jaguar, Aston Martin and Land Rover and putting him in charge of Government Affairs, though I suspect this was not the reason.

Blair's BMW was a bargain compared to President Bush's \$3.5 million armored stretch Cadillac which he had flown in from the U.S. for his last visit to Britain.

### Jaguar Premier Portfolio Limo

The flagship edition of Jaguar's range for 2006, the new Portfolio limited edition limo, was sitting on the showroom floor when I visited Great Britain's during the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>. Priced at \$115,995, you get the XJ8 L (Long) body version with the XJR engine and lots of goodies inside including a cream suede roof lining, TV screens and armchair back seats. No doubt it's plush but it left me cold. The chrome plated gills on the front fenders are, in my humble opinion, tacky. The wood in the interior, usually one of Jaguar's best features, is decidedly ordinary -very dull in a light brown veneer. I suppose it is meant to look board roomy but I've been in a lot of boardrooms in my time and have never seen ones as dull as this except the arm rests on the chairs in the executives offices in communist Beijing in the 1980's. Yes, in China all people are equal but some are more equal than others! I understood from the press that all the Portfolio Limo's were sold but some are still available.

### Advertising

I received an advertising piece from Bloomingdales announcing their "Men's Private Designer Sale". By the time I got round to opening it the sale was over so I saved even more!. However, when I opened up the piece there was a very clean cut, well dressed young man seated on the ground propped up against the front end of what I think is an XK140. The car is in Old English White and looked in Concours winning shape. I remember that many moons ago someone asked me, "Did I know of anyone who had an XK140

that could be loaned for a photo shoot for one of the major Department Stores?" So the question is "Does any club member own the car in the photo?" Please let me know.

The results of Jaguar changing their advertising agents, is seen in their latest print and TV adverts. The adverts show the front end of an XJ8 and a beautiful lady and the theme word is "GORGEOUS". It is not clear to me if they mean the lovely lady or the car. Either way you could debate if it is the correct way to advertise Jaguar.

### **DVJC Hits The United Kingdom**

At the excellent holiday party on December 4 at the White Marsh Valley Country Club member Alex La Roche showed me a printout from E-Bay showing that someone in West Sussex in the UK was offering a Delaware Valley Jaguar Club car badge. The starting bid was stated at \$20. There were no takers. What a pity. If it had been bid up to the high hundreds we could have got a good thing going. What I wonder about is how does someone in southern England get a DVJC badge? The party was a great success and I was personally very disappointed that we had to leave early. A month before the party my daughter announced she was having our new granddaughter baptized on December 4 at 2pm. "Can't do, It's the club annual party." I said "What's more important that, or your Grand daughter's christening?" she replied. So I told her. The time was moved back to 3.30pm but it still meant we had to leave at a time when conversation was in full flow.

### **Auction News**

Prices for Jaguar Sports cars just keep going up and up and are reaching the ceiling of those incredible years of the late 1990's. However, this time the growth has been very steady over a number of years and therefore likely to continue. Did I sell too soon and too low?? I think so. Just look at this 1958 XK150S Roadster Red with black leather. 46,331 miles. Added Borg Warner T5 Overdrive unit. Condition 3. Sold by Gooding and Company at Pebble Beach for \$118,800. Mine had identical mileage, the original factory overdrive and was in better overall condition and I let it go for half that price. No regrets.

Other sales at this auction were a 1950 XK 120 roadster. Light blue/black leather, Fresh restoration 33 miles. Alloy-bodied example. Condition 1 Sold at \$192,500. 1959 MK 1X Saloon. Gray/red leather, 60,043 miles, condition 3 Sold at \$33,000. Now what about these three beauties... The first a 1952 C-Type. 12,074 miles presented in 1951 "Le Mans Works" specification. Authentic car in good overall condition. Not sold at \$1,250,000. The second, a 1957 XK SS roadster. Red/black leather. 24,890 miles condition 3. Sold very near to \$2 million at \$1,925,000 and the third a 1955 D-Type. British Racing Green. 6772 miles. This was one of the few D-Types to appear at auction in the past five years. Sold under estimate of \$2 to \$2.5 million at \$1,815,000. Here are some others: A 1967 XKE Coupe. Primrose yellow/black leather. Condition 2. Not sold at \$65,000. A 1965 XKE Coupe. Silver/black leather. 75,000 miles. Condition 2. Sold at \$52,800. A 1974 XKE Series 3 Roadster complete with re-moveable hardtop. British Racing Green. Mileage 16,700 Condition 3 Sold at \$50,600. Here is an unusual one. King of the road in the UK. 1962 MK 2. British Racing Green/Dark green Leather. 3,347 miles. Excellent later XJ seats and added aircon. LATER 4.2 XJ engine mated to a 4 speed GM auto transmission, power rack and pinion steering and, the finishing touch - a heavily louvered hood like period Jag. Not a car for the purist but sold by Bonham & Butterfield, Carmel for \$46,000. Here's a beauty of an E-type in the form of a 1963 E-type Factory Lightweight Competition British Racing Green/red leather 7,092 miles. One of 12 built and sold new to racer Peter Sutcliffe and raced with success throughout 1964-65. Not Sold at \$1,484,200.

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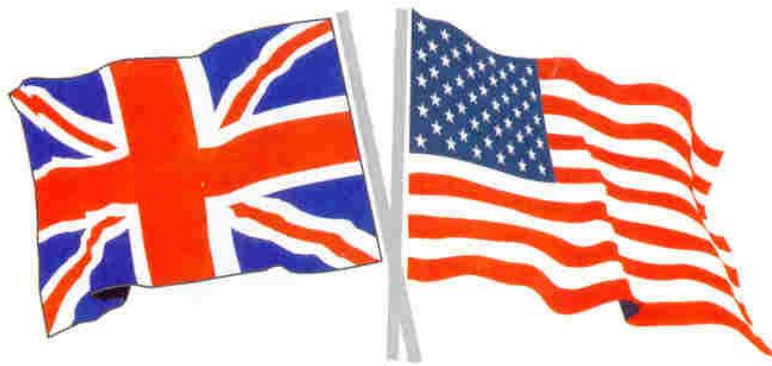
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	<p><b><u>Ultraclub 8536 Pique Golf Shirt</u></b>                      White body pique golf shirt with multi-stripe trim.                      Colors: White w/Green Trim                      Price: S-XL: \$22.00    XXL: \$26.50    3XL: \$28.50    4XL: \$30.50</p>
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	<p><b><u>Lee Ladies (51080), Lee Mens (71808)</u></b>                      Denim, button-down shirt with left chest pocket w/button closure; woodtone logo buttons; double-needle detailing; 3-button placket cuffs                      Colors: Ladies – Natural only; Men’s – Natural, Hunter Green  <span style="color: magenta;"><b>NEW LOWER PRICE!!</b></span> All sizes: \$28.50</p>
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