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We came in Costume. (Bob Brown and Kurt Rappold)





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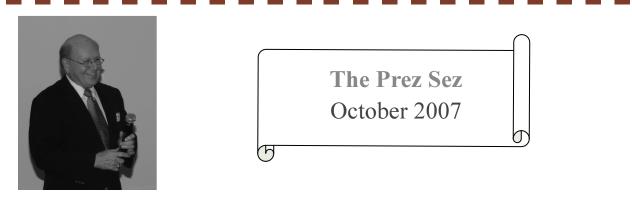
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The Summer's officially over and we're into Fall already! The month of October promises to be an active month for DVJC activities. It starts with a Road Rally Hosted by AAA Automobile club of South Jersey this coming weekend as advertised by the flyer in the September issue. Tom Jones, our activities director, brought this to our attention as a great oneday rally for a tune-up for Our Sanctioned Rally at the end of this month.

A lot of us belong to the AACA and the following Wednesday Oct. 11th thru Friday the 13th is the big event at Hershey, which any self-respecting car buff would not miss except under the most extenuating of circumstances. I always find something interesting to report as I did last year. Then, the following Saturday we have our officer's meeting to plan our activities for next year and a means of implementing them. November's activities are still in limbo. We have secured the Whitemarsh Country Club for our Holiday Party. Now all we need is a small group of people to assist Mike Tate who will chair the event and Kit Racette who will act as a consultant. I'll be contacting several people to form a Social Committee to handle the details and arrangements. Under the direction of Tom Jones, I hope to broaden our activities in the coming year to supplement the required sanctioned events.

Probably the biggest news is the relocation of our Concourse to a Pa. historic site & mansion called Hope Lodge! It's located just South of the Fort Washington Interchange of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. It all started when Mike Tate and I were relaxing under the shade trees of this historic site last May while attending a function sponsored by the Triumph Club called The Brits Are Back. Mike said this would make a great location for our Concours and I totally agreed. I mentioned this to Dave Hutchinson, Chairman of the Event, and he thought it would be a great idea to combine his event with our Concours.

As Concours Chairman I arranged a couple of meetings with the Hope Lodge people and the Triumph personnel to discuss the feasibility and logistics of incorporating our Concours with the Triumph event. The result of these two discussions resulted in selecting a date of Saturday, May 30th. And, if approved at our officer's meeting on Oct. 20th, we'll file for a Sanction with JCNA and proceed with completing the necessary planning, especially a name for the combined event.

The Buckingham car show couldn't have had better weather, which resulted in a great turn-out. While I was a bit disappointed that more jags didn't show, it certainly deserved a short article which I've incorporated into the PURR.

Be Courteous, Drive Safely, and Have Fun,

At your service, President Charles Olson

September 2007

Buckingham 2007

By Charles Olson

Clear and cool fall type weather blessed this car show of over 200 hundred Antique cars for the benefit of open space. This annual event, inaugurated by Al Pincus and assisted by Ralph Tompkins has brought together some of the finest collections of antique automobiles in the Bucks County area. Initially started in 1999 it's **the** class act of auto shows in Bucks County. It has the support of several sponsors which provide the means to present impressive trophies to the equally impressive winning vehicles.

I don't know of any antique auto show that provides an outstanding breakfast for all the participants the morning of the show. Its fabulous. Then a dinner dance that is held the evening prior to the show adds funds for the charitable event. If your spouse doesn't want to go to the car show –you can treat her to dinner the night before — not to mention the contribution to a worthy charitable event. SO-for those that missed it this year with your antique Jag, please mark your calendars for September 2008.

As a Jag owner whose cars don't qualify as an antique quite yet, I enter as Display Only. So you don't have to use the Public Parking area and can join the rest of the Jags. I always feel more part of any show if I have a car there. And I mention this to encourage more of our members to support the Buckingham show with later model Jags. This year we had a total of 12 Antique Jags, which I've listed as follows:

The Jaguar Division were divided into two classes; XK & XKE and awarded best in class or 1st in class.

Charles Daily	'59 MKIX	Best in Show
Dale Shaffer	'52 XK120 Rdstr	
Stan Loose	[·] 53XK120 Rdstr	
Larry Chesterton	'54 XK120 FHC	1 st in class
Dick Neary	'55 XK140 FHC	
Al Pincus	'56XK140 Rdstr	
Bob Costello	'57 XK140 Rdstr	
Doris Carr	'58 XK150 FHC	
Dom Mari	'71 XKE OTS	Best in Class
Ann Flager	66XKE OTS	1 st in class
Jill Scharder	67XKE OTS	
Jay Timbers	'67 XKE 2+2	
Charles Olson	'94 XJS Convt.	Display Only.
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I think the only shortcoming was the lack of recognition awards. In my estimation, every Jag there that didn't receive Best in class or 1st in class, was worthy of a recognition award for 2nd or 3rd place. I know awards are expensive and the winning awards were donated by several sponsors. Less awards meant more money was available for charity. However, it's always nice to come away with something, **but remember**, **we were all well fed!!**



Roving Reporter By: Michael Tate

October 2007

Pure blue skies, balmy breezes, and gentle sunshine was the weather we had on our September vacation in London, England and Spain. We were lucky in London as the whole summer has been a washout with the majority of car events being washed out.

What a contrast the car scene is in London. The cost of fuel (petrol/diesel) and the congested roads has developed a completely different user concept. Things are so bad that if you live outside the city and you drive to a London destination there is a daily congestion charge of \$16. I don't know if It's working but those living in the city have proven that there are other manufacturers than Toyota. Ford is very strong with their Focus & Ka. Others include Fiat, Citreon, Peugeot, Vauxhall (GM), Renault, BMW Mini and Audi all with mainly diesel compacts. All the suburban streets where the residents live are congested with such cars parked on both sides of the road. Very notable was the demise of SUV's. The area of Chelsea is well known for having the more affluent families and here the football Mothers have SUV's and these are given the derogatory name of "Chelsea Tractors". In place of SUV's the choice is the diesel wagon with a multiplicity of European manufacturers including Jaguar.

On the contrary to the above, in the city you see the same cars as above but interspersed with Aston Martins, Maserati, Bentley Continentals, big Jaguars and Smart Cars etc. There is a lot of money in the city but one thing they can't buy much of is space. I saw a number of Astons poking their noses out from minimal parking lots. Having said all of the above I have to wonder how long it will take for the USA to succumb to fuel costs & go diesel and compact cars.

Much of the car discussion centered on two topics. The first was the future of Jaguar. Not much has changed from the information I gave you last month. The same bidders are in contention with some experts expressing their preference for Tata Sons to properly manage Jaguars future. They are a \$21.9 billion 130 year old organization with a tradition of integrity and the ability to take the long-term view with expertise in the industry. The undercurrents surrounding Jaguar are hard to fathom. One is that Mike O'Driscoll, the head of Jaguar & Land Rover in the USA has moved to the UK as Managing Director of Jaguar replacing Bibiana Boerio who is retiring at the end of the year. So the fact that O'Driscoll has moved to the Uk could indicate that Jaguars future is more secure than we think?

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Roving Reporter (cont.)

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The other big buzz is the coming launch of the S-type replacement — the new Jag XF. Jaguars future very much depends on this car. From the press reviews it seems that not only is the car a stunner on the outside but the interior is revolutionary as well. Every write up raves about this new Jag The best comment I saw was from the Frankfurt Motor Show "Even the Germans Like it" Just like old times Jaquar introduced many innovative features to appeal to the younger driver. The average age of the design team was 34. Way to go!!!





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The Nations Capitol Jaguar Owners Club Concours Report

By: Kurt Rappold

We were blessed with great weather after wondering if it would be a "rain out" with Hurricane "Felix" meandering about out in the ocean. According to the lady at the registration tent they had 50 cars preregistered of which 47 actually showed up! Last year at their 50th Concours, 100 Jaguars were present! I took a photo last year of 15 XJS types, similar to Ann Perry and Charlie Olson's. This year they were noticeably absent. The same for the "E" types, with only 11 being present. There were more "E" types in the general parking lot than in the Concours competition.

One car which was pre-registered in class C-1B turned out to be a very historical entry. It was a 1929 Austin Swallow! The owner provided a write up of the history of the car. The car disappeared for a period of 20 years and recently was discovered in Richmond, where the current owner purchased it. The car was originally black, but was re-painted red with black fenders! The three nuts holding the wheels on must be well torqued as the bolt holes are slotted to an Adjoin-

ing nut hole, which allows removing the wheel without taking the lug nuts completely off!

The owner's wife related to me the story of the rear wheel passing them once! This can happen after backing up, because the nuts can slip over the oversized "lag nut hole", allowing the wheel to come off.!! The first time I looked at the miniature motor I thought, "Oh how clever" they mounted a plastic lawnmower gas tank can on the fire wall to catch the radiator overflow. Under closer examination it turned out to be the actual fuel tank.

Starting the car was done by using a hand crank and many photos were taken of Mrs. Harrison attempting to crank the Swallow. I was told that this car may be the oldest surviving Jaguar Swallow in the world. It got me thinking that we may need to consider creating a "Historical" Category in Jaguar competition as a fine old classic receiving a very low score doesn't make any sense when we need to encourage this type of car to attend club events! Mr. Harrison will have to find a top for the car to meet the requirements of JCNA Concours judging rules without losing a lot of points. Also the copper fuel lines should be replaced with steel to prevent cracking ,which could result in a fire and destroy this significant piece of automotive history!

The early XK series had only 6 entrants to be judged but several were Display Only and left early! The Best in Show People Choice was an XK-150 that the owners had just purchased on "E-Bay"! Hopefully the new young owners will be back again next year!



1929 Austin Swallow.

The Nations Capitol Jaguar Owners Club Concours Report (cont.)

The DVJC members attending are as follows:

Joan & Tom Wolf	C-2	'54 XK-120
Linda & John Spillman	C-4	'59 XK-150S
Debbie & Brian Edwards	C-7	'74 XK-E OTS
Katherine & Wayne Tubbs	C-10	'XJ6 Series I
Kurt Rappold	C-13	'93 XJ40
Kurt Rappold	C-19	'67 XKE OTS Preservation Class.

All of the DVJC cars took first in their class except my '67 in the Pres. Class due to some clerical error at the very end of the show. Head Judge Wayne Estrada assured me he will correct the error.

Respectfully submitted, Kurt Rappold, President Emeritus.





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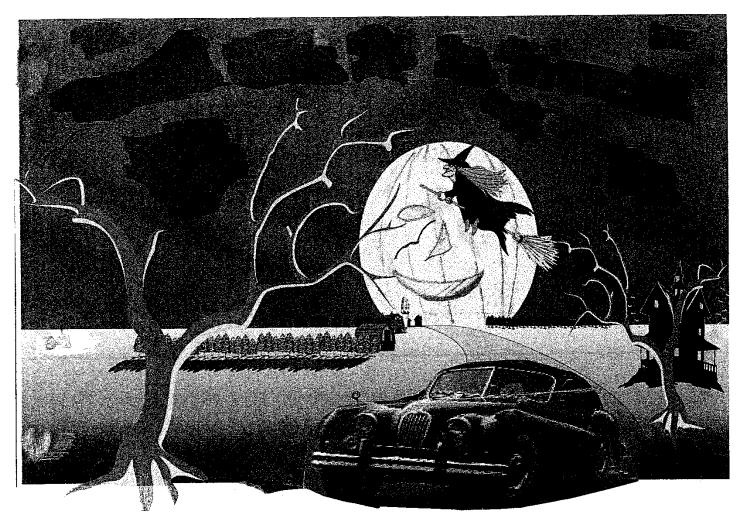
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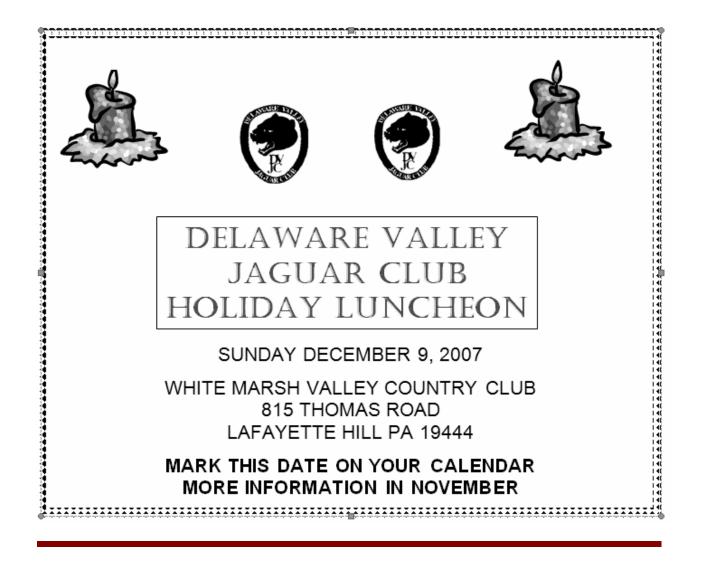
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