

THE . SCRATCHING POST

JULY, 1966*

THIS IS THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION OF THE JAGUAR CLUBS OF NORTH AMERICA, INC., AND AS SUCH HAS BECOME THE OLDEST ESTABLISHED PERMANENT FLOATING JAGUAR CAR CLUB PUBLICATION IN EXISTENCE SO FAR THIS MONTH. REJOICE.

*INCLUDING MOST OF THE JUNE ISSUE WHICH NEVER GOT PRINTED DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCE BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

--PHILA. DIV. TAKES HOME SILVERWARE FROM WASHINGTON!

--WASHINGTON DIV. TAKES IT BACK FROM PHILADELPHIA!

--SCHEAR FINDS WAY AROUND LIME ROCK, WINS PRIZE!

--PHILA. DIV. SHOWS THE WORLD HOW TO RUN A CONCOURS!

LIME ROCK WEEKEND - MAY 27-28-29

EVEN THOUGH HE WAS THE ONLY PHILA. DIV. REPRESENTATIVE TO SHOW UP AT LIME ROCK, ONE L. SCHEAR TOOK UP THE DIVISION'S BANNER AND DROVE FAST ENOUGH AND WELL ENOUGH TO TAKE HOME AN AWARD, WINNING ONE THIRD-IN-CLASS. FRANKLY, WE FEEL LARRY SHOULD RECEIVE A SPECIAL AWARD FROM THE CLUB FOR BRAVERY, GOING UP THERE ALONE AS HE DID, IN THE WAKE OF THAT DAMNED PROCLAMATION! BELOW, HIS STORY.

“ WOULD YOU BELIEVE.....?

--THAT THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION, JCNA, ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE LAID DOWN BY OUR BROTHERS OF THE EMPIRE DIVISION, JCNA, TO COMPETE FOR THE JAGUAR CHALLENGE TROPHY?

--THAT WE AGREED TO ASSEMBLE A FIELD OF WELL-PREPARED JAGUARS TO BEAT THEM IN THREE COMPETITIVE EVENTS (ACCELERATION RUN, GYMKHANA, AND SPEED TRIALS).

--THAT OUR COMPETITION NUTS DYNO-TUNED THEIR MACHINES, CARTED THEM UP ON TRAILERS, AND "MOTORED QUICKLY," BRINGING HOME THE TROPHY?

--THAT WE FIELDDED 50 CARS?

10?

5?

1?

1!!!

THAT'S RIGHT, FELLOW ENTHUSIASTS! ONE CAR! MINE!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE THAT MY OLD AND BATTERED BUT FRESHLY REBUILT XK-140MC

WAS THE ONLY ENTRY FROM PHILADELPHIA? THE EMPIRE PEOPLE DIDN'T!! TWO ENTRIES FROM FLEMINGTON, N.J., TOM FOREMAN IN A BORROWED FERRARI, AND TONY BODINE IN A HIGHLY MODIFIED XK-120, WERE THOUGHT TO BE REPRESENTING US, AND THE ERROR WASN'T DISCOVERED UNTIL THE VICTORY BANQUET ON SUNDAY WHEN THE AWARDS WERE BEING MADE! YOU CAN SMILE AND HOLD YOUR HEAD UP, THOUGH. WE HAD A GOOD SHOWING. MY CAR IS 100% STOCK, EXCEPT FOR THE SHOCK ABSORBERS, THE ABARTH EXHAUST SYSTEM, THE GEAR BOX LEVER KNOB, AND THE FUSES, AND IT RAN 'IN CLASS' WITH SOME XK-NUMBER CARS WITH XK-E ENGINES. WE TOOK THIRD PLACE IN THE ACCELERATION RUN (QUARTER-MILE DRAG RACE-VERY HARD ON THE TRANSMISSION), AND FOURTH PLACES IN THE GYMKHANA AND SPEED TRIALS (STANDING-START LAP OF THE TRACK). RAIN WAS PRESENT THROUGHOUT PRACTICE AND DURING THE TIME TRIALS EVENT.

THREE CLASSES OF CARS RAN - THE XK-NUMBER CARS, THE XK-E'S, AND ANYTHING ELSE. INCLUDED IN THE LATTER CATEGORY WERE A VERY BRAVE BRACE OF PORSCHEs, A SUNBEAM TIGER, A (PARDON THE EXPRESSION) CORVETTE, AN ASTON-MARTIN DB-4, AND AN XK-E WITH A FORD (*URP*) COBRA ENGINE IN IT. THIS LATTER WAS THE CAR OF THE DAY! THE INSTALLATION WAS BEAUTIFUL, AND IT WON IN CLASS, AND WON THE CONCOURS HELD THE FOLLOWING DAY (4 CARS!!!).

ALL IN ALL, WE MANAGED TO MASS A TOTAL OF 10 POINTS TOWARD THE TROPHY, AS COMPARED WITH THE 194 POINTS OF THE EMPIRE DIVISION, SO I ALLOWED THEM TO GUARD THE TROPHY FOR US UNTIL NEXT TIME, PROVIDED THAT THEY : KEEP IT FREE FROM DUST AND ROAD GRIT AND CHANGE THE OIL FILTER WITH EVERY OTHER OIL CHANGE. I THINK THAT THEY WILL DO THIS FOR US SO IT WILL BE BRIGHT AND SHINY WHEN OUR 50 CARS SALLY FORTH TO DO BATTLE UPON THE FIELD OF HONOR THE NEXT LIME ROCK EVENT!!!!!!!!!!

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE JOY OF 9/10, 10/10, OR 11/10 DRIVING WITHOUT THE NORMAL DANGERS OF JOHN LAW AND TRAFFIC TO CONTEND WITH, PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THIS MEET NEXT TIME. YOU DON'T NEED EXOTICA...A COUPLE OF GOOD XK-E'S THISYEAR WOULD HAVE MADE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE. BRING YOUR CAMERAS AND CONCOURS CARS, TOO. THE TRACK IS MACADAM AND YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT STONE CHIPS. MECHANICAL PERFECTION IS A MUST, HOWEVER, ESPECIALLY SUSPENSION AND BRAKES. THE GENERAL CONSENSUS FOR SAFETY WAS THAT IF A SINGLE SET OF TIRES WERE TO BE USED FOR WET AND DRY RUNNING, IMPORTED (WITH NATURAL RUBBER) DUNLOP ROAD SPEEDS WERE TO BE PREFERRED. PIRELLI'S WERE QUESTIONED HIGHLY AND MICHELIN-X'S WERE BARRED FROM THE TRACK BECAUSE OF THE WET.

LARRY SCHEAR
PHILADELPHIA DIVISION RACING TEAM
JCNA

P.S. YOU OWE ME A BUCK, DICK. I DIDN'T GET LOST!

WASHINGTON CONCOURS- MAY 29

WHILE LARRY SCHEAR WENT ROUND AND ROUND ALL BY HIMSELF, THE PHILA. DIV. WAS ON HAND IN FORCE AT THE WASHINGTON CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE. IN FACT WE HAD A CAR IN EVERY CLASS.

THERE IN THE XK LINEUP SAT ART FLETCHER'S IMMACULATE 140-MC. GUENTER UMLAUF'S MARK II GLISTENED AMONG THE SEDANS. HARRY USSERY'S E-TYPE LOOKED REDDER THAN THE ONE NEXT TO IT. AND CARROLL GRIFFITH'S MAGNIFICENT SS-100 STOLE THE SHOW. WHEN THE JUDGES HAD FINISHED SQUINTING, MORE SILVERWARE POURED INTO THE PHILADELPHIA AREA, WITH GUENTER COPPING A THIRD AND CARROLL RAKING THE CUP FOR MOST UNIQUE RESTORATION!

THE OTHERS? ART PLACED FOURTH IN CLASS (WHICH SURPRISED US--HIS CAR LOOKED LIKE A SURE WINNER) AND HARRY USSERY WAS FAR FROM LAST (HE PLACED ABOUT 5TH OR 6TH AS WE REMEMBER).

AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THIS WAS THE FIRST CONCOURS ANY OF THE FOUR HAD EVER ENTERED!

IT WAS FUN. WE WERE SORRY WE HADN'T WIPED THE BUGS OFF THE FRONT OF THE MARK X AND ENTERED, AS WE BELIEVE WE MIGHT HAVE HAD SOMETHING OF A CHANCE. WHILE THINKING THESE THOUGHTS, WE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER PHILA. DIV. TYPES HAD COME TO KIBITZ--THE GRILLOS WERE THERE IN A PLYMOUTH OF ALL THINGS, ED AND VIRGINIA SMITH WERE SEEN LOOKING, NORM TROXEL SHOWED UP, AND ED GUTGESELL THUMPED ABOUT WITH A HANDFULL OF PHILA. CONCOURS FLYERS, SOME CONTRABAND BEER FOR USE AS BRIDES AND A BEER CAN OPENER WITH WHICH HE THREATENED TO SCRATCH YOUR CAR IF YOU DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR OUR CONCOURS ON THE SPOT. ALSO, OUR LEADER STAGGERED AROUND WITH A CLIPBOARD, SWEATING PROFUSELY AND LOOKING VERY JUDGE-LIKE.

FINALLY, HARRY USSERY GOT THE GREATEST AWARD OF THE WEEKEND. HIS CAR WAS PARKED IN FRONT OF THE SILVER SPRING SHERATON SATURDAY NIGHT AND WHEN HE CAME OUT IN THE MORNING THERE WAS A NOTE ON THE WINDSHIELD READING, "LIKE YOUR CAR. WILL MARRY YOU IN THE MORNING!"

THE PHILA. DIV. CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE, JUNE 12:

A MAJOR VICTORY, EVEN THOUGH WE GOT SMEARED!

IF YOU WERE THERE, YOU SAW IT FOR YOURSELF. IF YOU WERE ABSENT, YOU MISSED A WHOLE OF AN EVENT!

A TOTAL OF 51 CARS FILLED THE ENCLOSURE, MOST OF THEM JAGUARS. NEWSMEN ROAMED THE AREA, LOOKING...TAKING PICTURES...ASKING QUESTIONS. 36 BRITISH AND AMERICAN FLAGS FLUTTERED FROM THE LIGHT STANDARDS, IMPARTING A FESTIVE INTERNATIONAL AIR, WHICH WAS HEIGHTENED BY THE WAIL OF BAGPIPES AND THE RATTLE OF DRUMS AS THE PIPES AND GUARDS OF THE EMPIRE DRILLED AND PLAYED. WHILE THE JUDGES EXAMINED THE CARS, SOME EXHIBITORS WENT FOR A DIP IN THE POOL, AND OTHERS WENT IN TO PARTAKE OF THE FREE CATERED LUNCH. THE CARS BORE PLATES FROM THE STATUS OF PENNA., NEW YORK, MARYLAND, NEW JERSEY, D.C., VIRGINIA, TEXAS, AND OHIO, TESTIFYING TO THE FACT THAT OUR MAILINGS WORKED--REALLY WORKED.

AND WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER, WE ALL SAT DOWN OVER COCKTAILS AND CONGRATULATED OURSELVES; WE HAD SHOWN THAT THE FLEDGLING PHILADELPHIA DIVISION COULD RUN ONE HELL OF AN EVENT!

IN ACTUAL COMPETITION, WE WERE BEATEN; THE WASHINGTON CLUB'S CARS ALL BUT WALKED-AWAY WITH THE PRIZES. BUT THAT WAS UNIMPORTANT; WE HAD SHOWN THEM--A CONCOURS CLUB--HOW TO RUN A CONCOURS.

AND MOST IMPORTANT, WE GOT THE PUBLICITY, THE INTEREST AND THE SUCCESS WE NEEDED IN OUR FIRST REAL EVENT.

RESULTS

XK-120-140-150 CLASS:

1ST PLACE AND BEST OF SHOW--

DALE VANDERMOLLEN, ALEXANDRIA, VA. '53 XK120 RDSTR.

2ND - WILLIAM T. WALTER JR., DREXEL HILL, PA. '53 XK120 RDSTR.

3RD - HENRY BERMAN, ALEXANDRIA, VA. '59 XK-1505 RDSTR.

XKE CLASS:

1ST - RICHARD & ROBERT PINEAU, TOWSON, MD. '62 RDSTR.

2ND - KIM J. CALVIN, ARLINGTON, VA. '63 RDSTR.

3RD - THEODORE STELMACH, HAWTHORNE, N.J. '65 COUPE

SEDAN CLASS:

1ST - WALTER C. WOODHEAD, ROCKVILLE, MD. '58 3.4

2ND - MARTIN L. A. STERNBERG & JOSEF VAN FIRSCHING III '61 MK IX

3RD - GUENTER UMLAUF, UPPER DARBY, PA. '60 MK II

(EDITOR'S NOTE-- AGAIN, LARRY SCHEAR SHOULD GET AN AWARD FOR SPIRIT. HE ENTERED HIS 140-MC, KNOWING HE DIDN'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE. BUT HE ENTERED--ADDING A DELIGHTFUL TOUCH OF HUMOR TO THE EVENT, FOR THERE ON HIS WINSCREEN WAS A PLACARD READING;

"ON MAY 29, 1966, THIS VENERABLE MACHINE TOOK UP THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION'S BANNER AGAINST OUR MORTAL ENEMY, THE EMPIRE DIVISION AT LIME ROCK, CONN., SCORING 10 POINTS WHICH DENIED THE EMPIRE DIVISION A CLEAN SWEEP. BEAUTY IS AS BEAUTY DOES..."

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

ED ROTH-- CHERRY HILL JAGUAR SERVICE AND SALES AGCY.

WE HAD OCCASION TO SAMPLE ROTH'S SERVICE RECENTLY, AND WE'RE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT WE WERE DELIGHTED. WE TOOK OUR E-TYPE IN FOR LUBE AND OIL CHANGE (WHICH WAS DONE WITHOUT THE USUAL MESS ENCOUNTERED AT SOME OTHER SHOPS) AND WHEN WE CAME BACK TO GET IT, WE FOUND THAT THE ROTH MECHANICS HAD GONE OVER THE WHOLE CAR AT NO CHARGE, LOOKING FOR THINGS THAT SHOULD BE FIXED. IN THE PROCESS, THEY FOUND SOME THINGS WE WEREN'T AWARE OF. IN SUMMING UP THE ROTH BRAND OF SERVICE, WE CAN SAY SIMPLY, "THEY CARE". AND IN THIS DAY AND AGE, THAT'S DAMNED REFRESHING.

LEFTOVER PARTS...

WE HEAR TELL FROM THEM AS KNOW THAT WALTER WORON HAS LEFT HIS POST AS ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR OF JAGUAR NEW YORK TO BECOME PUBLISHER OF MOTOR TREND MAGAZINE. ODDLY ENOUGH, THIS MAGAZINE CLAIMS THAT THEY DO NOT WANT ANY ARTICLES FROM FREELANCE WRITERS CONCERNING FOREIGN OR SPORTS CARS. Hmm...

WE ALSO HEAR TELL THAT BOB ROGGIO HAD A VERY RAPID RIDE THROUGH THE BOONDOCKS IN A D-TYPE A FEW WEEKS AGO. CLAIMS HE SAW 140 OVER A LONELY TWO-LANE ROAD. GET HIM TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT.

RALLYE CHAIRMAN L. SCHEAR WAS SUPPOSED TO COME TO THE GUNK FESTIVAL BUT NEVER DID SHOW UP. WE CAN ONLY ASSUME HE GOT LOST.

AS FAR AS WE KNOW, FRANK BISHOP HOLDS THE CLUB RECORD FOR OWNERSHIP OF THE GREATEST NUMBER OF WHEELED VEHICLES. HIS WIDELY DIVERSIFIED STABLE NOW BOASTS A MARK II, THREE ENGLISH FORDS, TWO NORTON MOTORCYCLES AND A TRACTOR. HE RACES THE TRACTOR. ALSO, DID YOU KNOW THAT FRANK USED TO RACE MOTORCYCLES? ISLE OF MAN TT AND THAT SORT OF THING...

FRANK BISHOP MADE A SPECIAL TRIP OUT TO THE GUNK FESTIVAL TO GIVE US OUR LONG-AWAITED MEMBERSHIP CARD, WHICH WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED. HOWEVER, WHEN WE GOT HOME OUR SHORTS (WHICH CONTAINED THE CARD) WENT RIGHT INTO THE WASHER. WE NOW OWN A THOROUGHLY LAUNDERED JCNM CARD (WHICH ISN'T REALLY WORTH A DAMN). COULD WE HAVE ANOTHER ONE PLEASE?

DO NOT TRY TO CLEAN YOUR JCNM BADGE WITH ALCOHOL. IT TAKES THE PAINT OFF. (CAN WE HAVE ANOTHER BADGE, TOO, FRANK?)

THE EMPORIUM

NENETTE CAR POLISHER THIS DANDY LITTLE IMPORTED ENGLISH CAR-POLISHING BRUSH REMOVES ROAD GRIME, DUST, AND MUD ETC., IN A SNAP, SAVING YOU MANY CAR WASHES. \$2.50 TO MEMBERS; \$3.50 TO NON-MEMBERS (BOTH BELOW LIST PRICE). SEE HARRY USSERY.

EXTRA JCNA CAR BADGES, FOR YOUR SECOND JAGUAR - \$3.50 (MEMBERS ONLY) SEE FRANK BISHOP.

JCNA EMBLEM COAT PATCHES, IN RED, BLACK, AND SILVER - \$2.00 (MEMBERS ONLY). SEE FRANK BISHOP.

JCNA KEY CHAIN - THIS IS A HANDSOME SILVER ACCESSORY WITH A BEAUTIFULLY DETAILED MINIATURE REPRODUCTION OF THE JCNA CAR BADGE ON A SILVER DISC BACKGROUND. AVAILABLE PLAIN OR ENGRAVED (ON THE BACK OF THE DISC) WITH UP TO THREE INITIALS. SEE FRANK WEIKEL FOR A LOOK AT ONE. PRICE, \$1.25 EACH PLAIN, \$1.75 ENGRAVED. PLACE YOUR ORDER WITH FRANK BISHOP.

JCNA DASH PLAQUE- THE SAME MINIATURE EMBLEM, ON A 1-1/8" x 3-1/2" SILVER PLATE WITH SELF-ADHESIVE BACKING. ENGRAVED WITH YOUR NAME; \$2.25 EACH. FRANK BISHOP HAS ONE ON HIS MK II, IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IT; HE'LL ALSO TAKE YOUR ORDER.

WANTED

3.8 MARK II

THE EDITOR'S NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR HAS FINALLY BEEN TURNED ON--THE OBJECT OF HIS EMOTION BEING A GOOD USED MARK II. HE WOULD PREFER ONE WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, AND! IT MUST BE MECHANICALLY EXCELLENT--NO MECHANIC'S SPECIALS, PLEASE. IF YOU HAVE SUCH A MACHINE, OR KNOW WHO DOES, PLEASE GIVE FULL PARTICULARS TO DICK O'KANE, MA 7-2709 OR TO BILL KEDDIE, 1017 LOMBARD ST., PHILA., WA5-3766.