

MAR 2007



ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Hi to all our Members,

Once again our Annual Dinner Dance was a great success and everyone who attended, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The food was delicious and as always piping hot and the cabaret was excellent. Well done to Geoff, Mary and Jean for putting this together. The incriminating photos should appear on our website shortly, but I am sure our webmaster - Ian - is open to some financial persuasion.

There was a good turnout at last months meeting, although the majority of our regulars were tripping on the South Coast.

At the March meeting, I will mentioning some of our events I have planned for the coming year, especially Duxford, our Regional Day and a display from us at Southern Day. I am also arranging a Sunday lunch at the end of March to be held in the Thaxted Hall, nr. Great Dunmow.

I am putting together our events calendar for 2007. This will include more Sunday lunches, a trip to Duxford Air museum, some new venues for shows, plus weekends away and Sunday runs. Our Region will also be attending Southern Day this year, which will include an Essex Thameside Regional display. Geoff and Mary are once again organizing a boat trip along the river Chelmer. Finally our Jaguar Day will be on Sunday 5th August and I am looking for people to help me with the organization. If anyone has any ideas, please let me know.

I will also be reporting back on some interesting findings that were discussed at the National AGM back in November.

Many thanks

Colin.

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JEC X-Type Seminar 27.01.2007

I attended the Jaguar X-Type Seminar organised by Nigel Thorley on behalf of the JEC, at Jaguar factory at Castle Bromwich. The event was well attended by various X-Type owners. The topics discussed included the history and make-up of the car, the model development and changes. A very amusing session on buying/negotiating/checks and common problems was presented by the colourful TV presenter of 'Used Car Roadshow' and The Times Motoring Correspondent, Jason Dawe. Various practical sessions were also featured and personally, I learnt a number of things that wasn't indicated by the dealer when I purchased my X-Type. For £50 for the day, including a well presented lunchtime buffet, it was money well spent. If other specific model courses come up, I would recommend you attend.

Editor



MESSAGE FROM THE USA

Hi Doug, many thanks for the latest edition of the newsletter. It keeps us in touch, out here in sunny Florida. I am sorry to be missing such events as the Annual Dinner/Dance, but the compensation of being here in the sunshine state helps to dull the pain. My main purpose in writing is to ask you to pass on our very best wishes to Colin and Helen, for his speedy, and this time, successful recovery. If ever there was a guy who warrants a decent break it must be Colin. We have admired his dedication not to just the Club, but to all things in which he is involved, and it would be his just reward to have this transplant work out. Our best wishes to all members and spouses, and I look forward to seeing you all in May. Kindest regards

Barry and Jackie Myers.

EASTBOURNE WILD LIFE

Some of our members decided to participate in the delights of Eastbourne during the week of 5th - 10th February. It was a kind of "saga sandals" from what I hear, not the group but the area so I believe. Here is their resumé: *Eastbourne was a great short week away, which had the added benefit of free drink and full board. This meant that a good time was guaranteed for all. We arrived on Monday, and after bingo had finished (not allowed to talk through that) we entered the bar and started to sample the range on drinks on offer.*

Tuesday we went to Rye which is a fantastic little town that seemed to specialise in antiques. After visiting several of these establishments we then went to the local pub to get warmed up. Spiced Rum was the order of the day. After returning back to the hotel, we then ended up



playing pool quickly followed by watching the cabaret - which we were very surprised about as it was great. Comedians and singers all week long.

Wednesday we went to Brighton and split up, but no matter how hard we tried we kept bumping into one another. Obviously the town wasn't big enough for the Jag club.

Some of us diverted to Beachy Head, where the views were great, although cold.

Thursday resulted in staying in Eastbourne and looking around the shops there. The lads found a snooker hall - whilst the others wandered around and brought some items. Although Thursday was the day of the 'Big Snow Storm' we had nothing in Eastbourne. In fact in the morning it was sunny and calm.

*Friday was time to say our goodbyes and realise that the free drinks had come to an end. **IRM Antrobus***

SOME PICTURE OF THE DINNER DANCE. FURTHER REPORT NEXT MONTH.





JAGUAR ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB

FUTURE EVENTS :

REGIONAL EVENTS /OTHER EVENTS:

MAR '07

- Tues 6th Club Night - Orsett Hotel, 8pm
- Sun 25th Sunday lunch at Thaxted Hall
Contact Colin on 01708 476126

MAY '07

- Tues 1st Club Night - Orsett Hotel, 8pm
- Sun 13th Automobilia Day -
Battlesbridge Antique Centre (date TBC)
Contact Colin for pass
01708 476126

JUL '07

- Sun 1st Essex TR Club Day
Ingatestone Hall
Club Stand & Picnic
Contact Colin 01708 476126
- Tues 3rd Club Night - Orsett Hotel, 8pm
- Sun 8th Boat Trip along the River Chelmer
Fish & Chip Supper
Contact: Geoff & Mary 01277 374030
- Tues 10th Porsche Club BBQ 7:30pm
Regiment Way Chelmsford

NATIONAL:

APR '07

- Sun 29th 9th Annual London to Brighton Run. Price £66, based on a driver and one passenger. For booking form, contact Sally at Kelsey Publishing.
Email:- sally@kelsey.co.uk or LtoB@kelsey.co.uk or call 01959 541 444.

AUG '07

- Sun 19th Essex Thameside Region at JEC SOUTHERN DAY
Littlecote House, Hungerford (Weekend trip being planned)

APR '07

- Tues 3rd Club Night - Orsett Hotel, 8pm
- Sun 29th Sunday lunch at the "Top Meadow" G.C. Nth Ockendon
Contact Colin on 01708 476126 (TBC)

JUN '07

- Tues 5th Club Night - Orsett Hotel, 8pm
- Sun 17th South Weald Country Show
& Picnic in the Park
Contact Colin for pass
01708 476126
- Sun 24th Classic Car & Bike Show
Crossing, Nr. Braintree
Details to follow.
Contact Colin 01708 476126

AUG '07

- Sun 5th **ESSEX THAMESIDE
JAGUAR DAY SHOW**
Battlesbridge Antique
Centre
Contact Colin
01708 476126
- Tues 7th Club Night
Orsett Hotel 8pm
- Sun 26th Audley End House
Area 33 JDC
Saffron Walden (Pay on entry)

IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE COSTS FOR THE CLUB, IF YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS , PLEASE SEND IT TO THE EDITOR AT doug@warren5385.fsnet.co.uk AND ALL FUTURE NEWSLETTERS WILL BE SENT VIA E-MAIL. THANK YOU

JAGUAR E-TYPE 3.8 FHC 1961 - 1964

An automotive classic, the E-Type was the epitome of the modern sports touring car. The successor to the XK (120/140/150), it evoked the lines and style of the D-type, slimmed and refined to create a beautiful car that became the symbol of the 1960s. More attainable than a Ferrari, more charismatic than a Rolls Royce, racier than a Mercedes-Benz, the E-Type stamped its image on a generation and its shape became the icon of the so-called swinging sixties.

Its basis was straightforward. Both the open and closed versions had a cockpit made of welded steel pressings, with the independent rear suspension carried in its cradle underneath. The front of the car was constructed of Reynolds 541 square section steel tubing, containing the engine and carrying the front suspension. A smaller tubular sub-frame was bolted to the front of this, supporting the radiator and front bonnet anchor.

The bonnet hinged upwards for access to the

engine and front suspension and comprised the entire nose section of the car, with complicated ducts and electrical connections. It was an elaborate and expensive item of equipment, as anybody, unfortunate enough to damage one, soon found out!

The E-Type was introduced in Geneva motor show in 1961, it's official unveiling in the Parc des Eaux Vives, within sight of the famous jet d'eau fountain. It created shock-waves throughout the European motor industry. Its UK price was less than £1,500, (try getting a second hand one now for that money!!!) its' top speed was 150mph and it look quintessence of quality. The *Autocar* and *Motor* magazines road tested E-Types at 150 mph, but soon emerged that there had been some duplicity. Production E-Types seldom got near 150 mph, their reputation was sullied with overheating inboard disc brakes and as years passed, they tended to rust.

Yet in 1961 they changed the world. They set standards in ride and handling that lasted throughout the decade. They arrived at the dawn of the motorway age in Britain, when people could still dream of dashing from one end of the country to the other at unfettered speed. Nervous ministers of transport impatient to impose 70 mph limit were years away.

Jaguar was delighted with the reception given to the E-Type. The social elite of Geneva queued up - literally - to be whisked up a hill climb course by test driver Norman Dewis and Jaguar PRO - Bob Berry, who raced a D-Type. So many turned up that the Police were called to keep order!!!!



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS 3.8 - LITRE

cc	3,781	Bore & Stroke mm	87 x 106
Compression ratio	9:1 (8:1 optional)	bhp	265
@ rpm	5,500	torque (lb/ft)	260
@ rpm	4,000	Fuelling	3 x SU Carbs
Transmission	4-speed (3 synchro)	Wheel size	15"
Suspension front	Ind wishbone, torsion bar	Suspension rear	Ind lower
Brakes	4 wheel disc, rear inboard		wishbone, upper driveshaft
Performance			link, radius arms, coil spring
0 - 60 mph (sec)	7.1	Top Speed	149.1
Average mpg	19.7		
Dimensions			
Length (inches)	175.5	Width (inches)	64.25
Height (inches)	47 (48 fnc)	Wheelbase (inches)	96
Front track (inches)	50	Rear track (inches)	50
Weight (cwt)	24		

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Useful Websites

The JEC is a member of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle clubs (FBHVC) who are a pressure group, who lobby parliament on behalf of the Historic and Classic car fraternity.

The Government is trying to bring in various legislation against the use and enjoyment of our Classics. However, we as owners contribute a vast amount to the British economy. To find out more log onto www.fbhvc.co.uk.

Another group is the Association of British Drivers, who are a lobby group against the Governments findings on emissions and the extensive use of speed cameras. Their site is www.abd.co.uk.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

25th March 2007

Sunday lunch at Thaxted Hall, Thaxted, Essex. £17:50 for 3 course lunch. Looking to book time for @ 2pm. Maximum 30 people. Contact Colin on 01708 478 476126 or see on Club night.

27th May 2007

Duxford Air Museum Car Meet. We are joining forces with other clubs as Duxford now requires a minimum of 50 cars on display. We will be joining the Nissan 350z Club and hopefully the Cambs Region of the JEC. Allocated parking will be outside the new Airspace hanger. I am looking for support of @ 15 to 20 cars. Admission this year is: Adult £9:95 and children under 16 free. Require final numbers by May club night. Contact Colin on 01708 476126

19th August 2007

As a club, I am looking to put on a regional display at this years event. I am looking to include a weekend trip as well. This event celebrates the Glorious 50's and three models in particular. The Mk 1 3.4, Mk VIII & XK150, all 50 years young. It is intended that a similar theme to the Goodwood Revival atmosphere. I would like to put on a display of 10 - 12 cars, including members owning XK150's to be the centre piece of the display. I need to know interested parties a.s.a.p. Contact Colin on 01708 476126

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