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ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Hi All

Thank you to those of you, who have kept in touch, visited and sent their best wishes whilst I was in hospital. I am now at home, although I will be re admitted, possibly in the near future.

Helen and I have really appreciated that you guys have kept the home fires burning, whilst I have been otherwise indisposed, many thanks. However, I have been keeping one ear to the ground and been keeping up to date.

We are now coming to the end of the season, our Region still has events organized. There is the visit to JD Classics on a Saturday morning. The club AGM is to be held on November club night and our usual mince pie fest on December club meet.

Also, don't forget, October meeting. We have a presentation from Terry Dye and Ray Ingram on JEC Jaguar Racing. Ray is hoping to bring along one of his race prepared Jags. Talk starts @ 8pm.

More on events in this edition. Hopefully see you at the next meeting

Best Wishes

Colin.

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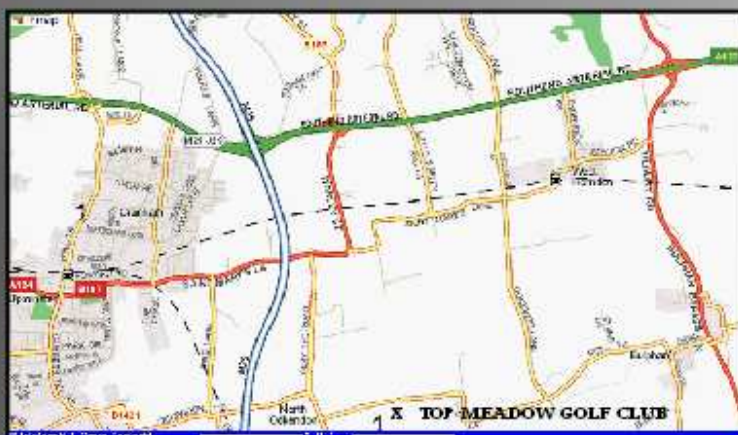
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Essex Thameside A.G.M 2007 – November Club Night (6/11/07)

It is fast approaching that time of year again. We will be holding our AGM on the November club night. These are usually relaxed affairs as far as AGMs are concerned. This is your chance to voice your opinion and ideas.

I intend to carry on in the post of Chairman and once again stand for re-election, as is Helen for Membership Secretary. Doug Warren is standing for re-election as our Newsletter Editor and Ian Atrobus as keeper of our website.

Geoff & Mary Monk have given notice that they will be standing down as Treasurer(s)/Secretary. This is due to various personal commitments and they can no longer devote the time required to the committee. However, they will still be active members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contribution and hard work, since taking on the posts.

I am also looking to create a post of **General Committee Member(s)**. This post will involve providing ad hoc help and support to the Committee and within the club, such as help to run and organize events. This would include our Show, Dinner Dance and perhaps other events within our Calendar. Anyone taking up the post will have a valid input in the running of the club. **Colin Field.**

JEC SOUTHERN DAY - HUNGERFORD SUNDAY AUGUST 19th

A wet and miserable day only brighten by the array of Jaguars that attended this day.



Jim Clark, shown here, welcomes all members to our stand. We must have had the biggest amount of club vehicles on one stand - 12 cars. Well done to all who attended.

JEC ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION STAND



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oct 2 Club Night: Talk by Terry Dye and Ray Ingram on JEC Jaguar Racing. Hopefully, they will bring along a racing prepared Jag from Classic Spares. Please come along and support what will be an interesting evening. Just turn up.

Nov 17. JD Classics Tour. Doug Warren and Andy Munden are organising this one. Doug already has a list of names. They are only available now on this day and will welcome as many as can turn up. However, total numbers are needed. Please confirm to Doug Warren if you are able to attend by November AGM. See page 6 of newsletter.

SUNDAY LUNCH

Geoff and Mary have organised a Sunday lunch at the Top Meadow Golf Club restaurant. Members who have dined here before have been full of praise for the food and the value, just £10.50 for three courses. Anyone who is interested in joining us on Sunday 21st October, please complete the attached menu and return it to Geoff Monk in the pre-addressed envelope supplied. We need to know as soon as possible in order for the restaurant staff to allocate the seating for us and for the chef to prepare. This is a very popular venue so if you haven't booked to attend, it will be unlikely that further seating will be available on the day.



REGIONAL EVENTS / OTHER EVENTS

| MONTH | DAY | DATE | LOCATION |
|-------|------|------|---|
| SEPT | SUN | 30th | 21st Annual Grand Motorabilia Day Classic Vehicle Show & Autojumble at Battlesbridge Antique Centre. FREE ADMISSION FOR DRIVER & 1 PASSENGER + SHOW PLAQUE FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED BY 28TH AUGUST 2006. 10am to 5pm Admission on the day £5:00 |
| OCT | TUES | 2nd | CLUB NIGHT Top Meadow Golf Club, Nth Ockendon, RM14 3PR 8PM Talk by Terry Dye and Roy Ingram from JEC Jaguar Racing and Classic Spares |
| OCT | SUN | 21st | SUNDAY LUNCH Top Meadow Golf Club, Nth Ockendon, RM14 3PR Complete enclosed request form and return it. Lunch £10:50 per head. |
| NOV | TUES | 6th | CLUB NIGHT AGM Club Night. |
| DEC | TUES | 4th | CLUB NIGHT Exchange Christmas Cards and have a few mince pies. |

NATIONAL EVENTS

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| OCT | SAT /SUN | 6th/7th | THE LONDON INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW Alexander Palace Alexandra Palace Way Wood Green London N22 7AY Admission £12 on the day or £10 in advance. Web site: www.classicshows.org/ally%20pally.htm |
| OCT | SUN | 21st | JAGUAR SPARESDAY Stoneleigh, Warks. Details from John Salway 01838 200398 or web site: http://www.jaguarsparesdays.co.uk/ |
| NOV | FRI/ SAT/ SUN | 9th - 11th | CLASSIC CAR SHOW NEC BIRMINGHAM The Classic Motor Show is a "must do" event for all motoring enthusiasts. With an enormous display of 1000 cars spanning five NEC halls this really is the biggest and best show of its kind in the UK. Web site: www.necclassicmotorshow.com |

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 XJ6/12 2-door Coupe 1973 - 1977

There was something of a hiatus between the announcement of what became a Jaguar classic, the 2 door XJ and the start of serious production. When it was introduced to the press in the Summer of 1973, Jaguar explained that the examples shown were prototypes and no more would be made until the following year. In the event it was the spring of 1975 before any went on sale and the model remained in production for only two years. A total of 6,505 XJ6C's and 1,873 XJ12C's were made before it was discontinued, pending the introduction of the XJ-S. Part of the delay was due to difficulties in engineering a pillarless 2-door. Reinforcement was built into the rear quarters, because the roof and B-post (the central pillar), played a key role in the car's strength. There were difficulties with the rear-most side window, which tended to be drawn out into the slipstream at a critical point of low pressure, creating wind-noise. The fact of the matter was that the management took a short term view, regarding the coupe as something of a distraction from the preoccupation with saloons and did not accord it a very high priority.



The 2 door Jaguar was never officially known as a Coupe but the "C" suffix ensured its adoption. The roof was covered in a smart black vinyl, a fashionable adornment which also served to disguise the thickness of the 'C' post (the rear pillar), necessary to meet roll-over safety regulations as well as to ensure body stiffness comparable with the 4-door car. The result was one of the best looking of all XJ series. Mounted on what was to be known as the short wheelbase, the proportions of the car were striking and the vinyl gave it the "hardtop convertible" appearance, not only popular in America where it was created, but anywhere elegant cars were appreciated. A 2-door car is seldom as practical as a 4-door and access to the rear seats of the coupe Jaguar was not easy. Despite the bolstering of the "C-post", the 2-door cars were some 50lbs lighter than their 4-door counterparts, although the Series II cars, like almost every Jaguar, did put on weight over the 'Series I' on the account of the increased burden of safety regulations, heavier bumpers and equipment such as electric windows fitted as standard.



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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS 4.2- LITRE

| | | | |
|----------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| cc | 4,235 | Bore & Stroke mm | 92.7 x 106 |
| Compression ratio | 8:1 | bhp | 170 |
| @ rpm | 4,500 | torque (lb/ft) | 231 |
| @ rpm | 3,500 | Fuelling | 2 x SU Carbs |
| Transmission | 4 speed all synchro or BW 3 sd auto | Wheel size | 15" |
| Suspension front | Ind semi-trailing wishbone, coil spring, anti rollbar | Suspension rear | Ind lower wishbone. |
| Brakes | 4 wheel disc, rear inboard | | |
| Performance:- | | Top Speed | 125 |
| 0 - 60 mph (sec) | 8.9 | | |
| Average mpg | 15 | | |
| Dimensions:- | | Width (inches) | 69.25 |
| Length (inches) | 189.5 | Wheelbase (inches) | 108.75 |
| Height (inches) | 54 | Rear track (inches) | 58.5 |
| Front track (inches) | 58 | | |
| Weight (cwt) | 33 | | |



JD CLASSIC TOUR

One off factory tour: 10am Saturday
17th November 2007.

Directions: From London, take the A12 to Junction 18 (A414) and travel east, signposted Maldon.

After approximately seven miles take the second exit off the roundabout opposite Morrisons Superstore into Wycke Hill Business Park. Follow road around to left towards Focus DIY. JD Classic is on the left.



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THE ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Yes I know it is early but..... The Dinner Dance for next year has already been booked for Saturday January 26th 2008. The venue is our new meeting room at Top Meadow Golf Club. The arrival time is 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

*There are rooms available for anyone wanting to stay overnight. All rooms are en-suite and include breakfast. Prices are £45 per room or £65 per room for a Superior. Please contact Top Meadow direct on **01708 852239** to secure a room.*

Ticket prices are £25 per head, which includes a 3 course dinner, disco and cabaret. Ticket price is requested to be paid in full, to secure a booking. Please see attached booking form.

*Many thanks
Colin
Chairman*

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