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Merry Xmas

ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

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Hello All,

I would like to wish all our members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

We had a very impressive turnout by our Region, when about 38 of us attended the J D Classics factory tour the other Saturday. This was arranged by Andy & Doug, thanks go to them both. I must admit I did not realize the vastness of their premises. Also the amount of Jaguars and other marques he had, not only in the showroom, but throughout the workshops. There was certainly some impressive and rare machinery, including an SS90, XJ13 rebuild, Broadspeed XJ Series 2, a vast number of SS100s and MK 2s including some Coombs versions. It was a very interesting and eye opening morning, one I am sure most of us will remember for a long time.

Our December meeting on the 4th, is the mince pie evening. This is where we exchange Christmas cards and have a bite to eat, as it's the last one before Christmas starts. So come along and raise a glass, as they say. Talking of meetings, our January monthly get together, will be held on **Tuesday 8th (second Tuesday)** as the golf club is closed the Tuesday before, as it is New Year's Day.

Finally, don't forget we are holding our annual Dinner Dance at Top Meadow Golf Club on Saturday 26th January. Tickets are once again priced at £25 per person, which is remarkable value. The format will follow the same as last year, which includes a 3 course meal, Cabaret & Disco. To book places please contact Geoff & Mary on 01277 374030

Seasons Greetings

Colin



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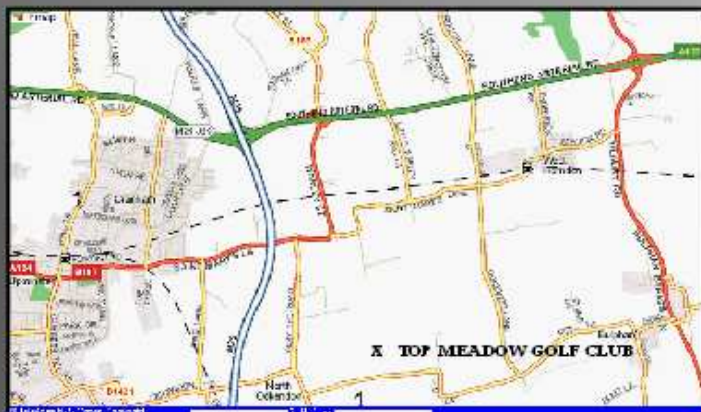
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JD Classics Factory Visit

On Saturday 17th November 35 members of the JEC Essex Thameside Region club visited the JD Classics Factory and Showroom at Maldon in Essex. The trip was arranged by club member Andy Munden and co-ordinated by Doug Warren. It was a fascinating insight into what started out as a hobby for Derek Hood, the Founder and Managing Director of JD Classics, that has turned into a multi-million pound business. The premises are amazing and growing too. He showed us his 'new' showroom which will hold more cars for sale on two floors. Within the premises, they have, obviously the garage, a body shop and paint shop, a leather shop, an engine room and of course the showroom, as shown below. Derek showed us all around the centre and answered all manner of questions thrown at him by the group. It was fascinating to see all types of 'classic' Jaguars in various stages of repair/restoration. We also viewed a Jaguar Mk 2 that is currently undergoing a complete modernisation with a 'James Bond' type revolving dashboard which is to house Sat Nav and Stereo. The car's cost to date, so I am reliably informed, is £340,000!!!!



SUNDAY LUNCH @ TOP MEADOW GOLF CLUB

On Sunday 21st October over 40 club members and friends went out to lunch at the Club's meeting venue's restaurant. Organised by Geoff and Mary Monk, it was a fine day out.

I do hope all who attended enjoyed the food. The disappointment for me was the dessert trolley. Having sat at the top table, those seated along side, were the last to be served from the dessert trolley as there was only one water serving. I was looking forward to having a piece of chocolate 'lumpy bumpy' pudding. But on his arrival at the top table, this had already been had by others, so I had the chocolate fudge cake, which was lovely. I think Sylvie had the last piece of 'lumpy bumpy'I do hope she enjoyed it!!!! *Editor.*



I would be obliged if you would pass on to Colin and Helen and all members of the committee, my thanks for the past year's efforts, on our (the members) behalf. Having been a member for a number of years I must say that I feel that the club has gone from strength to strength, this is in no small way due to the efforts of all committee members, but in particular, Colin and Helen. In view of his ongoing health problems, they have still found time to devote to the club and I am sure that I speak for all members when I say that we appreciate everything that they both have done for us. On a personal note I must confess that I could not have coped with anywhere near the courage and determination he has shown, and I truly admire his guts.

As you know I will be in Florida for the next six months but I will keep in touch and hope to enjoy the monthly news from your good self via the web.

My best regards to all, have a good Xmas and New Year and see you all in 2008.

Kind regards.

Barry Myers





REGIONAL EVENTS / OTHER EVENTS

MONTH	DAY	DATE	LOCATION
DEC	TUES	4th	CLUB NIGHT Ex change Christmas Cards and have a few mince pies.
JAN	TUES	8th	CLUB NIGHT
JAN	SAT	26th	JEC THAMESIDE REGION ANNUAL DINNER DANCE Top Meadow Golf Club, Fen Lane, Nth. Ockendon, Upminster, Essex. RM14 3PR <i>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</i>
FEB	TUES	5th	CLUB NIGHT
FEB	MON	25th	Jaguar Halewood Factory Visit. Visit the site of the X-Type and Land Rover Freelander. Our visit will be privy to see the revised X-Type in production, prior to launch in March!

NATIONAL EVENTS

JAN '08	SAT	19th	JAGUAR X-350 SEMINAR Castle Bromwich, West Midlands. Details from www.jec.org.uk or call the Editor of the JEC National Club on 01302 771818. Seminar fee £70. A worthy event if you own an X350 or are considering purchasing one.
MAR '08	SAT	29th	JAGUAR X-TYPE SEMINAR. Castle Bromwich, West Midlands. Details from www.jec.org.uk . Seminar fee £70. A worthy event if you own an X-Type or are considering purchasing one.
APR '08	SUN	27th	10th ANNUAL LONDON TO BRIGHTON JAGUAR RUN Further details to follow. Come and join around 350 Jaguars of all ages on this fun day out for everyone. Accommodation being sourced for Essex Thameside Region club members to stay over on Sunday night.

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 XJ-S V12 Convertible 1988 - 1995

Jaguar's new convertible, with both 6 and 12 cylinder engines, proved worth the wait. In terms of accommodation per foot length, though, it may have been regarded as something of a failure. Two seats getting on for 16 ft long was extravagant and it was two more years before it gained two more extra seats in the rear. Jaguar went to a lot of trouble to make the convertible, enabling the Cabriolet with its rather clumsy production procedure to be discontinued. A third of the body panels were changed and even though it looked a little like the cabriolet the hull was re-engineered to ensure it would not droop with the doors open. The shell was strengthened inside the transmission tunnel and around the bulkhead and steel tubes built into the door sills and windscreen frame. The strengthening added 100kg over the coupe and it was 60kg more than the cabriolet. Driving the convertible up and down kerbs might make the frame flex, but working in conjunction with the



experienced Karmann of West Germany, Jaguar engineers did a good job. The hood did not fold flat under a metal cover, like a BMW's, a refinement one could have wished for. It sat upright, like a pram's, spoiling the car's smooth lines. It was not as quiet as a BMW either, but it was padded and lined to give the air conditioning a chance. Security from determined burglars could never be guaranteed with a soft top, but Jaguar tried with a radio which could be removed and carried in a tastefully designed shoulder-bag. The boot was lockable, deep and although the large spare wheel took up a good deal of it, enough remained to accommodate luggage sufficient for a Grand Tourer. Jaguar said

the XJ-S Convertible would do 150 mph, yet it was a car in which one did not feel compelled to hurry. Indeed, only the very wealthy could afford to, since making use of the swift acceleration and high speed brought the mpg perilously close to extravagance. At a steady 75mph it did 22 mpg but sank to 15 mpg in city driving. The XJ-S convertible was a good way of generating profit and was spectacular a car as anything from traditional sources such as Stuttgart, Milan, Detroit or even Maranello. At £36,000, not a lot in world terms, it had what was one of the world's smoothest 12 cylinder engines, a spectacular appearance, a rich interior and a ride that soaked up bumps as successfully as any multi-sprung system in existence.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS 5.3 - LITRE

cc	5,343	Bore & Stroke mm	90 x 70
Compression ratio	11.5:1	bhp	299
@ rpm	5,800	torque (lb/ft)	318
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Transmission	3-speed (auto)	Wheel size	15" alloy
Suspension front	Ind. wishbone, coils spring, anti-dive	Suspension rear	Ind. lower wishbone.
Brakes	4 wheel disc, rear inboard		
Performance:-			
0 - 60 mph (sec)	6.5	Top Speed	150
Average mpg	17.9		
Dimensions:-			
Length (inches)	191.75	Width (inches)	70.5
Height (inches)	50.4	Wheelbase (inches)	102
Front track (inches)	58.5	Rear track (inches)	58
Weight (lb)	3,5 cwt		

FOR SALE

2002 JAGUAR X-TYPE 2.5 SE AUTO.

(Jaguar Traction - 4 Wheel Drive)

Pacific blue, Ivory leather interior, 46,000 miles, Full Jaguar Service History, Leaper mascot, Climate Control, Rear parking sensors, 10 way electric seats, split folding rear seat, CD/Radio, Alloy wheels: just been refurbished, Quad s/s exhaust, Lovingly looked after, reluctantly selling, but want Jaguar classic. Just serviced and MOT'd in October 2007. Taxed. Private plate.

£8,250. Call Doug Warren on 01245 261810



Polite Reminder to all Members

Dear Members

Please be aware that any Members who attend our club night/monthly meetings are required to pay the princely sum of £1 subs. This helps towards the hire charge of the hall.

Most members will be aware that this is not a new procedure, but has been in place since the early days of our Region. It would be appreciated if Members would pay their subs to the Treasurer before the meeting officially starts.

Many thanks for your cooperation

Regards

Colin Field
Chairman

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RE-VISIT TO JAGUAR HALEWOOD FACTORY PLANNED

Another trip has been planned for a visit to Jaguar/Land Rover Halewood factory near Merseyside, Liverpool. A booking has been made for 10:00am on Monday 25th February 2008. The tour lasts 2.5 hours and costs £10 and will feature the 2008 model X-Type which is due in the Jaguar showrooms in March 2008. Our previous visit in 2007 was somewhat overshadowed by the Land Rover Freelander 2 launch. Hotel accommodation has been sourced with Travel Lodge at Widnes, which at the time of writing this report, were charging £19 per room per night!!! The idea is that we travel up on Sunday 24th February. There is a nice pub across the road to the Travel Lodge where we can get dinner & drink. Anyone interested should book the hotel accommodation immediately and then advise Doug Warren on 01245 261810 a.s.a.p.



FIVEMINUTES OF FAME!

Peter Davey, one of our local club members, has had his 'five minutes of fame' last month, in the JEC national magazine with the inclusion of his excellent 3.8 Jaguar Mk 2. The car looks fantastic



and a credit to Peter. Look for the article in the magazine on page 50

under the Mk 2 Forum. Peter's final comment was that the car is regularly used - on dry days - so it didn't go out much last year then!!!!



Essex Thameside Region

Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday 26th January 2008

*3 Course Meal with Coffee & Mints
Live Cabaret & Disco*

Tickets £25 Per Head

*Dancing 'till Late
Arrive 6:30pm for 7:00pm*

To be held in the Function Suite
Top Meadow Golf Club

Fen Lane, Nth Ockendon, Upminster, Essex. RM14 6PR

Booking Slip

Name

No. Vegetarian.Meals

Tickets.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....Contact No.....

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