



ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



A festive cheer to one and all,

Last month, we held our AGM. Thanks to those who attended and shared input and ideas, it made for a lively meeting. To find out who your Committee are for 2009, please see article in this issue.

Thanks go to Doug, who arranged a factory tour and weekend away. I hope all who attended enjoyed the trip.

The December meeting is traditionally our mince pie night. As regulars will know, this is where we exchange Christmas cards and down a mince pie or two along with a drink or two, as this is the last meeting before Christmas. So come along and join us.

Now is the time to book those tickets for our annual Dinner Dance, which will be held at Top Meadow Golf club in our meeting hall on Saturday 31st January. Please contact Geoff or Mary for details. A booking form is included in this newsletter. Please note, final payment must be made no later than January club night. See article in this issue. Look forward to seeing you all on the night.

The club is looking for members to come forward with ideas for next year's calendar, for an event(s) to replace the summer boat trip and other club /social outings. Please contact Geoff if you have any ideas for a social soiree, or me for shows etc.

I am looking to hopefully get Nigel Thorley or Graeme Searle to come along to one of our meetings and give a presentation. Possibly March/April. Also, our February meeting will be used to discuss our 2009 show and set up a show Committee.

If anyone has any news, or articles they would like to include in the newsletter, then please let our Editor Doug know, so this can be included.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

See you at the December meeting.

Regards
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THE XF's ROADSTER IS COMING



November 2008 AGM Results

The results of this year's AGM are as follows:-

Chairman -	Colin Field
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I am pleased to report our region is in very good financial shape. It was decided to purchase some more up to date regalia, such as flags, banners and other club related equipment. This is being looked into at present.

The 'word' is that a raft of sporty new models is on the way from Jaguar. First will be the two door, 4 seater, cabriolet version of the hugely successful XF saloon. The XF Roadster will employ a folding fabric roof, along with a slightly shorter wheelbase to improve structural rigidity, while maintaining the saloon's handsome profile. The word is that Jaguar bosses will ensure there is a significant cost differential, so that the new model doesn't poach sales from the XK Cabriolet. As a result, again the word is that prices may well start at around the £35,000 mark. But this isn't the only derivative that is being considered. A two door Coupe is also on the way. This will be aimed at the Audi A5, BMW's and the like and it is expected to be pitched below the XF's Saloons price of £34,000, so we may well see it at around the £30,000 bracket. The line up is expected to contain both the V6 and V8 petrol and diesel engines. These two new stunners are expected in 2010, when the X-Type is phased out. Already in the wings is a XF with a 5 litre supercharged engine, which those that visited Castle Bromwich were privileged to see being produced. And finally, a two seater Jaguar to compete against the Porsche Boxster and Mercedes SLK, is also being considered. The small two seater, which is due in 2012, will use a cut down version of the lightweight aluminium chassis from the new XJ (which is also due in 2010). So start saving your pennies now for either of these new models which will hopefully bring Jaguar up into the game again!!! **Editor.**

REGIONAL EVENTS / OTHER EVENTS

MONTH	DAY	DATE	LOCATION
DEC	TUES	2nd	CLUB NIGHT Come along to the last meeting before Christmas and indulge in a mince pie or five!!!
JAN	TUES	6th	CLUB NIGHT
JAN	SAT	31st	ESSEX THAMESIDE REGION ANNUAL DINNER DANCE - TOP MEADOW GOLF CLUB, NORTH OCKENDON
FEB	TUES	3rd	CLUB NIGHT
MAR	TUES	3rd	CLUB NIGHT
APR	TUES	7th	CLUB NIGHT
MAY	TUES	5th	CLUB NIGHT
MAY	SUN	10th	Classic Car Show & Autojumble. Battlesbridge 10am to 5pm Admission £5 per person.

NATIONAL EVENTS

DEC	FRI-SUN	5th - 7th	JEC Xmas Markets Weekend. Reims, France. Details Simon & Ann Cronin 01962 852970. To book call Travel Destinations 08700 339923
DEC	SAT	6th	XK8/XKR SEMINAR JEC organised seminar at the Jaguar factory, Castle Bromwich. Contact Nigel Thorley on 01302 771818 or e-mail nigel.thorley@ btinternet.com
APR	SUN	26th	LONDON TO BRIGHTON JAGUAR RUN More details to follow in the new year.

Essex Thameside Annual Dinner Dance

It's that time again and it will soon be our annual Dinner Dance. This takes place on Saturday 31st January 2009, a must for your diary. The price of tickets should be the same as last year, being £25 per person. We have a cabaret singer and disco to entertain you all evening, along with a sumptuous 3 course meal.

This all takes place in the function suite, where we hold our monthly meetings at Top Meadow Golf Club. Arrive 6.30 for 7pm, carriages at midnight.

Please note, payment for tickets must be made no later than January club night. If you have never been, then you have missed out on our main social event in our calendar, which is always a terrific night, so come and join us.

Geoff and Mary are organizing the event, so if you want to know more, or book tickets, please contact them on 01277 374030, or complete and return the booking form in this issue.

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CLASSIC CAR SHOW AND JAGUAR FACTORY VISIT



We started off from Chelmsford to Dudley in the West Midlands at 11am on Friday 14th November. Ken Morgan joined us on the trip. Other club members, Bob and Gill Cain, were to meet us at The Village Hotel that was to be our base for the show and the Jaguar factory tour. Gabriel Mathery was to meet us on the Monday for the factory tour only. **That was the total numbers of club members that had ask to come on the trip.** I think it was a very poor showing. A number of members had contacted me prior to the 14th to apologise for not being able to attend due to other more important commitments and they know who they are. I thank them for their honesty. A huge amount of personal time and effort from the committee members goes into organising events for the Club. It is a shame that they are not more fully supported by the



members, of which there are 105 of you, plus partners, who are always welcome to join our club evening and any social events. Anyway, we travelled up to Dudley across country rather than the major roads as being a Friday, I was concerned we would end up in traffic jams everywhere. It had been decided that we would first go to the railway station at Sandwell & Dudley to get our train tickets for the following day. This would save time. Having arrived at the railway station later that day, I then programmed in another post code for what I thought was the hotel. Having been before, I knew that the hotel was not far from the railway station. We set off, following the directions given by the sat nav. The route took us up and down roads I had never visited before and thought, this must be a short cut!! 20 minutes later we



were in Hansworth - not a nice place! 30 minutes later I was at Spaghetti Junction - M6. It then dawned on me, I had set the sat. nav. to the Jaguar factory at Castle Bromwich!!! I had put in the wrong postcode, so Ken and Jackie were having a guided tour of Birmingham rather than relaxing at the hotel! I did begin to wonder where we were going!! The following day we had breakfast and made our way to the railway station. 10 minutes later we were there! We parked up in the free secure car park at the station and got the train to the NEC. The show was excellent again. Ken, Bob and Gill hadn't been before but were suitably impressed. The show occupied FOUR halls and we also had access to the Jeremy Clarkson MPH show. Jaguar Enthusiasts Club, Drivers Club, XJS Club, Daimler SP250 Club & JDHT, all had stands, as well as the Daimler & Lanchester Owners Club. There were Jaguars I had never seen before on the JDHT stand - A two door coupe version of the XJ40! On the Daimler stand was a Daimler XJ-S. There is reportedly only three in existence, two in the Royal household and one kept at the JDHT museum. We all walked our feet off that day. Sunday was supposed to be the girls day, but Bob wasn't feeling too great so Ken, Jackie and I went to the Merry Hill Shopping Centre. Spent a fortune!! Anyway, Sunday night, Bob was feeling a bit better and we all went to dinner at Chiquito Mexican Restaurant, again just across the road from the hotel. We had a fine meal and Bob and Gill finished up with Churros - mini donuts - which they have when they go to Spain. We ended up in the bar on Sunday night at the hotel. A pub quiz was already underway when we arrived and we then were conned into buying some raffle tickets for another game of "Higher or Lower", the card game that Bruce Forsyth does on TV. The prize was the whole takings of those that participated in the game - guess who won!!!

Monday morning we were up early and made our way to the Jaguar factory. Gabriel Mathery called me as I was on the way to the factory to say that he had got the date mixed up and apparently visited the factory the week before, so would not be attending. Jaguar Forum members, (www.jaguarforum.co.uk) Roger Starling, Andy Cannon, Chris Ward and Dean Roberts, had indicated their interest in joining us, arrived at the factory, making the number up to nine. The factory tour involved a 10 minute DVD of Jaguar and then a tour of the XF and XJ factories. We all saw the beginning of the **NEW** 5 litre XF. The new XJ (X351 - due 2010) was also under development and these areas were off limits, however our guide did say that it was similar to the XF. I thought the XF was a big car, so the new XJ will be huge! We were also told that the X-Type will finish production in 2010 and according to a recent quote from Ratan Tata he has indicated "that Jaguar will be push up market and super expensive Daimler versions will be introduced". *Editor*



CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

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- A. Impeller
- B. X-Triple 5
- C. Belize



- A. Caicos
- B. Kronos
- C. Dimple



- A. Celtic
- B. Aruba
- C. Teardrop



- A. Proteus
- B. GKN Kent
- C. Tobago



- A. Aris
- B. Helios
- C. Centaur



- A. 20 Spoke
- B. Rapier
- C. Prestige



- A. Cayman
- B. Five Spoke
- C. Caicos



- A. Five Spoke
- B. Sport
- C. Starfish



- A. Steel winter wheel
- B. Steel Disc
- C. Callisto



- A. X-7 Flute
- B. Dynamic
- C. Custom



- A. Celtic
- B. Aris
- C. Hydra



- A. Juno
- B. Kronos
- C. Aruba



Essex Thameside Region
Annual Dinner Dance
Saturday 31st January 2009

3 Course Meal with Coffee & Mints
Live Cabaret & Disco

Tickets £25 Per Head

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

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