



Jaguar Drivers Club of Natal

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From the desk of the editor

Hi Jag enthusiasts

With the change in season, it brings about many changes in the world. The start of the Rugby World cup is around the corner and the Jag club has started to grow as we welcome some new members to the Jag Club. August was very eventful as at last the Jag club got together for an outing of sorts. It has been a long time since the members gathered for a social event. We do hope that in the near future another outing can be arranged for the Jag club as it was so nice to have face to face interaction with the members that we so often send emails too.

New Members

The Jag club would like to extend a warm welcome to Vincent Zimmerman and his wife Maria. It is always nice to see new faces on outings. To the Jaguar Jaguar club family, our new members are the proud owners of a 1998 British Racing green Daimler and a LWB XJ 8.

Jaguar mini Show day V.C.C. Sunday Aug 28



On Sunday, the skies were overcast with a distinct possibility of rain. With this in mind I left home fearing the worst, as some Jag drivers are notoriously fickle when it comes to driving where there is any possibility of rain. Jack and I had reckoned that if we had 6 jags attend the VCC meeting we would consider it job well done.

When Elsabe and I arrived in the E-type at 9 o'clock, Jack and Lynn in their 420 and Frans and Joan Meuwese in their Daimler mk2 were already parked in position, the show area had been demarcated with tape

and our Jag Club banner was prominently displayed. Shortly after Peter and Vanessa Micklewright arrived in their XK140, with Charles driving Peters Mk2. The jags were now coming thick and fast as first Barry and Liz, in their V12 E-type, then Vernon Smith in his 2+2 arrived. We were all very happy to see that John (looking very fit and healthy) and Shirley King brought along their E-type convertible.



We also had 2 non-members in an Mk1 and a XKR park their cars with ours. A short time later Alan Crookes in his E-type roadster and Dave Crookes in his E-type arrived to bring the total number of jags to 12.

Although it was heavily overcast, the Jaguars looked simply magnificent and drew a lot of attention, and

even the rain played its part by staying away. In discussion with some of the members we reckoned that this must have been the greatest number of classic Jaguars parked together in and around Durban for some time. We must have made a good impression because one of the gentlemen that were there immediately joined our Club. The only downside was that although 2 Midlands members had indicated that they would join us, they contacted us on the day to cancel.

Members Contributions

We would like to thank Peter Culling for sending us this contribution.

JAGUAR XF IS CROWNED AUTO EXPRESS DRIVER POWER CAR OF THE DECADE

The Jaguar XF has been announced as Auto Express Driver Power 'Car of the Decade'.

Over a period of 10 years readers of Auto Express have been invited to participate in the Driver Power survey and evaluate the car they own. The detailed survey encompassed many aspects of vehicle ownership - from reliability to dealer performance, to design, handling and ease of use.

In that time over 300,000 readers participated with hundreds of individual cars being tested. The Jaguar XF emerged as Number One.

Acting Editor of Auto Express, Graham Hope, presented Dr. Ralf Speth, CEO of Jaguar Land Rover and Andrew Whyman, Chief Programme Engineer, XF, with the Award in front of staff at the Castle Bromwich Factory.

Dr. Speth commented: 'We are humbled by Jaguar owners voting in such a way to rate the XF as the number one car in the UK. It's a tremendous achievement for everyone in Jaguar – from the people here at Castle Bromwich who have been building the car since 2008 to the engineers, the designers and the dealers. I am very proud to receive the award on their behalf.'

Also present to accept the Award was Andy Whyman, Chief Programme Engineer. Gathered at the presentation were technicians from the Castle Bromwich product line as well as the very first XF ever produced sitting alongside a new XF, fresh off the line.

Graham Hope, Editor of Auto Express, commented: "Jaguar's XF is a thoroughly deserving winner of our Car of the Decade. Over the past 10 years, more than 302,000 Auto Express readers have told us what they like and dislike about their cars, and no model has demonstrated such consistent all-round ability as the XF. It's fantastic to drive and extremely well built – a tribute to the skilled workforce at Castle Bromwich. I am absolutely delighted that a British-built car has won this award, and fully expect the latest version of the XF, with its new diesel engine, to achieve even more success in the years ahead."

Since 2008 over 37,000 examples of the XF have been sold in the UK. A relentless programme of engineering improvements have meant that the XF has remained highly competitive in its class. On September 1 the most efficient XF yet, the new 2.2-litre Diesel model, will go on-sale. Capable of travelling in excess of 800-miles on a single tank of diesel and emitting 149 g/km of CO₂, the XF 2.2 combines economy with the performance, refinement and dynamic ability expected of a modern Jaguar. Like the rest of the XF range it benefits from a series of aesthetic changes both inside and out to lend it a fresh, elegant new look.

We would like to thank Theo Alberda for the insight into his Jaguar Outings overseas.

I spent the day with my son Andrew at Oulton Park race track. A whole day of classic cars, sports and racing cars in various races. One race that caught my attention was the race that was dedicated to the E Type. It was fantastic to watch as there were some 31 cars in the line up. A mixed bag of 3.8 litres in various forms of tune. Some cars with more than 300 HP on tap could really go!

The attached photo is of a low drag light weight E , one of only three produced (12 normal light weights but only 3 low drag I was informed). The owner of this one paid £2,000,000 for it and has since the purchase been offered twice that! It was also in the race and fared quite well but I suspect the driver was being a little cautious with this car. The others were driven very hard and at least three were bashed during the race in part beautiful sunshine and heavy down pours! Two of the first E Types ever raced, one of which was Graham Hills car in mid 1961's were also there (but not in the race).



Special Offer

Jack is running a special offer at the moment for the Jaguar Club if you are intending to become a member. The Club can obtain a special “Composite” head gasket as opposed to a pressed steel head gasket. The order price is R 400 each including VAT and postage, unfortunately they are only for 3.4 and 3.8 engines (not 4.2). So why not join, pay your fees and get a head gasket with the deal for only R 650! This is a not to be missed offer!

Cars For Sale

We received this email from Mark Odendaal. The email is from Lorry Stanton

Lorry Stanton (down the south coast) is looking into selling his vehicle.
Here are the details:

1987 XJS V12 Coupe for sale
The Car is Petrol green colour, 170 000 km,
The car is in good running condition (in daily use)
Please contact Lorry if you are interested in the vehicle.
Offers to seller: Lorry Stanton on Cell.
No. 082 445 8431.

Please continue to send your member profiles, comments, contributions or event suggestions.

Kind Regards

Steve Nell