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**Robert & Christina Prescott-Walker, Jaguar Saloon S-Type 1966 [2019]
British By the Sea. 2nd place...!**

This photo came with its own description. When looking for a photo for this issue, I looked at old photos and current photos, looking for a Jaguar that you don't see every day, and this is it! This beauty is in just wonderful condition. Maybe you'll see it at Lyman Orchards in June of 2020.

IN THIS ISSUE

Upcoming events: our season kickoff, the Dust Off and the Judges School. Also a trip to Stockbridge to an amazing private car collection that you won't want to miss. Concours season is not far off: Bob Silvestri's pointers from a Judge's viewpoint could mean extra points for your Jaguar, page 7. Cars in Scale, page 9. A farewell to Morlee Kudola Levy, page 11.



FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT...

Martha LeClair Worley
JCSNE President

LEAP YEAR! An extra day in February, for any leapers (those born on February 29 not the Jaguar type) Congratulations on only having a "real" birthday once every 4 years. My father was a leap year baby and if I remember correctly we were sixteen at the same time as he managed to tease me about when he could. Remembrances of those that have gone are how we manage to carry them close to us. Over the past several months our past President Bob Aldridge and most recently our Secretary Morlee Kodula have died from Cancer. Both gone before we would have liked I'm certain. My remembrances that keep them close to me of Bob sitting next to me at my first board meetings as President was to whisper what the proper processes were and of Morlee when I announced my husband and I planned to be married, she said "Imagine if I had met Jon Worley and we were married I'd become Morlee Worley". Morlee had an excellent sense of humor! I hope each of you hold your loved ones and friends close with your own remembrances.

As we move out of February and hopefully into Spring we've lined up the usual suspects for activities and also a few new ones for your participation. We will have several **wine tours** and at least a couple on **tech sessions**. First up will be a trip to **ARI in Stratford** for their open shop day on March 21st. Our **Dust off** will be at Motorcars in Plainville along with the Judges training will be in early May. **Our Concours** will be on **Sunday, June 14th this year at Lyman Orchards**.

British Wheels on the Green will be at the Polo Grounds again in late September. We've also added a tour of **Gunnar Gudmundson's collection in West Stockbridge, MA**. on May 16th followed by lunch nearby.

I've mentioned the **Judges Seminar in May** which is held before the Dustoff on May 9th. **The Dustoff and open shop at Motorcars** gives us all a chance to bring out our slumbering Cats and see more being renovated back to life at Dean's shop. The Judge's seminar is a chance to learn more about the judging process whether or not you are interested in actually judging in a Concours. We do very much need more judges, however. If you plan to show your Jaguar, it is also a great way to understand what's involved in the process. And there's usually coffee and donuts, what more do you need to join us????

Finally our **AGM, Annual General Meeting**, is being held in Las Vegas, Mar 20 to 22. Hal and Jan Kritzman will be our delegates once again and Dean Cusano will be in attendance as our Region's director. Hal will also be presenting the many changes to the Judges manual for a vote as Chief Judge for JCNA.

Especially now, remember life can change in an instant, please, get out there and enjoy it.

Martha LeClair

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MAR 9 Tue JCSNE Monthly Meeting at Olympia Diner—See details at top of page. All members welcome.

MAR 21 Sat JCSNE Jags & Java at Mozzicato's Bakery, Rt 5, Wallingford. Casual. Come and go at will.

MAR 21 Sat JCSNE Visit to Automotive Restoration in Stratford. Open Shop Day. Always a great time!

APR 10-19 New York International Auto Show, NYC. See details on our web site, JCSNE.org

APR 14 Tue JCSNE Monthly Meeting at Olympia Diner—see details at top of page. All members welcome.

APR 18 Sat JCSNE Jags & Java at Mozzicato's Bakery, Rt 5, Wallingford. Casual. Come and go at will.

May 3 Sun Concours d'Caffeine, Westport. Check our web site or info@concoursdcaffeine

May 9 Sat JCSNE DUST-OFF & JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR at Motorcars. See page 5 for details

May 16 Sat JCSNE visit to Gudmundson's Private Car Collection, West Sturbridge, MA. See details page 5.

May 23 Sat Susquehanna Valley Jaguar Club Concours, York, PA See JCSNE.org for details or JCNA.org.

JUN 6 Sat Delaware Valley Jaguar Club Concours, Ft. Washington, PA See JCSNE.org for details or JCNA.org.

JUN 7 Sun British by the Sea, Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford, CT For details: MGTD52@Comcast.net.

JUN 9 Tue JCSNE Monthly Meeting at Olympia Diner—See details at top of page. All members welcome.

JUNE 14th Sunday JCSNE 47th annual Concours d'Elegance at Lyman Orchards, Middlefield CT SAVE THE DATE!

JUN 20 Jags & Java at Mozzicato's Bakery, Rt. 5, Wallingford. Casual. Come and go at will. 9a.m. to 11 a.m.

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Steven Shewbrooks
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Those attending the January, 2020 meeting at Dean’s Motorcars Inc. learned that because of serious health concerns, Morlee Kudola was resigning as Secretary. President Martha LeClair Worley accepted her resignation, with regret, and appointed Barbara Gelinas to complete Morlee’s term of office. In my original draft of this article, I wished Morlee well and thanked her for her enthusiasm and for her service and dedication to JCSNE. We thank also, Barb for her willingness to take on this responsibility. Now we know, unfortunately, that Morlee has died. She was a wonderful friend, made significant contributions to JCSNE, and will be missed by all who knew her.

As I looked back through my club records, which date to 1970, I noted the names of a large group of members who have served our club by standing for election to the important post of Secretary. The following is that roster of office holders:

1970	Sandra McConaughy	1981-82	Tony Barbetto	2001	Steve Gallant
1971	Dana Wilcox	1983	Ed Rubacha	2002	Bob Lovell
1972-73	Alan Levine	1984-88	Ells Reitsma	2003	Laura Lovell
1974	Tony DiSturco	1989-90	Alta Aldridge	2004	Virginia Raymond
1975-76	Tom Spano	1991	Dick Rowley	2005-08	Bob Lovell
1977	Chase Kenyon	1992	Alta Aldridge	2009-12	Steve Gallant
1978	Paul Ruimerman	1993-94	Frank Cornell	2013-18	Martha LeClair
1979	Dick Podoloff	1994-99	Jim Houle	2019	Morlee Kudola
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Please contact Hal Kritzman at ChiefJudge@JCSNE.org

JCSNE's Spring Dust Off ! Starts at Noon! At Motorcars!

Dust off your Jag and join us for a casual season opener!

Saturday, May 16th An Event You Won't Want to Miss !! Outstanding Car Collection!

As a club, we have been invited by owner Gunnar Gudmundson and his wife to view his amazing private car collection in West Stockbridge, MA. See a Pope Columbia, Bugattis, Cord, Roscoe "Fattie" Arbuckle's Renault, a Winton used in the making of Ken Burns' PBS special "Horatio's Drive", and dozens more vehicles. Every car has a story and Gunnar is a masterful storyteller. You will enjoy this day.

Enjoy a leisurely ride through the Berkshires in your Jaguar. Gunnar is hoping to see his lawn covered with Jags! We'll have lunch at a nice brew pub in town. A meeting place to caravan there will be set up in Winsted. You MUST pre-register by May 14th on our club web site. It's on our web calendar right now, so sign up.



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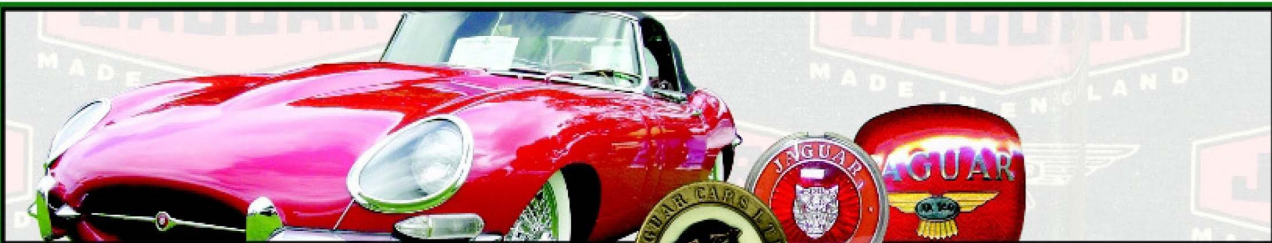
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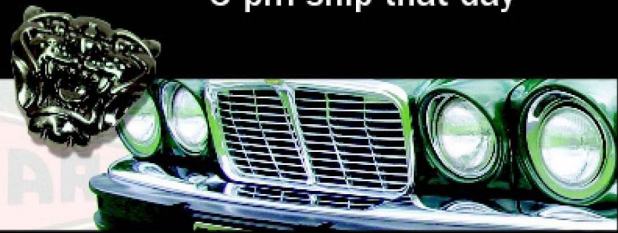
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Concours Observations and Potential Rule Changes

by Robert Silvestri, Jaguar Club of Southern New England

Numerous articles have been written concerning how to prepare your Jaguar for Concours competitions, from cleaning to waxing to fine detailing and more. However, very few, if any, of the articles delve into the nuances of the JCNA Concours rules. I had the opportunity and the pleasure to judge several JCNA Concours this past year and will present a few of the problem areas that I observed, along with some expected changes to the rules that should be approved at the 2020 JCNA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Windshield Stickers This issue arose at one of the Concours at which a well-meaning individual had and distributed a number of non-Jaguar windshield stickers to various participants. Some participants applied the stickers to their windshields and that's where the problems began.

The 2019 JCNA Concours Rule Book (Chapter V) specifies the following:

- “Decals, labels, or permits required or legal operation, access, or like purposes, may be neatly affixed to the vehicle’s glass or bumpers without deduction.” This could include state inspection stickers, vehicle registration stickers and the like. However, stickers such as “Look But Don’t Touch” are not allowed and their presence will result in point deductions.
- “An Entrant may also display a maximum of two window or bumper stickers or decals issued by JCNA or its affiliates or by organizations which promote automobile preservation, exhibition, or restoration.”
- “Dash plaques commemorating JCNA concours or similar events, are allowed in Driven and Special Divisions only. Plaques should be neatly affixed to the dash or console.” These plaques are not allowed in Champion Division.

Tire Valve Stem Caps This issue came into the spotlight more this past year due to rule updates. There was confusion, and the issue of tire valve stem caps will again be a focus this year due to the expected clarifications in the Concours rules. Let’s first revisit 2019.

The 2019 Rule Book Updates included tire valve stem caps with the following provisions:

- “Tire valve stems should have valve stem caps appropriate to the vintage.”
- “Pre-1955 Jaguar tire valve stems should have cadmium-plated, dome-type metal valve stem caps.”
- The years 1955 to 1962 will be treated as a transitional period for Jaguars. Until proven otherwise or by newly discovered evidence, either domed metal or domed black plastic valve stem caps will be treated as authentic.
- “All four valve stem caps on the road wheels plus the valve stem cap on the spare tire must match. Slotted metal valve stem caps, with the core removal extension, are non-authentic. (A separate core removal tool is included in the factory tool kit.) 1963 and onward models should have dome-type black plastic valve stem caps. Logo valve stem caps must be shown to have been an authentic Jaguar Cars accessory for the specific year and model they are presented on. Green-colored valve stem caps, indicating the use of nitrogen gas, are not an authorized Jaguar accessory and, therefore, are non-authentic. The type of gas in the tire is not a judging issue.”

Now, fast-forward to the expected changes for **2020** and some major clarifications by comparing the following to the bulleted list above:

- Champion Division tire valve stems should have valve stem caps appropriate to the vintage.
- Swallow and SS-bodied cars as well as pre-1955 Jaguar tire valve stems should have cadmium-plated, dome-type metal valve stem caps.

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- The years 1955 to 1978 will be treated as a transitional period for Jaguars. Until proven otherwise or by newly discovered evidence, either domed metal or domed black plastic valve stem caps will be treated as authentic.
- From 1978 onward, valve stem caps may either be the plastic or metal dome-type.
- All four valve stem caps on the road wheels plus the valve stem cap on the spare tire must match. Slotted metal valve stem caps, with the core removal extension, will be treated as missing and given a non-authentic deduction. (A separate core removal tool was included in the factory tool kit for the US market up until 1968.)
- Valve stem caps with Jaguar related logos on them must be appropriate for the vintage and will be scored as non-authentic unless the entrant can prove that Jaguar Cars Inc., Jaguar Canada Inc., or Jaguar Cars Ltd offered them for that specific model and year. For Champion Division, green-colored valve stem caps indicating the use of nitrogen gas, not originally factory supplied, will be given a non-authentic deduction.
- Driven Division valve stem caps are only judged for their presence, condition and cleanliness, although the caps still need to be in good taste and not display novelty themes. Green-colored valve stem caps, are acceptable in Driven Division. Again, the type of gas in the tire is not a judging issue.
- Missing valve stem caps must be given a non-authentic deduction.
- And while it should go without saying, valve stem caps with non-Jaguar related insignias such as happy faces, dice, etc., will be treated as missing and given a non-authentic deduction.

Should vehicles have tire valve stems and valve stem caps that don't adhere to the above, it is imperative that documentation be available to verify that those items are indeed proper for the year and model of the vehicle. Check the JCNA Rule Book in Chapter VI for "Authenticity Documentation," a portion of which is reproduced below:

"Authentic parts, options, and configurations are only those listed and/or illustrated in:

- a. Official Jaguar Cars Ltd. - Parts Books, Service Manuals and Owner's Manuals;
- b. Jaguar Cars Inc. and Jaguar Canada Inc. Sales Literature and Accessory Brochures;
- c. Official JCNA model-specific Judging Guides.
- d. JCNA Seminar Technical Bulletins*, where the content quotes or copies Jaguar Cars or certain JCNA publications."

To re-emphasize, the proposed 2020 changes to the Tire Valve Stem Caps sections of the rules have not been finalized as of this writing. It is important to check the updates to the 2020 Concours rules when published, and then check your valves stem caps to ensure compliance for Concours entries.

Transponders for Highway Toll Gantries Attendees to Concours events do travel to get to the show field. Some of their vehicles may have toll transponders that are affixed to the windshields. The JCNA Rule Book is silent when it comes to toll transponders. Chapter VI of the Rule Book discusses various accessories such as the following:

"Electronic Telephones, Alarm Systems and Radar Detectors: No deduction for neatly installed telephones, alarm systems or their accessories authorized by the factory, Jaguar Cars Inc. or Jaguar Canada Inc. Radar detectors were offered by all dealers on XJS for a period and were also installed by Jaguar Cars Ltd.; they were contained in a special case and stowed in the void above the steering column nacelle. All other radar detectors, NOT provided by either Jaguar Cars Ltd. or Jaguar Cars Inc., will be considered non-authentic."

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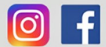
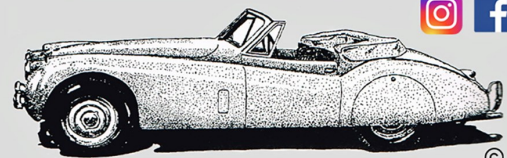
What kind of model Jaguar is this, you might ask? Considering that this is Alta's March—April issue of the club's newsletter, the answer, in part is **April Fool!** Yes, it is no Jaguar at all. The vehicle shown below is really a toy, although it's not bad as a scale model. It's a late-1980s/early 1990s Porsche 911 Cabriolet. Mattel issued it in the early 1990s as a vehicle for the ever-popular, best-selling *Barbie*. Accordingly, it is quite large at 21" long.

Regarding prices, I have seen Barbie Porsches listed on eBay from about \$50, incomplete examples, to more than \$200 for new, unassembled toys in their original boxes. My Barbie Porsche is missing a few items, including the seat belts, the car phone and the box; however, I paid about \$10 at a car show flea market and don't mind the lost pieces. If you only collect Jaguar models, perhaps you'd like to know that Mattel provided Barbie with an XJS convertible a year or two after the Porsches were marketed.



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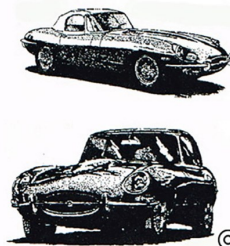
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Some can argue that they are a necessity. While this may be true, would transponders be considered a state-required device (similar to window registration stickers)? The answer is “no.” Would transponders be considered “government issued?” Again, the answer is “no.” While transponders may be issued by a motor vehicle department or contractor, they are not a government-required device and are issued for the convenience of the traveler.

Overall, in keeping with the intent of this chapter, it appears that toll transponders affixed to windshields would be considered “non-authentic.”

However, there is a means to have a toll transponder and not have it permanently affixed to the windshield to avoid getting into the gray areas of judging. Various vendors, particularly on the internet, offer mesh bags. These bags hold the transponder and are equipped with a drawstring. The transponder fits in the bag and the drawstring attaches to the back of the rearview mirror. The transponder will still function as if it were attached to the windshield but the mesh bag and transponder can be easily removed for Concours and replaced afterwards. Consider the mesh bag device as a stop-gap until JCNA formally addresses toll transponders and their placement on windshields.

Cleanliness This item should stand without further comment, but I have observed a number of vehicles whose interiors should have been better. For example, a number of later-model Jaguars have pockets in the doors. However, these pockets need to be devoid of trash, keys, maps, etc. before the vehicle is presented for judging. Similarly, anything else that doesn't belong in a vehicle that will be judged needs to be removed. Umbrellas, hats, blankets, stuffed animals, etc. all fall into this category.

Operation Verification The last item to be reviewed is Operation Verification, or “OV” that deals with the functionality of various systems. The systems judged for functionality include the following:

- Horns
- Headlights – High and Low Beams
- Driving Lights
- Fog Lights – Front and Rear
- Parking, Tail, Side, License Plate and LED Daytime Running Lights
- Brake Lights
- Backup (Reverse) Lights
- Turn Signals.

Chapter V of the JCNA Rule Book provides detail in the expected functionality of each system and, of course, not all makes and models may be equipped with all of the systems (e.g., LED Running Lights, Fog Lights). However, participants should become familiar with the location of the switches for those systems that need to be “turned on,” especially how the fog lights are operated.

Notably absent from the above list is the operation of a four-way flasher system, typically referred to as hazard lights or emergency flashers. It is anticipated that the 2020 AGM will approve the inclusion of testing the functionality of a four-way flasher system for November 1965-on model cars.

Along with the functionality test, the interior will also be judged for missing or for a non-authentic method of creating a four-way flasher system for November 1965-on up to, but not including, XJ and Series 2 E-Type US model cars.

Like the proposed changes to the tire valve stem caps, check the updates to the 2020 Concours rules when published and keep your systems ready to function.

Best of luck at your next JCNA Concours! #

Thanks to Bob Silvestri for all his work!

Thinking Out Loud . . .

-Alta

When the Unthinkable Happens. . .

how do we go on. For everyone it's very different. It depends upon our DNA, our upbringing, what we've endured in the past. And most of all, what the "Unthinkable" is.

Currently, for me, it is the loss of some very wonderful people. JCSNE has lost member Morlee Kudola Levy. Morlee was JCSNE's secretary and I am happy to say, my good friend. We got to know each other through Jaguar Club. Morlee and her now husband Ken Levy were together for many years but when Morlee found out a mere 3-4 months ago that she had Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer, they got married and made it official. You could always count on Morlee and Ken being at our meetings, Jags and Java each month and at all our events. They were very loyal participants. Morlee took on the job of Secretary last year and did a fine job.

Morlee and I lived at opposite ends of the state but email allowed us to

keep in touch. Morlee had retired last year and was enjoying their time together and being at Heritage Village in Southbury with its many activities. But Pancreatic Cancer is a nasty foe and wastes no time. I am sad beyond measure that Morlee is gone but grateful she is not suffering. But it is those left behind that suffer as well. We at JCSNE extend to Ken our deepest sympathy on the loss of Morlee. We hope he will continue to be active in JCSNE and enjoy the benefits afforded in the club.

If you are a JCSNE member in name only, you are missing out on a great deal in so many ways. People in this club are friendly and willing to help if you have a question or problem with your car. We have interesting events that get you out and about, and make life with a Jaguar so much more interesting and more fun. Pick an event, attend and find out! See a really great event on page 5. Check out our calendar on JCSNE.org often as new events are listed.

Those of us who have been members for a long time will remember Kris Sainsbury and her first husband Jon; they ran the CT Jaguar Club for many years and shared a Jaguar parts business together. After Jon passed away, Kris met Alan Habbe and they married. For years, off and on, Kris struggled with cancer, which finally took her life on Feb. 9th. Kris and Jon were members of JCSNE way back. A memorable year was when she played a rather sexy Mrs. Claus at our Christmas party. Kris will be dearly missed always. She was fun, a very caring person and always a joy to be with. Her obituary was in the New Haven Register.

We need to make the most of *every* day in terms of happiness, helping others, caring for our loved ones and making a difference in this world. We only get this one chance to live the life we have. It's a shame to blow it with nastiness, selfishness, hatefulness or any other -ness. -alta

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