

# STRAIGHT SIX

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From The Editor

The latest issue of Jaguar Magazine as mailed to JCNA members contained a little sheet touting the superb ranking Jaguar has in the latest JD Power Initial Quality Study. With a score of 98 problems per 100 vehicles, Jaguar now ranks third behind only Lexus and Cadillac and falls well below the industry average average score of 119.

Now, I'm split on this news. On the one hand I can't help but give a resounding "huzzah" for the folks at Coventry. After years of being maligned for their less than stellar quality and falling beneath other car makers like BMW and Toyota, it's good to see Jaguars in the quality vanguard.

On the other hand, one of the reasons I enjoy my 1986 XJ6 is that reputation for less than stellar quality. It's one facet of my car's quirkiness that makes up its endearing personality. And it's fun to watch people when they first learn I drive a Jag. Kind of like a cross between envy and sympathy.

Yes, the increases in quality are great. But with each increase, the cars lose a little more of what makes Jags different.

John Richardson

**The Straight Six**

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**On The Cover:** JSSC member Bob Wilds enjoying a fine ale at the latest Scottish Highland Games. Members of the British Car Club of Charleston and the JSSC attended. As always, a good time was had by all.

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## ✦ **And Now A Word From The Prez** ✦

Wow! It's the end of October already. Where has this year gone? The good news is that the weather is perfect for driving those old Jags and being in South Carolina there are endless places to drive. Get out there and do it. I'm going to try to take my own advice!

As some of you may know, the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club (JEC) had a contingency of about 55 cars shipped over here from England, Belgium, Ireland, and Germany for a drive throughout the South and ending in Charleston. The JEC has a world-wide membership of about 20,000 members (yes, you read that correctly, 20,000 members!). As your Club President, I was invited to attend their end of the drive Gala Ball as Guest of Honor. Needless to say, I eagerly accepted. I was also lucky enough to be able to convince Burnam Eubank, General Manager of Palmetto Jaguar, to attend with me. We both had a fantastic time. Those Brits sure know how to have a great time!

And about their cars... The oldest was a 1929 Swallow. It made the 2000 mile U.S. drive without incident although it was reported that it used more water than oil! There was a Series 1 E type that had belonged to the Dave Clark Five (a very popular 1960's rock band) and many Mark IIs. One of the Mark IIs had the only major incident with a broken half shaft. The nice thing was that a member from one of the local Clubs in the South was able to supply a replacement from his private stock and the car was repaired and back on its' merry way in no time.

It is mind boggling to me to think about the logistics of shipping 55 cars to another country and then coordinate lodging, meals and tracking 120 people over two weeks and 2000 miles.

In retrospect, it makes me ashamed to think we have a North American club with only 6000 members. I can't help but wonder why our national and local Club apathy seems rampant in a country that has made motor vehicles such a part of it's past time and history. We must be doing something wrong. If you have any ideas or thoughts on the subject, please share them with your Club. In the mean time, get out there and drive!

## ✦ Special Offer ✦

Jump on board for Monaco and the Riviera. Monday May 16 – Monday May 23, 2005. Now is your chance to take a cruise on a yacht and see the Monaco Grand Prix all in one trip.

Fly to Nice and board the Le Ponant for a fun filled 7 days. Have breakfast overlooking the Italian Riviera in Portofino. Spend a day exploring Cannes (this is while the film festival is going on). Be in Monaco for the Grand Prix and festivities.

Last year's price was \$8,365 per person (airfare not included). This price includes meals, wine, airport/ship/truck transfers and tickets to the Grand Prix qualifying and race. If our group includes 20 or more people, a discount will be applied. A 30% non-refundable deposit will be due when the trip is booked.

If you are interested please contact Sue Gasper at [rgasper@sc.rr.com](mailto:rgasper@sc.rr.com).

## ✦ UK JAGUAR ENTHUSIASTS CLUB VISIT ✦

The Jaguar Enthusists Club, based in Bristol, England, will celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a grand tour of the Deep South. Their 17 day trek took them from Galveston, Texas to our very own Charleston, SC with stops in Vicksburg, Memphis, and Chattanooga just to name a few. Before

departing Charleston they held a gala dinner event downtown. Our very own club president was the guest of honor (see his article on page 3).



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## ✦ From the “Lost and Found” Department ✦

*Why are Christian Klein, George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, and Mark Webber smiling? Because this photo was taken by a proud Jaguar F1 PR team before this year's Monaco Grand Prix. The Jag R5 had a \$320,000 flawless diamond embedded in its nosecone to promote the post-modern Rat Pack flick, "Ocean's 12," scenes of which were shot in Monte Carlo. Problem is, when the race got underway, Klein crashed at the Loews hairpin. The diamond is MIA, and so, we expect, are a few PR execs. Because it was the first lap, Jaguar and diamond company Steinmetz had to wait two hours for the race to finish before they could search for the jewel. Jaguar offered a \$45,000 X-Type as a reward for recovery of the diamond, which was still missing as we went to press.*



Let me think about this. Exchange \$320,000 for \$45,000. Sh-yeah right!  
 Thanks to Darryl Beech for this submission.

### The Jaguar Society of South Carolina

Our Club is comprised of people who have an interest in Jaguar automobiles. The heritage of the car is preserved and enhanced by social gatherings, annual concours, tours, rallies, technical seminars and other group activities.

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## There's Been A Leak!\*

By John Anderson

Source: Autoweek, Aug 23, 2004

We are used to hearing this when it is discovered that some top secret information has been spirited away by a foreign power. Owners of old (and newer?) British cars have gotten used to hearing it in different circumstances, ie when that tell-tale pool of oil spreads across the garage floor. Why does this happen, and why are oil leaks a particular problem with our favorite British marques? We have been willing to cut them some slack in assuming that after WW II, Britain was in such financial distress that quality materials were hard to come by; maybe they lost most of their good engineers in the war, etc., etc. Well, apparently, none of this is true! Material just made public under provisions of the Official Secrets Act reveals that corporate greed and misbehavior in the British gasket industry were to blame. With all the watchdogs we have in place, could this kind of thing happen here the good old US of A? Impossible!!

The report explains that, early in 20<sup>th</sup> century, scores of gasket companies supplied the growing automobile and defense industries in the UK, and by the 1930's, only a handful had survived. By mid-century, during the height of the Cold War, the industry had abandoned all semblance of quality control and was aimed firmly at maximizing profits and minimizing product integrity. United gaskets Ltd. was a major player in the gasket world. UG! As industry insiders called it, under the direction of its' chairman Sir Osbert "Cushy" McQuay, apparently created a network of corrupt designers, managers and auditors. The chairman approved the manufacture of gaskets made from wrinkled foil wrap and old newspapers.

An investigation in the late '70's resulted in McQuay's demise. He was tried on camera and found guilty of fraud and endangering the public safety. Knighthood rescinded, sentenced to 20 years, he was unrepentant to the end, shouting defiantly "let them use oil dri."

\*[Is this documentary true or not? You decide! :-) - Ed.]

## Annual General Meeting Coming Soon!!

The Annual General Meeting for the JSSC will be held 6 Nov 04. Club officers will be elected. Our current president has held the position for two terms and is no longer eligible to run. The future direction of our club depends on your participation. Make plans to attend and let your voice be heard!

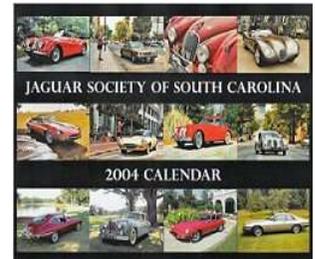
### Club Name Tags Available

If you would like a JSSC name tag, please contact Ron or Eileen Gander at 843.449.6294. Provide your name exactly the way you want it to appear on the badge. There is also room for a second line of about 20 characters for such things as car type, home town, pithy saying, etc. The cost per name tag is about \$7.00. Name tags are ordered on a quarterly basis.

## ✦ JSSC Merchandise ✦

We offer club members excellent quality merchandise at unbelievable prices. All merchandise comes with multi-colored JSSC logo. JSSC merchandise can be purchased in person from Charleston Import Auto, via telephone by calling 843.552.6555 or via the JSSC website at [www.jaguarsocietysc.com](http://www.jaguarsocietysc.com). All major credit cards, personal checks and money orders are accepted.

The Jaguar Society of South Carolina's 1st Annual Collector Edition Calendar is now available for purchase. This Limited Edition Calendar (only 100 being printed) features images from the 2003 Jaguar Society of South Carolina's events and members cars. The calendar pages measure a full 8 1/2 X 11 inches and are spiral bound. Printed on high quality paper, these pictures are sure to find a spot on your wall or in your scrapbook. Proceeds from the sales of the calendars will be used to fund replacement of items in the Club trailer stolen last year. Don't let the year pass you by.



**Solid Pique Sport Shirt**—100% cotton pique, 7 oz. Matching knit collar and cuffs with raised tonal welt trim, three button placket with woodtone buttons, double needle stitching, drop tail, contoured collar.

**Colors:** Red, White. Looks sharp with JSSC Logo.

**Sizes:** Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large

Only \$20.00 each!



**Classic Jacket**—Dupont Supplex with nylon lining, washable, water repellent. Great for driving with the top down. A great gift idea!

**Colors:** Forest Green (hence forth known as Jag Green)

**Sizes:** Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large

**\$50.00** (M - XL)      **\$55.00** (XXL)



**Tees**—100% combed ring-spun cotton, 6-oz. pre-shrunk, rib collar, cover seaming on neck, armholes and shoulders, two needle hemmed sleeves and bottom.

**Colors:** Natural

**Sizes:** Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large

**\$12.00** each or 2 for **\$22.00**



## ✦ Membership Application ✦

The Jaguar Society of South Carolina is the local chapter of Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA). Our club is a group of people whose interests are Jaguars. The heritage of the car is enhanced by social gatherings, annual concours, tours, rallies, technical sessions and other activities.

Your membership will include the local club newsletter (The Straight Six), the bi-monthly publication of the JCNA (Jaguar Journal), and discounts on parts/services from various dealers, vendors and service providers. Membership dues are \$40.00 per year.

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## ✦ Classifieds ✦

### 1970 XKE OTS

Red/Saddle, AM-FM, Air condition, 5 white tires Jag Pro-balanced, JSSC Calendar Car May 2004, new speedo cable, new waterpump, new windscreen. Engine rebuilt, new alternator and regulator, new belts and idler pulley, new air conditioning compressor, hoses. Nice interior, black top as new, nice chrome wires, has had "frame off" is always covered and garaged. Go anywhere, anytime, at any speed you care to. Every piece of chrome has been replaced in time past. All numbers match Heritage Certificate, except car was white when new. I know not what price to put on this dependable driver, I would consider trade/deal for XK8. [davidduffies@wmconnect.com](mailto:davidduffies@wmconnect.com)



### 1969 XKE OTS

Restored in 1993. Engine completely rebuilt in 2002 (less than 1000miles). Everything working and in great shape except A/C (all components installed). Original Steel Wheels. Recent new windscreen, SS exhaust, Alternator, Starter, and dash pad. All records. Regular JCNA concours participant, last in 1999 with a score of 9.88. More images in the [Charleston Import Auto Gallery](#). Asking \$ 47,000.00. Contact Barry Neal for more info at (843) 832-8660, or by email to: [scneals@bellsouth.net](mailto:scneals@bellsouth.net)



### 1991 XJS V-12 Roadster

British racing green with barley interior. 144,350 miles. Full records from new. Recent engine replacement with low mileage (23,000 mile) shortblock, rebuilt heads, and improved seals and gaskets. Transmission replaced with unit from same donor car and fully serviced. Top in good condition, new headliner installed. Euro downpipes and connectors. All work professionally done in our shop. More pictures available on request. Bought an E-Type, this one needs a new home. \$9,900.00 Contact Darryl Beech at (843) 552-6555 or email [contact@charlestonimportauto.com](mailto:contact@charlestonimportauto.com)



### 1982 XJ6

Red exterior, Biscuit interior. If you were at the 2001 Euro in Greenville, I'm Patrick Wilson the general manager of the Embassy Suites Hotel where most of the attendees stayed, you might remember seeing this car. What makes this car a bit rare is that I am the original owner and this car has been pampered for 22 years. For example, no one has ever smoked in this car, not once. It is in excellent condition and I have all the maintenance records from day one. I had it repainted and new leather done in 1999. The original carpet is still like new. The body is almost perfect with no door dings. The car has just over 100K miles and the engine is sound. It's really a beautiful car, and I know it is going to kill me to sell it. If you're looking for a premium Series III XJ6, this is it! Price is \$9,900.00. Please call (864) 281-0630 and leave a message or e-mail [dpwgm@yahoo.com](mailto:dpwgm@yahoo.com). Pictures available on request.



### 1970 E-type Series II OTS

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### 1988 XJS Roadster Parts

Parting out a burned (engine fire) XJS Roadster. excellent body panels from front fenders back. Some leftover interior parts, complete dash, electronics, all trunk interior panels, rear lighting and trim, rear bumper pieces. Call or email with needs, pictures can be provided. Darryl Beech (843) 552-6555 or email [parts@charlestonimportauto.com](mailto:parts@charlestonimportauto.com). Can be seen at Charleston Import Automotive.

### MK IIs

Parts cars. Call George Camp (803) 798-6770 or email to [scjag@juno.com](mailto:scjag@juno.com). or see at GCR.

### XJ6 Series III

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## Events for October, November and December 2004

### **October 30, 2004**

*South East Exotic Car Association Rebel Region First Annual Exotic Car Festival*

Downtown Aiken, South Carolina. A concours will be held with judging starting at 10am. All entries must be received by October 15. More information can be found at <http://www.seecar.org>.

### **November 6, 2004**

***Jaguar Society of South Carolina Annual General Meeting.*** See the newsletter for the time and location, or contact your nearest club representative. Information will be posted to the website as it becomes available. This is a business meeting of the general membership for the election of club officers, discussion of the 2005 calendar of events, and general input into the operation of the club. Lunch will be provided, driving of Jaguars encouraged.

### **December 5, 2004**

***Jaguar Society of South Carolina Christmas Gathering.*** See the newsletter for the time and location in your area, or contact your nearest club representative. Information will be posted to the website as it becomes available.