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FROM THE EDITOR

Hello!

Welcome to the second edition of our new monthly magazine that is developing as we go along! Only another 218 to go to reach the number Harry produced over 25 years!

Our committee met before the February meeting to agree roles and a way forward and we'd really like to hear any feedback that anyone has to improve the club. We agreed to introduce a new 10 minute agenda item every month to go through both

regional and national event planning and attendance so that everyone has the opportunity to hear what is coming up and complete a form to attend. Our Chairman John James will call this around 9pm at every meeting. Our committee is also very keen that members become more involved in club meetings as it would be great to hear about any interesting hobbies that you have apart from taking care of our cars!

Our new club website is live at www.jecsouthwales.co.uk and is a superb site having been professionally built by a local company, called Trendy Design Co whom also produce this magazine for us. The site will house this newsletter, details of all events, and articles as well as many pictures. There is much content to add to the site but we'd like to start by building a gallery of our members cars both past and present and ask you to send pictures of your cars to colin.manconi@jecsouthwales.co.uk

If you have any other content that you'd like to see added please email it to me andy.webber@jecsouthwales.co.uk

I'm hoping that if you don't manage to make it along to our club meetings at the BBC club, Llandaff that you're reading this and would like to know more – you'll be made to feel very welcome if you join us on the second Monday of every month. Further details of our meeting place are at the back of the magazine.

Finally its subscription time again so if you've not already paid your £12 to Colin please see him at the meeting.



Andy Webber



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NEWS

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For more information please see page 11.

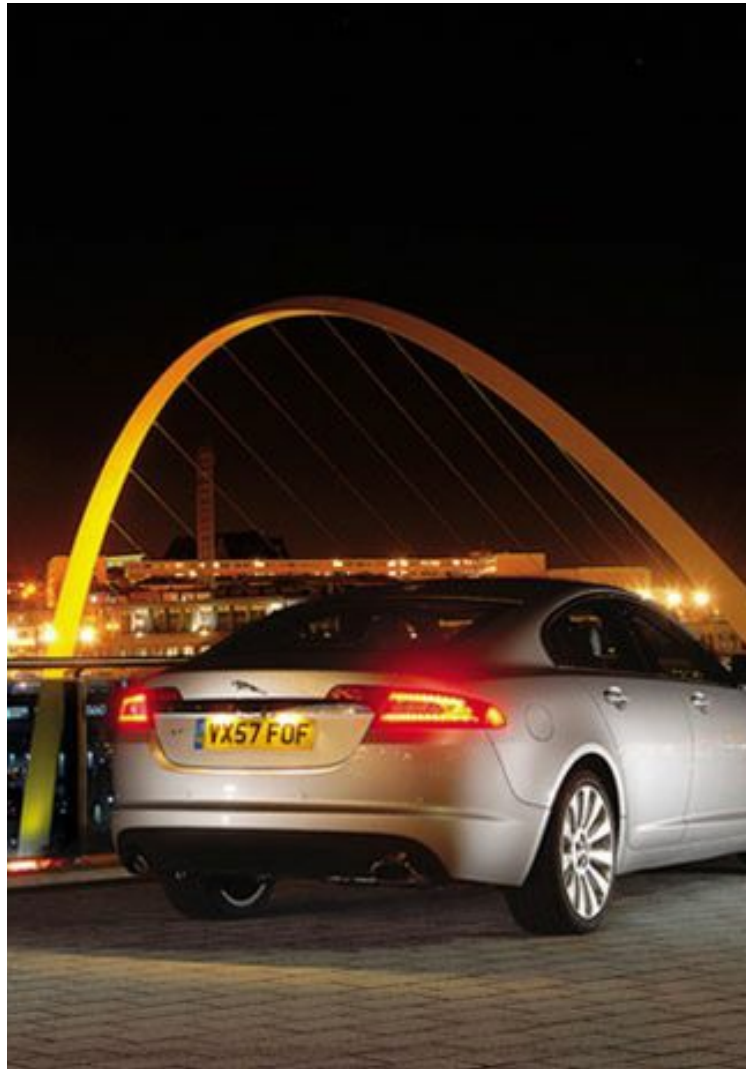
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We have had some very favourable comments concerning both the new magazine and website. All the comments so far are extremely positive, but we realise that is new venture for the region and we would appreciate any views, good or bad, so that we keep improving both the magazine and website. I would like to respond to John James who has indicated in his Newsletter this month that "he thinks that the regional newsletters should have news of regional news and issues and not too much stuff pulled from major car magazines". The problem with this reasoning is that during the

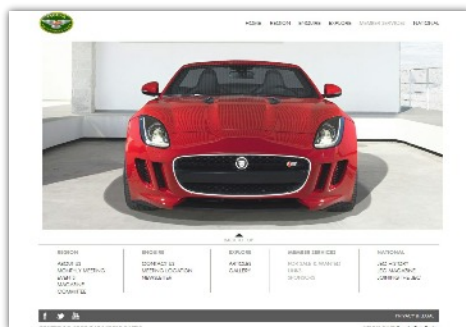


winter months there is very little regional news, no car shows etc, as he has admitted, so either we do not print a magazine or we use other Jaguar material to compile the magazine. I hope that during the summer months we can fill the magazine with regional news but I still feel that it makes the magazine more interesting if we include other Jaguar material. Can I just mention that David Bates, JEC Chairman, emailed us to say "The magazine is very impressive: you have made some real progress". Also David had opened or forwarded the e-shot 44 times and we have also had another region contact us asking if we could give help and advice on their

magazine/website. It's up to you as members to advise us what you would like in the magazine?

If you would like to help out and contribute to the magazine by writing a Jaguar related review or article please feel free to do so and send it to Andy our editor andy.webber@jecsouthwales.co.uk

To update the website we need some good quality photos of member's cars and shows that we have visited over the previous years.



If you have any of these photos would you please contact me or send them to me via my email colin.manconi@jecsouthwales.co.uk

DETAILS OF OUR ESHOT

We sent out an "E-Shot" on the 22nd of February. This was sent to the JEC members in our region that we have a current e-mail address for. Of the 240 members in our region we have an e-mail address for 144. Up to this present time the E-Shot has been opened by 92 of our members.



Some of them have opened it numerous times, many opening it 2 or 3 times, others opening it 20 to 40 times. I am pleased that our first attempt at this E-Shot has encouraged so many members to look at our new web site and I hope it will bring new members to our monthly meetings.

We hope to increase this number by putting a leaflet in the JEC National Magazine giving details of our region and asking for an up to date email address.

We also sent out an E-Shot on the 5th of March reminding everyone of the visit by Julian Barratt of S.N.G. Barratt on Monday the 11th of March. If you are not receiving these E-Shots would you please confirm your e-mail address with me.

By the time you read this we will have had our visit by Julian Barratt of S.N.G Barratt which I am sure will be a great success. There will be an article on this in our next month's magazine.

COLEFORD FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT

Just to remind any members who are attending this show on the 1st of April. We are meeting at our usual place, the car park in Monmouth, at 8.30 am. If you have asked for a ticket and perhaps this is too early for you would you contact me so I can post it to you?

DRIVE IT DAY

As usual John James has spent a lot of time plotting a very interesting route and an excellent restaurant for lunch. I would encourage you to come along on the 21st of April as last year this was an extremely good event. Please contact John James as soon as possible as reservations have to be made for lunch.

SILVERSTONE CLASSIC

Dave and Ruth Fisher have now booked to attend the Silverstone Classic. John James, Colin Master-son, Andy Webber and I will also be going. Tickets are still available on the Silverstone Classic Site. They must be booked by the 31st of March to get the "Early Bird" price and the JEC code of C13212 must be used.

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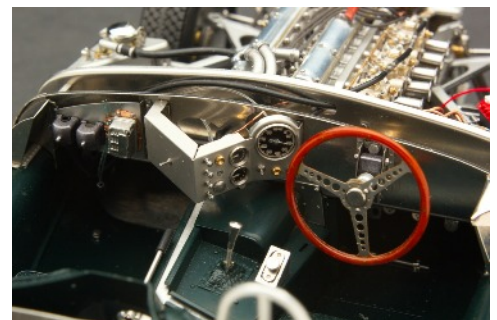
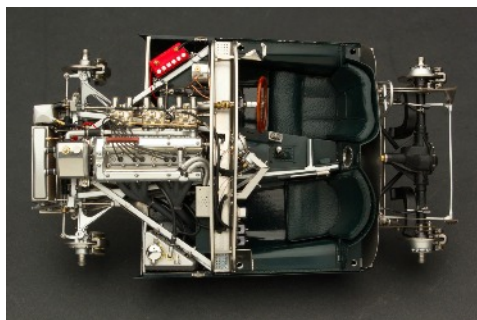
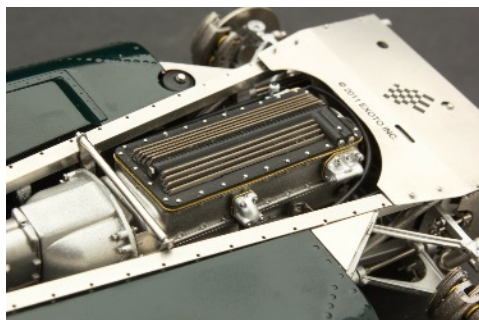
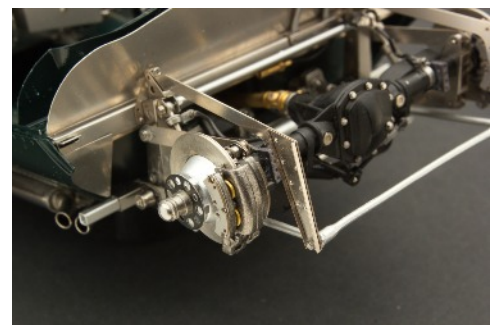
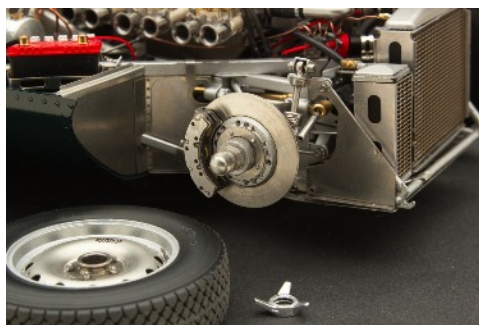
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Article submitted by Richard Taylor



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By Colin Masterson

Letter from America

March 2013



Hi everyone,

At a recent car show a guy was wandering around with a video camera filming every aspect of the car. I found out that he does this at lots of car shows (he has posted nearly 1,700 clips). Copy the link below into your web browser to see the video he took of my car at the MountDora:<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZlwykDICi0>

GUITARS & CARS SHOW

Every month they have the Guitars and Cars Swap Meet at Rennegar's Antiques and Flea Market at Mount Dora, although this was the first time I have been there. I may have mentioned Mount Dora before as last year they had a great car show in the town centre. This year as we are returning early to the UK we will miss the show so I thought it worth giving this one a try. By the way, the "Mount" in the name is a Floridian joke as, although it does have some



hills and is probably the highest place in central Florida, it is only 200 feet above sea level. There is a Musician's Jam from Noon until 5 PM. PA system, Mics, Amps and Drums are provided. You can bring your instrument and join the Jam Hosts, play by yourself or with other musicians or your own band and you can play any kind of music.

One thing about shows around here: you never quite know what will park next to you; Today it was a home



made John Deere tractor built up from scratch from welded square tube to which various original old tractor parts were added, but it had some



modern fittings like disc brakes. The owner said it could cruise all day at 70 mph, which gives people a bit of



a fright when he passes them on the freeway!

Another pretty mad entry was a Ford pickup and trailer with a Popeye theme. The trailer had 45 gallon drums of Spinach and there was Popeye pouring it into the Carburetors. The spec included a massive '50 flat head V8, Power seats, power windows, power sunroof, Air, a tea-pot tachometer, an oiler shift knob and a soda fountain console!



One of the great American classics is the Ford Galaxie Skyliner with a retractable metal roof. Ford beat Mercedes and the rest to the retractable



market by around 50 years. The Skyliner had a complex mechanism that folded the front of the roof and retracted it under the rear decklid. It had three roof drive motors driving four lift jacks, four door-lock motors, ten solenoids, four locking mechanisms for the roof, and a total of 610 ft (185.9 m) of wiring. The large top took up vast amounts of trunk space,

as you can just see from the photo there is space for a suitcase in a box like structure in the middle of the trunk.

DEAD MONARCHS

Don't know if you caught this in the UK news but I'm sure you already aware of the discovery of Richard III's skeleton, well done Leicester council! They are certainly on the ball with updating their car park signs. Perhaps history will now be revised to reflect that he was not the villain who murdered the princes in the tower after all.



Most of our history was written as propaganda by the monarchs who followed on. Many of their remains, despite their high expectations during life, have either been lost or mislaid and you can spend a rewarding wet afternoon by exploring this on the internet.

An outstanding example is the fate of King James II. His brain was sent to the Scots College in Paris and put in a silver case on top of a column, his heart went to the Convent of the Visitandine Nuns at Chaillot and his intestines were divided between the English Church of St Omer and the parish church of St Germain-en-Laye. It all disappeared in the French Revolution of 1789. The mob attacked the churches and his lead coffin was sold for scrap, as was the silver case for his brain. The church (of St Germain-en-Laye) was demolished but then rebuilt in 1824 and during this his intestines were found and reinterred - so a bit of him survives...that's nice!

BUSHNELL WINTER SHOW

I went to the car show in Venice, but only one other member of the

BUSHNELL WINTER SHOW

After that bit of history, back to the world of cars: I went to the Bushnell Winter extravaganza that was a three day swap meet with a car show in the middle day. Spread over the show ground were miles of what was really junk. Lots of car doors, gearboxes, electrical fittings etc etc hardly any of which was labelled, so



that hard to find some idea. The car show itself has some pretty ordinary classics, a though this was to be expected as it was out in the middle of the country. One guy parked next to me trailed his very nice nut and



bolt restored Singer 9.

He was on his way from Kentucky to a Grand National Show of the Antique Automobile Association of America down in Lakeland, south of



us and he was a bit snuffy about the quality of the cars shown, but he had missed the point; it was just local people enjoying their cars and not some sort of competition. He mentioned that the Singer Club of Great Britain would not sell him spares he needed unless he joined their club - probably not the best way to recruit new members!

On the other hand, they did have a car corral selling quite a few really nice vehicles, including a Vincent Rapide motorcycle (for \$75,000) and a classic '59 Cadillac. You either love these '59s or hate them but you do get noticed driving one of them about. They may be a bit vulgar to our eyes, but they do have a real sense of style that came from a confidence that people had in America at that time, having fought through and survived the Second World War. They certainly have a lot more style than most cars today.

WINDERMERE CAR SHOW

Once again I went to the Annual car show at Windermere: a pretty little old town where we used to live with brick paved streets and old fashioned brick buildings. It was due to start at 9 am with cars to arrive by 7.30. Netta and I arrived at 7.30 to find a long queue to get in into town. The popularity of this show had got around as nearly double the number of cars that attended last year turned up this year. We eventually got settled in and walked over to one of our favourite local restaurants, The Dixie Cream Café for a nice breakfast. The weather was perfect, although hot for the time of year - 86F (25c), but we were parked under the shade of some Live Oaks. There was a great variety of cars. One caught my eye: a Plymouth Road Runner Superbird. Can you believe they ever made it!



You can imagine the discussion in the marketing/design department: "Hey Earl, you know that old Plymouth design no one wants to buy?" **"Yes" says Earl,** "Well, why don't we add a rear wing to jazz it up bit" - **"Great idea, Chuck, but why don't we make it bigger?"** "Yes, but while we're at it let's make it even bigger. **"Ok and we can paint it in a gaudy color (sic) while we're at it and add a stupid cartoon character and ooh, ooh, why don't we paint the name 'Plymouth' on the back in extra large letters so every know what it is."** "Great, we're bound to sell thousands of those"..... and, that is [maybe] how it happened!

JOHN JAMES

not POLITICALLY CORRECT SINCE THE 50'S

CAR TROUBLE

A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station.

She tells the mechanic it died.

After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly.

She says, 'What's the story?'

He replies, 'Just crap in the carburettor'

She asks, 'How often do I have to do that?'

SPEEDING TICKET

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license.



She replied in a huff, 'I wish you guys would get your act together.'

Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you!'

RIVER WALK

There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank

'Yoo-hoo!' she shouts, 'How can I get to the other side?'

The second blonde looks up the river then down the river and shouts back,

'You ARE on the other side..'

DOCTORS OFFICE

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it.



Impossible! says the doctor. *Show me.*

The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise she pushed her ankle and screamed. Everywhere she touched made her scream.

The doctor said, 'You're not really a redhead, are you?'

'Well, no' she said, 'I'm actually a blonde.'

'I thought so,' the doctor said, 'Your finger is broken.'

KNITTING

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway.

Glancing at the car, he was as-

founded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting!

Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, 'PULL OVER!'

'NO!' the blonde yelled back, 'IT'S A SCARF!'

BLONDE ON SUN

A Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day.

The Russian said, 'We were *the first in space!*'

The American said, 'We were *the first on the moon!*'

The Blonde said, 'So what? We're *going to be the first on the sun!*'

The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads.

'*You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!*' said the Russian.

To which the Blonde replied, 'We're *not stupid, you know. We're going at night!*'

ONE FOR THE LADIES

One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his Sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, 'What *setting* do I use on the washing machine?'



'It depends,' I replied. 'What does it say on your shirt?'

He yelled back, 'OHIO STATE!'

And they say blondes are dumb....

Hello everyone, my goodness March already where does the time go? I shall have to get the cars prepared for the fast approaching season; at the time of writing I have done nothing at all, I picked up a horrible chest infection and have been feeling poorly, altogether now, AAAAAAAAH!

I am telling you about my illness because I am looking for some sympathy; also the main reason is, that I am struggling for something to write about, there is just not a great deal happening on the classic car scene at this time of the year and I personally think that the regional newsletters should have news of regional news and issues, and not too much stuff pulled from major car magazines, it is very difficult sometimes to get a happy medium especially when there is not much going on out there, and then sometimes in the Summer months there can be far too much to write about with all the events going on. It really does make things a little easier for those people writing the odd article.

STUART'S E-TYPE RENOVATION

Stuart Smith was telling me recently that he is quite pleased so far with the work being carried out on his e-type by Glamorgan Classic Cars of Penarth. Stuart is having the car completely resprayed and has had a new bonnet fitted, and will be having a new interior fitted. I'm sure it will be looking quite splendid when it is completed. Stuart is hoping it will be ready for the Entente Cordiale tour in June.

PRIVATE NUMBERS CLUB

I think I have mentioned before that for many years I have been a member of a private registration numbers club, it was interesting to read recently in their magazine that the

hope for a good turn out.

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Please let me know in good time if you intend taking part in order for me to make reservations for the coffee stop and more importantly for the lunch.

A copy of the lunch menu is enclosed in this magazine.

I require a deposit of £10 per person with your menu choices ASAP, but no later than the 11th March.

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Kindest regards

John James

John James



latest number plate sale held in The United Arab Emirates State of Dubai raised the staggering sum of £437 million. Incidentally the world record for a registration number is £7.25m, held since 2008, again in the state of Dubai. The number is 1.



JULIAN BARRATT'S VISIT

I am personally looking forward to the visit by Julian Barratt at our March regional meeting; let us



Jaguar has long been synonymous with high-speed motorway tests. Both the XK120 and E-Type were, legend has it, in part responsible for the introduction of new speed limits on Britain's motorways back in 1965. But perhaps Jaguar's most remarkable feat of speed on the road came in 1953, when they took the record for the top speed achieved by a production car back from Pegaso.

Jaguar had initially taken the production car speed honours back in 1949, when Ron 'Soapy' Sutton edged a factory-standard XK120 up to 132.6mph on a flying mile, on a closed road near Jabbeke, in Belgium. Successive attempts with Jaguar test driver Norman Dewis at the wheel raised that record bit by bit. But Jaguar's nose was soon to be bloodied. In 1953, Pegaso, seeing the chance to steal a march on one of the biggest names in racing, headed over to Jabbeke, and used a Z-102 to take the record at a speed of 155mph.

Not to be outdone, Sir William Lyons called Dewis up, and asked what he was going to do about it. Dewis was doubtful there was much more to be had from the XK, but he and his team headed back to Jabbeke in October. This time, the car was equipped with a streamlined bubble canopy

and under-body shielding (which, conveniently, became available on the XK120's options list just beforehand), as well as slick tyres with just 2mm of rubber left on them, blown up to 50psi. It was a real tale of der-ring-do, this. Dewis helmed the XK without a seat – otherwise he wouldn't have fit beneath the tight canopy – instead using a thin piece of foam as his only support. Above him, the canopy was bolted down, sealing him in – had something gone badly wrong, the 120 would almost certainly have become his coffin.

Fortunately, it didn't. In fact, Dewis smashed the record with a top speed of 172.4mph, bringing the laurels back to Jaguar – as its full-page advert in the next week's Autocar Magazine attested. The XK120 was – once again – the fastest car in the world.

Today, the XK120's spiritual successor, the F-Type, isn't the fastest car in the world. But that hasn't stopped Jaguar from returning to Jabbeke to relive its old glories. The plan? With the help of the local authorities, close a stretch of road and, quite simply, see what an F-Type V8S can do. Along for the ride – though not taking part in the speed run, it has to be said – is what Jaguar likes to refer to as the F-Type's 'bloodline': immaculate

examples of an XK120, a C-Type, a D-Type, and an E-Type. Dewis is here, too, to cast the eye of experience over proceedings.

It's a freezing day as we line up at the side of the road to spectate. Half the town has turned up, too, and the marshals are having the devil's own job making sure everyone stays far enough back to avoid being creamed by the F-Type. The car is completely standard, with the exception of a few strands of duct tape – de rigeur, of course, for a high-speed run. It's being driven by none other than Andy Wallace, one of Jaguar's 1988 Le Mans-winning drivers, and as we arrive the GPS data logging equipment is already being calibrated. The F-Type rockets past, seemingly already on a flyer – but in fact, this is just Andy having some fun as the instruments are set up.

Eventually, though, the word is given. In the distance, a pair of twinkling Xenons start to move, and the helicopter Jaguar's hired to record overhead video tilts into the sky and peels off to give chase. As it approaches, the tyre roar increases, and then the F-Type flashes out from behind the hedge in the central reservation, whipping past in an instant, and it's gone. But the noise – oh crikey, the noise is just fabulous. Let's leave the

Jaguar Revisits Jabbeke

arguments about where the F-Type fits into today's sports car market or whether it's going to be worth the money Jaguar will be asking, and just revel for a moment in what a superb exhaust note it has – a guttural throb at low revs which rises to an angry ululation, overlaid with crackles and rasps on the over-run. You won't need to buy one to enjoy this – just stand outside a Jag dealer in a few months' time and wait for someone to take one out on a test drive. Take a Thermos and a fold-up chair, and make a day of it. It'll be worth it – it's that good.

After three more similarly scorching runs, Andy comes in and says he reckons that's about the best he can do. It seems he started the last run with the rear wheels up on the roundabout island at the end of the straight, and then came to a halt, hard on the brakes, with the bumper just inches away from the crash buffers at the other end. That's all she'll do on this stretch of tarmac, then – so what's the result?

179mph, is what. It's still a smidge off Jaguar's claimed max of 186mph – but then, Andy points out that the car was still accelerating when he threw out the anchor. Seems legit, in that case – and on the way there, the car hit 62mph in 4.2 seconds, besting Jaguar's claimed time of 4.3.

So, the F-Type does what Jaguar says it does. Was that the point of this whole exercise? Erm... well, partly, say the men from JLR. But, as they put it, what they really wanted to do was to 'tell the story' of the F-Type's heritage. Or, in other words, to re-state their claim that the F-Type of today is just as special as the Jaguars of old. Is it? Well, we wouldn't like to say just yet. But we'll leave you with one significant detail. As the parade of crackling, wailing, popping classics rolled through Jabbeke before the event, followed by the the three burbling F-Types, just as many cameras were pointed at the new cars as were pointed at the old. In other words, if this car drives as well as it looks and sounds, it'll fit the brief.

See the full article and gallery online at: www.pistonheads.com
Report by Alex Robbins





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WHEN BANK MANAGERS HAD COMMON SENSE!

A 1959 Aston Martin DB4 Series 1 that was purchased after the intervention of a concerned bank manager has been found by Hampshire dealer Mark Donaldson.

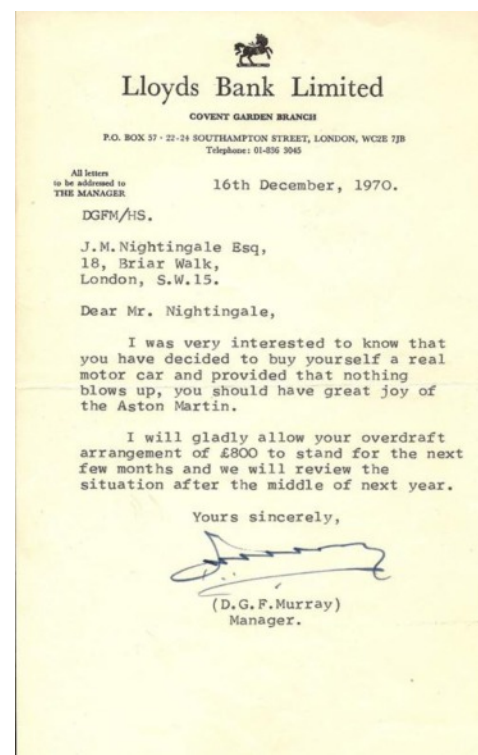
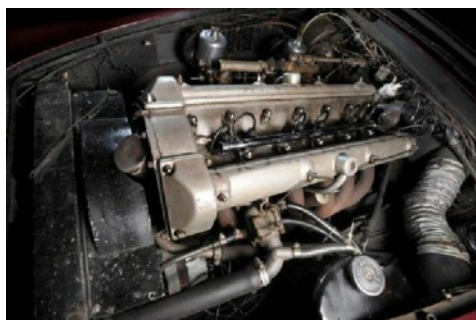
The machine was bought by its current owner for £950 in 1970 when his financial advisor, horrified at the thought his client may buy a Reliant Scimitar, increased his overdraft and recommended that it should be spent on "a real motor car".

The Aston was the result and was used daily, for roles including towing a boat, by the smitten Dr Nightingale until 1986. The car was then put into storage and has barely moved since.

Originally painted Elusive Blue, the GT was resprayed to its current Dubonnet in 1961.

Now up for sale, it is said to be the ideal basis for a sympathetic restoration, with a smooth-running engine and strong oil pressure.

It comes with supporting documents and even a working copy of The Beatles *Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* in the 8-Track.



Article submitted by Any Webber
Credited to Classic & Sports Car magazine

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LONDON UNDERGROUND

A list of actual announcements that London Tube train drivers have made to their passengers...

1) 'Ladies and Gentlemen, I do apologize for the delay to your service. I know you're all dying to get home, unless, of course, you happen to be married to my ex-wife, in which case you'll want to cross over to the Westbound and go in the opposite direction.'

2) 'Your delay this evening is caused by the line controller suffering from A & E syndrome: not knowing his Arse from his elbow. I'll let you know any further information as soon as I'm given any.'



3) 'Do you want the good news first or the bad news? The good news is that last Friday was my birthday and I hit the town and had a great time. The bad news is that there is a points failure somewhere between Mile End and East Ham, which means we probably won't reach our destination.'

4) 'Ladies and gentlemen, we apologize for the delay, but there is a security alert at Victoria station and we are therefore stuck here for the foreseeable future, so let's take our minds off it and pass some time together. All together now.... 'Ten green bottles, hanging on a wall.....'

5) 'We are now travelling through Baker Street As you can see, Baker Street is closed. It would have been nice if they had actually told me, so I could tell you earlier, but no, they don't think about things like that'.

6) 'Beggars are operating on this train. Please do NOT encourage these professional beggars. If you have any spare change, please give it to a registered charity. Failing that, give it to me.'

7) During an extremely hot rush hour on the Central Line, the driver announced in a West Indian drawl: 'Step right this way for the sauna, ladies and gentleman... unfortunately, towels are not provided.'

8) 'Let the passengers off the train FIRST!' (Pause) 'Oh go on then, stuff yourselves in like sardines, see if I care - I'm going home....'

9) 'Please allow the doors to close. Try not to confuse this with 'Please hold the doors open.' The two are distinct and separate instructions.'

10) 'Please note that the beeping noise coming from the doors means that the doors are about to close. It does not mean throw yourself or your bags into the doors.'

11) 'We can't move off because some idiot has their hand stuck in the door.'

12) 'To the gentleman wearing the long grey coat trying to get on the second carriage -- what part of 'stand clear of the doors' don't you understand?'

13) 'Please move all baggage away from the doors.' (Pause..) 'Please move ALL belongings away from the doors.' (Pause...) 'This is a personal message to the man in the brown suit wearing glasses at the rear of the train: Put the pie down, Four-

eyes, and move your bloody golf clubs away from the door before I come down there and shove them up your arse sideways!'

14) 'May I remind all passengers that there is strictly no smoking allowed on any part of the Underground. However, if you are smoking a joint, it's only fair that you pass it round the rest of the carriage.'

IS THIS YOUR WIFE?

The police came to my front door last night holding a picture of my wife and asked, 'Is this your wife, sir?'



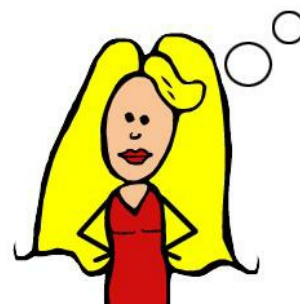
Shocked, I answered, "Yes it is."

They said, "I'm afraid it looks like she's been hit by a bus."

I said, "I know, but she has a lovely personality and she's good with the kids."

BLONDE JOKES

A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were.



The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex..

Her friend said, 'Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?'

'HELLLOOOOOOOO.....,' answered the blonde. 'They're watch dogs!'

IN A VACUUM

A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night..

It was her turn She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature.

Her question was, 'If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?'

She thought for a time and then asked, 'Is it on or off?'

HAPPY WOMEN

A couple is lying in bed. The man says, 'I am going to make you the happiest woman in the world...'

The woman replies, 'I'll miss you.....'.

FOR THE MONEY

'It's just too hot to wear clothes today,' Jack says as he stepped out of the shower.. 'Honey, what do you think the neighbours would think if I mowed the lawn like this?'

'Probably that I married you for your money,' she replied.

DEAR LORD

Dear Lord,
I pray for Wisdom to understand my man; Love to forgive him; and Patience for his moods Because, Lord, if I pray for Strength, I'll beat him to death. AMEN

MEN!

Q: What do you call an intelligent, good looking, sensitive man?
A: A rumour

Q: Why do little boys whine?
A: They are practicing to be men.

Q: What does it mean when a man is in your bed gasping for breath and calling your name?
A: You didn't hold the pillow down long enough

Q: What do you call a handcuffed man?
A: Trustworthy.

Q: Why do men whistle when they are sitting on the toilet?
A: It helps them remember which end to wipe.

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?
A: Rename the email folder 'Instruction Manuals'



He said to me I don't know why you wear a bra; you've got nothing to put in it
I said to him You wear pants don't you?

He said to me Shall we try swapping positions tonight?
I said to him .. That's a good idea - you stand by the stove & sink while I sit on the sofa and do nothing but fart

He said to me. ... What have you been doing with all the grocery money I gave you?
I said to him Turn sideways and look in the mirror!

He said to me. Why don't women blink during foreplay?
I said to him They don't have time.

He said to me. . How many men does it take to change a roll of toilet paper?
I said to him .. . I don't know; it has never happened.

He said to me. . Why is it difficult to find men who are sensitive, caring and Good-looking?
I said to him . . . They already have boyfriends.

He said to me...What do you call a woman who knows where her husband is every night?

I said to him. . . A widow.

He said to me.... Why are married women heavier than single women?
I said to him .. . Single women come home, see what's in the fridge and go to bed..Married women come home, see what's in bed and go to the fridge.

BREAK DOWN

In case of emergency this is good to know. I had a flat tire on the interstate, so I eased my car over to the shoulder of the road, carefully got out of the car and opened the trunk.

I took out two cardboard men, unfolded them and stood them at the rear of my car facing on-coming traffic. They look so life like you wouldn't believe it! They are in trench coats exposing their nude bodies to the approaching drivers.

To my surprise, cars started slowing down to look at my life-like men, which made it safer for me to work at the side of the road. And, of course, traffic started backing up. Everybody was tooting their horns and waving like crazy.

It wasn't long before a state trooper pulled up behind me. He gets out of his car and starts walking towards me. I could tell he was not a happy camper!



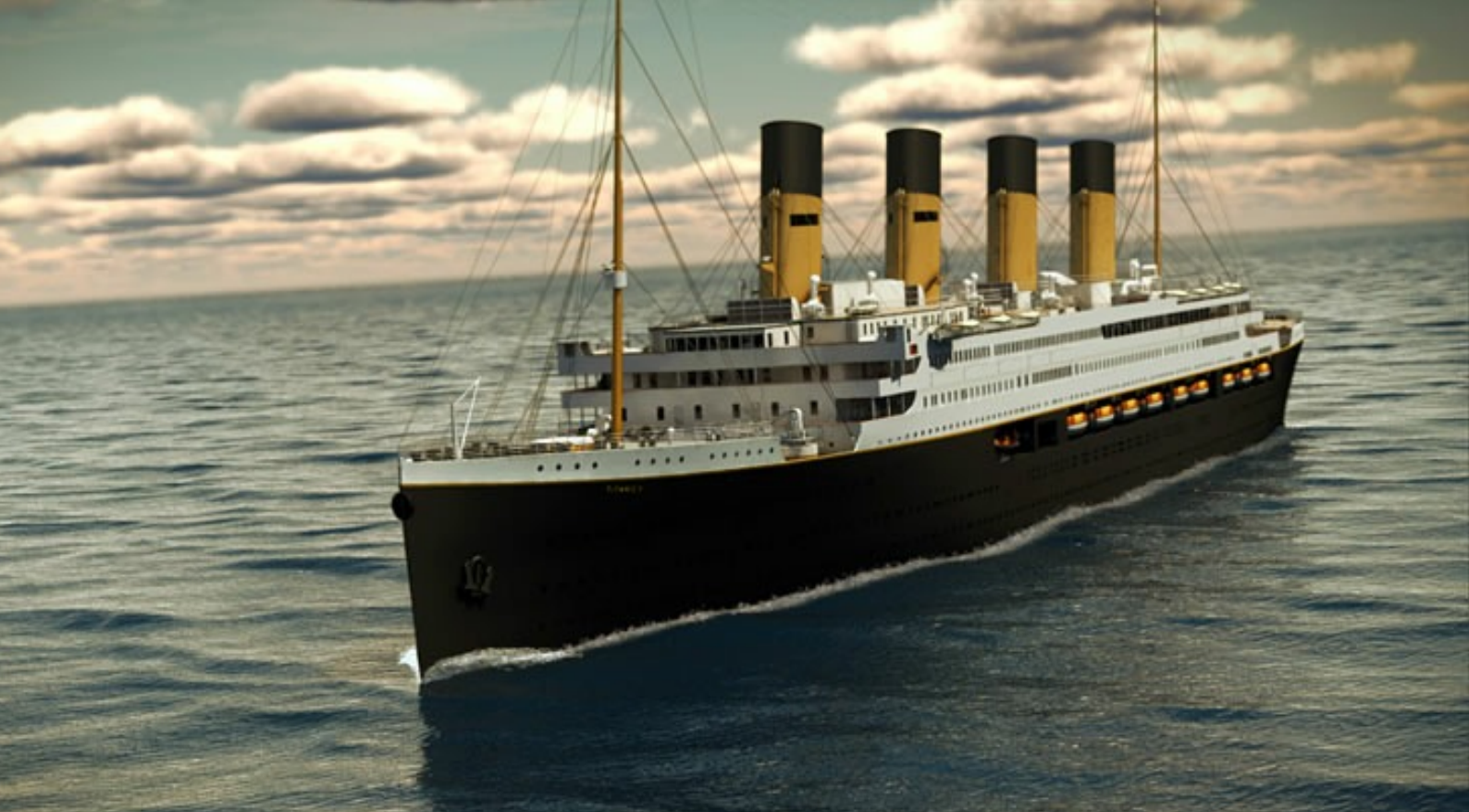
"What's going on here lady?!!!!!"

"My car has a flat tire," I said calmly.

"Well, what the heck are those obscene cardboard men doing here by the road?"

I couldn't believe that he didn't know. So I told him, "Helloooooo, those are my Emergency Flashers."

Submitted by Colin Masterson & John James



Titanic II will be a “ship of peace” and a “financial bonanza”, the Australian billionaire behind an audacious project to build a replica of the famous cruise liner has said.

Mining tycoon Clive Palmer unveiled his plans for building a nearly identical version of the long foundered vessel at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in New York City.

“Titanic was the ship of dreams, Titanic II is the ship where dreams come true,” he said at the launch.

The chairman of the Blue Star Line said more than 40,000 people had already registered for tickets to take part in Titanic II’s maiden voyage, which will follow the same route the RMS Titanic was travelling when it sank 375 miles (600km) south of Newfoundland in April 1912.

“Originally we thought it was a good idea,” Mr Palmer told Sky News.

“We thought it would have a lot of appeal. We didn’t know how much appeal, but certainly we’ve found it’s had enormous appeal. And financially very strong as well ... it’s going to be a blockbuster.”

Mr Palmer, who is funding the project entirely on his own, declined to

divulge even estimated costs associated with the massive undertaking, saying it “is not about money”.

He assured Sky News he would see the endeavour through regardless of how high the price tag might go.

“If there’s any money to be lost, it should be mine,” he said.

Blue Star Line has agreed to a deal in principle with China’s state-owned CSC Jinling Shipyard to build the Titanic replica.

Although the final contracts have yet to be signed, Mr Palmer said he was certain a deal would be sealed within days.

Jinling Shipyard has little experience in the luxury liner market, specialising almost entirely in tankers, container vessels and bulk carriers.

Mr Palmer said the deal emerged during talks with the ship builder to construct four new vessels for his mining operations in Australia. He said the company has a strong desire to tap into the luxury market.

A representative from Jinling Shipyard was not present at the news conference.

Both the exterior and interior of the ship will be nearly identical to its ancestor.

A few modern modifications have been added for comfort and entertainment, including a 400-seat theatre and a casino.

The vessel will be fully air-conditioned – a luxury not even the wealthiest of RMS Titanic’s passengers could have imagined in 1912.

For those who prefer to experience the less extravagant side of Titanic, the new ship will have third class accommodations, complete with shared bathrooms, dancing to Irish drums and Irish stew on the menu. Mr Palmer says he plans to take full advantage of Titanic II’s third class facilities.

“That’ll be where the most fun will be,” he said. “For me that’s the great adventure. I can sit down there, have some Irish stew, talk to somebody and at night I can get up and do the Irish jig. It’ll be a great place to be.”

Mr Palmer said plans are in the works to provide costumes from the era of Titanic for every passenger based on what class of ticket they hold.

ONE MANS DREAM TITANIC II

He said passengers will have the option to buy tickets that allow them to experience first, second and third class.

While there is a concerted effort to recapture history, Titanic II will be designed to meet present day safety guidelines, helping ensure passengers do not suffer the same fate as their predecessors.

The new vessel will be equipped with 18 modern lifeboats, capable of holding more than the ship's capacity of 2,435 passengers and 900 crew.

Markku Kanerva, the director of sales for Finland-based marine design company Deltamarine, which is overseeing the project, told reporters Titanic II would be "the most safe cruise ship when it is launched", a comment that drew laughter for its historically significant jab at fate.

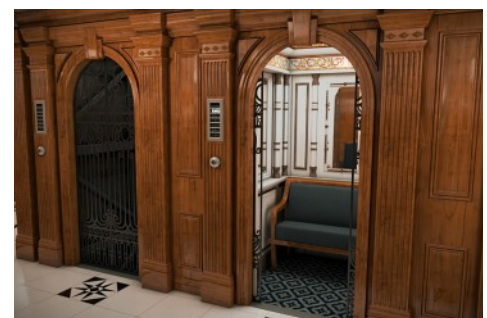
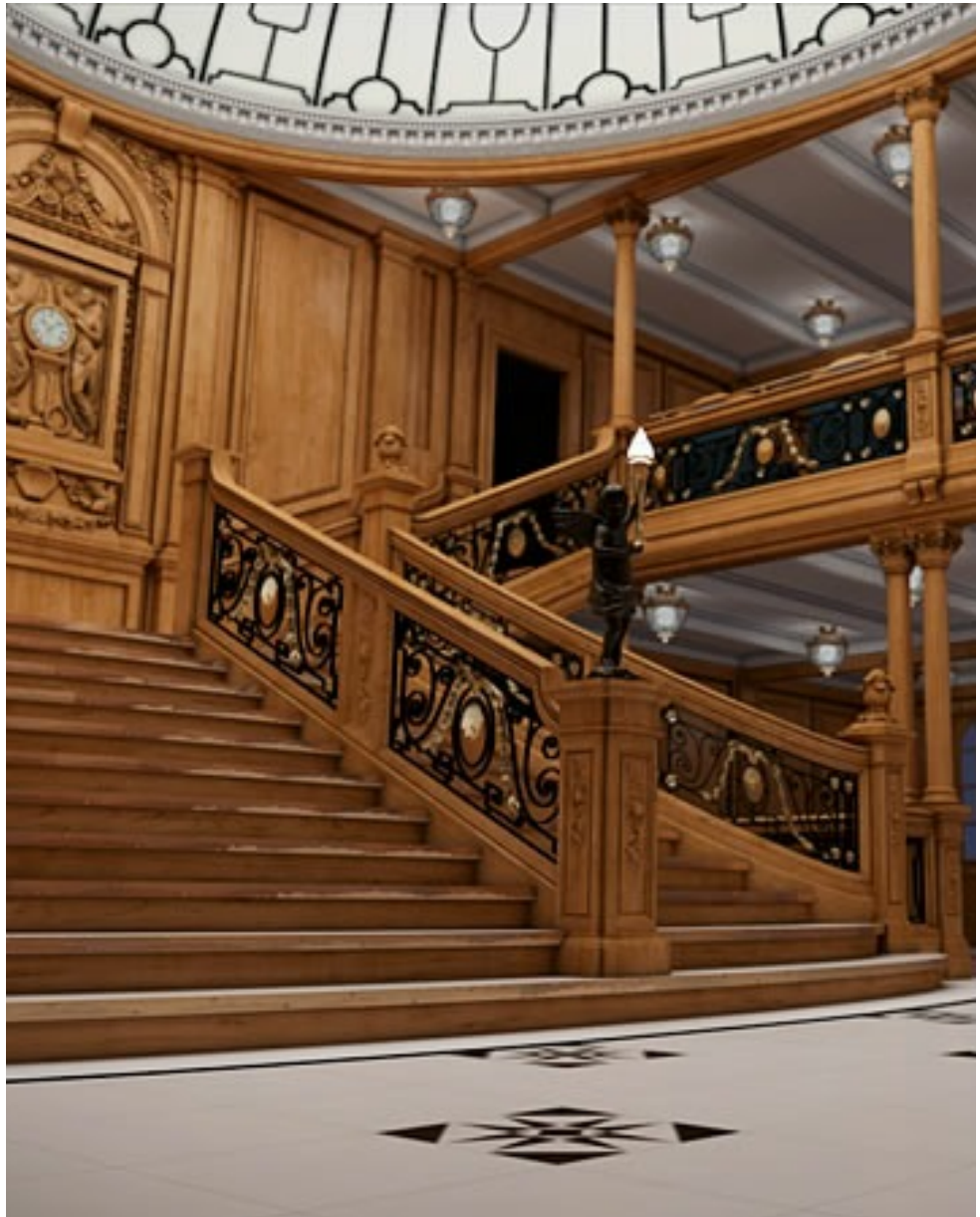
But when pressed further about the vessel's improved safety features, Mr Palmer would not go as far as the original ship's builders, declining to say his version of Titanic would be "unsinkable".

Mr Palmer said he is aiming to have Titanic II finished by the latter half of 2016. Upon its completion, the ship will be sailed to England, where it will board passengers and make its six-day maiden voyage across the north Atlantic to New York City.

"You can imagine it sailing into New York Harbour," Mr Palmer said.

"It'll be fantastic because we'll be completing the journey, which is really symbolic for all the people that came to America and passed the Statue of Liberty in the last century ... The Titanic story is very much a monument to them as well."

For more information please visit
www.bluestarline.com.au



GARAGE SERVICES

There are a number of garages in this area that specialise in Jaguar and Daimler work and I list below the ones that I know about. This is not intended to be a recommendation and you will have to make up your own mind as to which garage you entrust the work to. If you know of any others, please let me know in order that they may be listed.

Stratstone of Cardiff

Formally Paramount, Stratstone is the local main Jaguar agent. They are able to provide a full range of services as well as sales of new and used cars. Members of the Jaguar Heritage parts scheme.

Address: Pentwyn House, Avenue Park, Pentwyn, Cardiff, CF23 8HE
Telephone: 0800 378491
Web site: www.stratstone.com

Alliance Cars, Cardiff (incorporating Cardiff Jag & Performance Ltd)

Jaguar specialist based near the BUPA hospital In Pentwyn Cardiff.

Address: 3 & 4, Wharfedale Road, Pentwyn, Cardiff
Telephone: 029 2054 0800
Web site: www.alliancecarscardiff.com

Andrew Wilson Motors

Andrew originally worked for Howells Garages, who were the Jaguar main agents before Paramount, before setting up his own garage business.

Address: Radian Garage, Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys, South Glamorgan, CF64 4JX
Telephone: 02920513120
Web site:

Classic & Performance Automotive Engineering

A specialist garage set up by Mike & Nick Jones.

Address: Unit E2, West Point Industrial Estate, Penarth Road, Cardiff. CF11 8JQ
Telephone: 02920 350177 (Out of hours 07894 108572)
Web site: www.nickjonesracing.net/page18.htm

Nantgarw Garage

Based at Nantgarw on the southern edge of the Treforest Industrial Estate. They provide various garage services as well as sell used cars.

Address: Nantgarw Garage, Cardiff Road, Nantgarw, CF15 7SR
Telephone: 01443 844447
Web site: www.nantgarwgarage.com

Gimber Motors/Glamorgan Classic Cars

Based on Station Approach, Penarth and run by Andrew Douglas, they provide various services from routine servicing to full mechanical and body restoration.

Address: Station Approach, Penarth, CF64 3EE
Telephone: 02920 708005
Web site: www.carrepairspenarth.co.uk

Mistamatic Ltd

Independent Jaguar specialist based in Swansea, providing servicing, repairs, MOTs and diagnostics for all Jaguar cars.

Address: Unit 3, Fforestfach Business Centre, Queensway, Fforestfach, Swansea
Telephone: 01792 589469
Web site: www.mistermatic.co.uk

Sterling Cars

Another garage business specialising in mechanical and body work repairs. Dave Williams is the proprietor.

Address: Swffryd service station, Swffryd Road, Swffryd, Crumlin, Gwent, NP11 5DW
Telephone: 01495 249349
Web site: www.sterlingjaguar.co.uk

N J Restorations

Run by Nick Wiggall and based at Black Lion Garage near Carmarthen, Nick specialises in mechanical and body work restoration.

Address: Black Lion Garage, Black Lion Rd, Cross Hands, Llanelli, SA14 6RT
Telephone: 01269 845682 **Workshop:** 07967 016038
Web site: www.nj-restorations.co.uk

Brake Re-Line Services

Not strictly a Jaguar specialist but may be useful for specialised re-lining of brakes as well as many other services.

Address: Unit C2, West Point Industrial Estate, Penarth Road, Cardiff, CF11 8JQ
Telephone: 029 2071 2900
Web site: www.brakereline.co.uk

Classic Veneers

A local specialist for classic car dashboard veneering/lacquering. Ron Godfrey is the proprietor.

Address: 44 Poplar Avenue, New Inn, Pontypool
Telephone: 01495 753641
Web site: www.classicveneers.co.uk

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MONTHLY MEETING

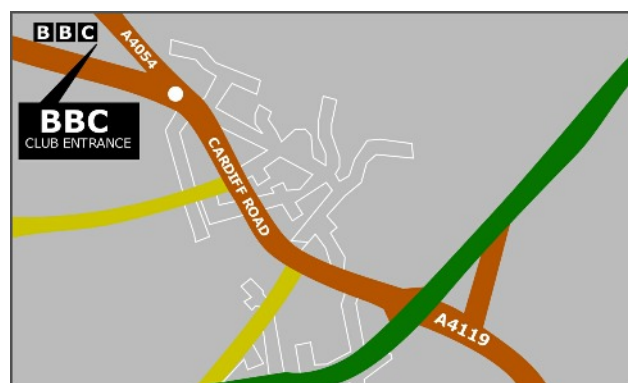
HOW TO FIND OUR MEETINGS:

DIRECTIONS TO GET TO THE BBC CLUB, LLANDAFF, CARDIFF

Leave the M4 at Junction 29 signed A48M. Travel along the dual carriageway for about 6 or 7 miles until you reach the traffic lights by Tesco (on left). Go straight on over the river bridge and through the next set of lights. Just after the footbridge take the next fork left along Mill Lane signposted Llandaff Cathedral.

At the next traffic lights turn right. Go straight through the next traffic lights (crossing the A48 dual carriageway again) and travel northwards until you reach a mini roundabout. Take the first exit off the roundabout signposted Llantrisant. After about 100 yards there is a high grey stone wall on the right hand side. The entrance to the BBC car park is through this wall. Bear immediately left and right. The club is the single storey, flat roofed building on the left across the field. The BBC studios are beyond the club and are about 5 storeys high.

Walk to the entrance of the club and press the buzzer on the right of the door. The barman will then open the security door. Our meeting room is straight ahead through the next door.



EVENTS

If you know of any other events that may be of interest to members please let us know in order that we may include them in these listings. If you spot any errors please let us know so that they can be corrected.

APRIL 2013

Mon 1st	Coleford Carnival of Transport
20 - 21st	Bristol Classic Car Show
Sun 21st	Annual Drive it Day
Sun 28st	14th JEC London to Brighton Run

MAY 2013

3rd - 4th	Donington Historic Festival
Sun 4th	The Rotary Club of Chepstow, Wye Classic Run
Sun 12th	SWCCC Annual Classic Car Show
18th - 19th	Beaulieu Spring Autojumble National Motor Museum, Beaulieu.
25th - 26th	Tortworth Vintage Steam Rally
Mon 27th	Vale of Glamorgan Classic Car Show

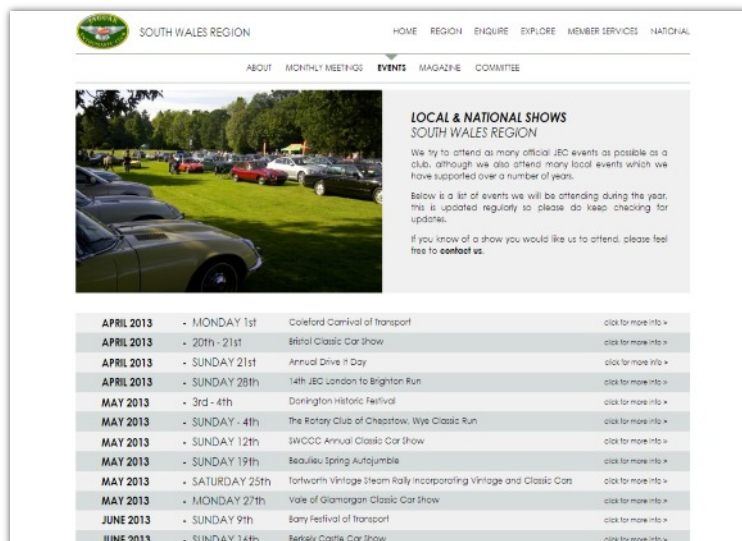
JUNE 2013

Sun 9th	Barry Festival of Transport
Sun 16th	Berkely Castle Car Show
Sun 16th	Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway
Fri 21st	Le Mans Classic
Sun 23rd	Jaguar Enthusiasts Northern Day 2013
Sat 29th	Castle Combe Classic & Retro Action Day

JULY 2013

12 - 14th	Goodwood Festival of Speed
Sun 14th	Pontardulas Classic Motor Club Show
Sun 21st	Sherborne Castle Classic Car Show and Rally
26 - 28th	Silverstone Classic

For full details of all the events listed on this page visit our website www.jecsouthwales.co.uk



AUGUST 2013

2 - 4th	Gloucestershire Steam & Vintage Extravaganza
Sun 11th	Three Cocks Steam & Vintage Rally
17 - 18th	Vintage Sports Car Club Pembrey

SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun - 1st	Jaguar Enthusiasts Southern Day
7 - 8th	Beaulieu International Autojumble
13 - 15th	Goodwood Revival
Sun 15th	Vintage and Specialist Car Rally Tredegar House, Newport.

Please also take a look at the events listings on the JEC web site www.jec.org.uk In particular, there are lots of tours, seminars and the JEC race series. See also the web site - www.classicshowsuk.co.uk

SHOWROOM

Jaguar XJ220 Developmental Prototype £POA

H&H Classics Limited
The Motor House
Lyncastle Road
Warrington
Cheshire. WA4 4SN
08458 334455
www.classic-auctions.com



This Jaguar's history reads like a film script . . .

Shorter, narrower and lighter than a production XJ220, its chassis / body was handbuilt by Abbey Panels.

A developmental prototype used for high speed, brake certification and tyre testing work, the two-seater was driven / evaluated by Andy Wallace (who won the 1988 Le Mans 24-hours and raced for Silk Cut Jaguar / TWR Racing from 1988-1991 inclusive).

Inspected by Princess Diana during the opening of JaguarSport's Bloxham facility, it was repainted from Silver to Red during its time as a developmental prototype.

Equipped with a Heidegger race engine, the hypercar was sold off by JaguarSport for an aborted Le Mans 24-hours assault.



The subject of a protracted ownership dispute / legal case and failed attempt to export it to America (as a bodykitted XJ-S!), the Jaguar spent over a decade in dry storage.

Entering the current stewardship in 2008, the XJ220 was extensively overhauled / recommissioned by JD Classics the following year at a cost of circa £70,000.

Road registered and MOT tested until June 2013, 'H984 PVW' represents an important part of Jaguar's history.

Needless to say it is unusual for so recent a prototype to find its way into the public domain

