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## From the President

*By JP Summers, President*

Hello everyone,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. Spring is just around the corner and the weather as of late seems as if it has already arrived.

We had a great turn out for the Valentine's Day Brunch at the Village Tavern. We had 30 people reserve seating and 35 people attending. I spoke about this at our last meeting but I want to mention it again. The AJS is famous for having members sign up at the last minute to any and every event, so that was expected. However, what happened this time was something different entirely. We had seating reserved for 30 people which matched our reservation and was the maximum the Tavern could seat at one table. The problem came when five members attended that did not RSVP as we requested.

I would like to apologize to Marsha and Vincent Lauria, Kim Daily, Myrna and Ivan Ruiz. These members responded with a reservation as they were asked but had to sit at a table separate from the group. This was caused by the five members that did not make their reservations as requested. Ladies and gentlemen, we have to do better responding to events. When you respond late I don't think you realize the inconvenience you cause not only for the individual coordinating the event but for the venue as well. We changed the number of people attending three times after the close of business on Friday, which was our deadline. We maxed out the table at 30 Saturday morning increasing number that should have been in on Friday.

Please everyone sign up for events in a timely fashion, as you may be next to coordinate an event.

### **Sir Williams Ride...**

In 1961 Jaguar launched (no pun intended) the Mk10. This automobile was huge for its day, larger than a Mercedes-Benz S Class or BMW 7 series of today which meant when it was introduced 55 years ago it was enormous. It was also bold, optimistic and fabulously modern with its fully outboard headlight, yet clearly a Jaguar. It was the coolest, most sophisticated luxury saloon of its time.



When company car number 7868 RW left the Browns Lane assembly plant on December 17, 1961 surprise and awe must have been at its maximum. That's because it was one of the first to be built and partly because its occupant was Sir Williams Lyons himself. Sir William was heading home to Wappenbury Hall. Here He would often times take full-size mock-up of proposed new Jaguar models to conduct open air viewings on his gravel motor court. This he felt was a better represented how a new car would look on the road than viewing it in a studio.

From here, too, Sir William and Lady Lions would descend into the Mk10's massive back seat, ready for the chauffeur to take them to glittering functions. It is said that on one

occasion in 1962 he ask his chauffeur to use the Mk10's ample length to block the factory gate. The workers were planning a walk out; you can't walk out if there is no exit.

Given its status as Sir William's Ride this Mk10 wasn't exactly standard. It had the automatic transmission option, plus power steering. That much you would expect. It also wore 6 coats of opalescent dark green paint (normally 2 sufficed). It had electric windows in the rear to add to those normally fitted in the front. The shiny walnut-veneered picnic tables on the backs of the front seats were standard in the Mk10 but in this car, they incorporated flip-up mirrors for last-minute sartorial checks pre-dinner, pre-theater or pre-party.



This Mk10 was an early user of the exciting new M1 engine. This luxury express was powered by a 3.8 liter, triple-SU straight-six in the same tune as that of the E-Type launched that same year, both claiming 265bhp. The big saloon weighed half as much again as the E-type, but still moved quicker than any rival.

After life at the top this Mk10 was purchased in 1966 and kept it until it's owner died in 2011. It was latterly kept in a barn with its tail sticking out. That's when Ian Berg purchased the car. He completely refurbished the automobile. It received several coats of opalescent green paint; all the mechanical parts were refurbished along with a complete interior re-trim. The acreage of walnut veneer was also renovated along with all the bright work.



Now 55 years later it returned to Browns Lane home of Jaguar Heritage for a going over. As well as making adjustments at Jaguar Heritage they fitted the final bright trim around the windscreen and rear window. This is a torturous job that can take days if the planets are misaligned. The Mk10 was declared finished at the end of last summer.

As final note, I thought someone might be interested in a second home in the U.K. However, it seems we are too late. Sir William's home, Wappenbury Hall was auctioned off March 4. It was thought to bring \$5,250,000. It seems we need to get this newsletter out a sooner.

My best to everyone and be well,  
J.P.



**Next monthly meeting**  
**March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Hudson Grille, 6317 Roswell Rd**  
**Social hour- 6:00 pm, Dinner-7:00 PM**



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Lew George, Newsletter Editor

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**JAGUAR SOCIETY MEMBERS**

All you need to know and more!  
*By Sheila Brower, Health & Hospitality Director*

- SHEILA AND PAUL BROWER are doing fine, just had to attend a realtor event and will be back at the next meeting, the end of March.

- RAY AND MARILYN FRY are the proud grandparents of a bouncing baby girl, named Adelaide. Congratulations to you both.

- JIM SPENCER is doing much better after hip surgery; due to MAIDEE'S excellent care and a lot of physical therapy. They hope to make the next meeting in March.

- DON HART will be having cataract surgery sometime this month hopefully. Keep him in your prayers.

- MARK AND CINDY ROLLO: Hope you all had a chance to meet and welcome this lovely couple at the February meeting. They are new members.

- FRAN MCNAIR said she and her daughter had a wonderful time cruising the Eastern Caribbean, she looked relaxed and happy!

- ERLINDA MCCABE should be home soon from her trip to the Philippines. I am sure she was spreading sunshine to all she met with her always smiling face.

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Robert Kleiner, Rick Duff, Wayne Harris and Alan Talbot in February. Also Gayle Hale and Del Champion in March.

- GAYLE HALE has finally retired. Congratulations, Free at last, Free at last!

- PHILIP AND PUALANI will be attending Caffeine and Octane at Jekyll Island on March 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a 3 day event and sounds like it will be fun. Hope everyone can attend.

- SKIP SMITH was on the television series for Caffeine and Octane last Sunday and I think will be on again for the series.

- DONNA HART, our daughter, thanks you for your thoughts and prayers during this dog bite injury. She will be having an MRI soon and hopefully will get a good report.

God bless all of you with good health and happiness.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlene Hart (in Sheila's absence)



## Thieves Steal \$3.75 Million in Engines From Jaguar Land Rover

### **That's a lot of engines!**

A gang stole around £3,000,000 of engines from Jaguar Land Rover's Solihull plant after brazenly passing through security, sources have claimed.

Criminals used a suspected stolen HGV lorry in the audacious heist at the Lode Lane site on Tuesday night - which took place in full view of security cameras.

Police are now hunting the gang who returned to the scene of the crime to steal more engines with the 40-tonne truck, which was unloaded in the Coventry area.

JLR has posted a reward to catch the crooks who stole engines initially understood to be worth around £3 million.

One source said: "How they got the lorry in and out so quickly is quite some story. "We heard the lorry came in at 10.30pm on Tuesday through gates at D1 then drove to the Lagoons depot. "We were told a trailer was attached and was full of new engines. That lorry was in and out of the plant in six minutes."

They added: "Later that night the same lorry came back and did it all over again. It attached another wagon and then it drove out past the security guards and that wagon was not seen again all night. "But we have heard that the driver had the yellow documents he needed so he could show the security guards on the way out, without having to be searched. "He could already have had them on him when he entered the plant, or perhaps he got them when in there.

"The engines that are gone are dealt with by Land Rover employees; they are usually stored in a building. The ones that have been taken were already in trailers. Either they were due to go somewhere or were due to be moved somewhere on site." The source also said the value of the engines could be more than £3 million. They said: "We are told the total value was closer to £5 million. If that is true, then the wagons must have been full. About 40 engines can fit in a wagon. "The heist had been kept under wraps. We believe that only senior

security staff and management have known about it, they are shocked at how it has happened.

“The company pulled in all the managers to a meeting to find out what had gone wrong. The ordinary workers probably knew nothing about it. “The site is clearly not as secure as it should be.” Insiders say the stolen lorry arrived at the Lode Lane depot at 10.30pm on Tuesday and entered through the security-manned D1 gate. The HGV then drove to the Lagoons depot and hooked up to a trailer containing the car engines, before driving out. The crime took just six minutes, say sources.

A source said: “It is a massive thing for the company. They have never lost this quantity of stock of this value before and they have their own security people as well as paying a security company, Mitie, to watch over site as well.

“We don’t think they have ever had anything this big or expensive taken. “We heard something massive had happened and it was not the little stuff, but the big stuff that had gone.”

West Midlands Police said it was appealing for information to the engines theft. A statement said: “It is believed the engines were stolen from the Damson Lane site in Tile Hill sometime between late night Tuesday 31 January and the early hours of Wednesday 1 February.

“An articulated truck is believed to have entered the site twice, each time hooking up to trailers carrying the engines and then leaving again through the gate. The empty stolen trailers have since been located. Any information on the whereabouts of the engines or those involved in the thefts should be reported to Solihull police. “



## **The Atlanta Jaguar Society** **First Annual** **Valentine’s Luncheon**

This event was so popular the board has decided to make it an annual event!





## The Jaguar XJR-15 Still Impresses Today

If you don't remember the Jaguar XJR-15, don't worry. Most people don't. The car's limited run of about 53 cars has made its availability scarce, with most examples still residing in the U.K. It's no surprise one Reddit user was surprised by the car's existence considering the XJ220 gets much of the limelight.

The history of the car is fascinating. Developed using technology from the XJR-9 and XJR-12 race cars, the XJR-15 is powered by a 6.0-liter V12 making 450 hp and 420 lb-ft of torque. Power's sent to the rear wheels through a Tom Walkinshaw Racing-built five-speed manual transaxle.

Tiff Needell, while at "Top Gear" in the early 1990s, got to put one through its paces at Silverstone. The onboard footage is fabulous, and it sounds quite good, too. Considering at the time the car could hit 60 mph in under four seconds with a top speed of 215, this was a brutal machine.

Examples that have been up for sale in recent years have spiked in price -- figures are now cresting \$500,000. The Jaguar XJR-15 might finally be coming into its own.



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January –

February – 11<sup>th</sup> Valentine Brunch

March – TBD -Tech Session

April – TBD – Spring drive to Chestatee  
Wildlife Preserve and zoo.

10-12 – Amelia Island Concours  
20-23 – Walter Mitty Road Atlanta  
30<sup>th</sup> - British Motor Car Day (Roswell)

May – TBD - Gibbs Gardens Day Trip

June – TBD - Pig Roast, Erlinda McCabe

July – TBD – Pool Party

August – TBD – Lake Party

September – 29<sup>th</sup> – Per-Concours Dinner  
30<sup>th</sup> – AJS Concours

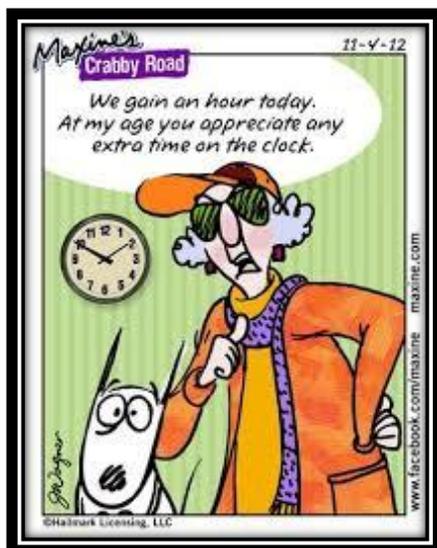
October – 12-14 – JCNA Concours  
28<sup>th</sup> – Thyer's Halloween Party

November – 3-5 Hilton Head Concours  
11<sup>th</sup> – AJS Christmas Toy Drive

December – 10<sup>th</sup> – AJS Christmas Party



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