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President's Message

2025 SJC President: Dennis Bentley

Hello to all Sacramento Jaguar Club members and Happy New Year! Welcome to the club's new year of activities and gatherings, let's have some fun together!

As your new President for 2025, I think it might be a good idea to introduce myself to those club member who don't know me. My name is Dennis Bentley and my wife is Marsha. We've been long-time members of the SJC (over thirty years) and while we've known some member for all that time, I'm sure some members aren't familiar with us, so here you go!

Marsha and I have loved, been addicted to, and owned many models of Jaguars cars since the early 1970's: years and years before we ever knew about Jaguar clubs and exclusive Jaguar parts vendors, restoration, and service experts.

We live in the Mokelumne Hill area of the Sierra Nevada Gold Country. We are long time transplants from the Bay Area. We are both retired; Marsha with careers in real estate and banking and me with careers in California Law Enforcement and as a California Licensed Private Investigator.

I look forward to my new role as your club President and I pledge to do my very best for the club. If you ever have any questions, input, criticisms, or if you would just like to chat, I'm available most of the time at: (209) 286-1626-home or (209) 256-6324-cell.

I want to thank our members who have previously served on the Board of Directors and those who have been elected for this year. I hope to bring a feeling that the Sacramento Jaguar Club is a fun organization, well run, with the emphasis on our beloved Jaguar vehicles.

I personally want to thank Mary Snyder for her past many years serving as the JagWyre Editor. This is a lot of work and she put out a great Newsletter. Now that Mary has other pressing life events, we now have long-time SJC member, Steve Whitney stepping into the Newsletter Editor spot. I urge all members to forward photos, stories, and/or Jaguar related info to Steve at: sjcnewsletter2025@gmail.com.

We had a great Holiday Party. There were 29 members and family in attendance. The new Club Officers were sworn-in and a good time was had by all. Thanks to all who attended.

As it has been for many years, our first official meeting of the year is the Annual Planning meeting. It will be held on *January 26TH, at Oak Leaf Café, 5540 Douglas Blvd, Granite Bay*. Please see the “Upcoming Events” page in this Newsletter that announces the event. I encourage all club members to attend and offer your suggestions, input, and vote for which drives and activities you would like to see the club undertake this calendar year. Your input will be very important and valuable as the club activities for 2025 will be based on your input.

One item of old business I’ll taking on as President is the remaining question of revising our club By-Laws. Inconsistencies in the By-Laws were identified over the past few years and efforts to revise them was started by out-going President Linda von. This even led to a discussion on whether or not to continue as a JCNA Affiliate. A vote was made at the Oktoberfest to stay as an affiliate. While this continues to be an option, we first need to revise the By-Laws so everyone is comfortable with the guidelines of operations. I’ll be asking Linda von, Steve Whitney and Dick Cowan to continue to help get this project to the finish line.

Well, that’s about it from me at this point. Don’t forget Valentine’s Day is coming up fast.

All the best to everyone.

Dennis Bentley

Upcoming Events-2025

2025 SJC Vice-President of Activities: Steve Miesen

JANUARY	ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING, Sunday, JAN 26, 2025 Noon to 2 PM Oak Leaf Cafe 5540 Douglas Blvd Granite Bay, CA 95746	All members invited. No-Host lunch Board meeting to follow. All members invited	RSVP TO: STEVELMIESEN@GMAIL.COM
FEBRUARY	TBA		
MARCH	TBA		
APRIL	TBA		
MAY	TBA		
JUNE	TBA		
JULY	TBA		
AUGUST	TBA		
SEPTEMBER	TBA		
OCTOBER	TBA		
NOVEMBER	TBA		
DECEMBER	ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY DATE-LOCATION TBD	All members invited. No-Host lunch	

From Steve Miesen, VP-Activities:

2025 Activity Meeting:

Sunday, January 26th 12:00 to 2:00

Oak Leaf Café, 5540 Douglas Blvd, Granite Bay, CA 95746

Family-owned restaurant with great food. Plenty of parking and easy access to restaurant. Nice private room.

After the planning meeting President Dennis Bentley has scheduled a SJC board meeting. Everyone is invited to attend the board meeting as well.

Please let me know if you are planning to attend so I can advise the restaurant accordingly.

This is an important meeting so I hope we will have a nice turn out.

If you can't attend but have some activity ideas, please send me your suggestions or give me call so I can share them at the meeting.

A 2025 monthly event calendar will be sent to all members once established.

Club Meetings / Communications

2025 SJC Secretary: Dick Cowan

**SACRAMENTO JAGUAR CLUB
CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY LUNCH PARTY
BENNETT'S GRILL-ROCKLIN
DECEMBER 8, 2024**

Steve Miesen, VP of Activities welcomed the twenty-nine members in attendance for our Christmas/Holiday party luncheon. We started with everyone introducing themselves and their partners. A special welcome was given to our newest members: Phyllis Guillory and Roosevelt O'Neal. Everyone gave a short description of their Jaguar cars and duration in the club. In some cases, members had several Jags and, in many cases, members reported decades of involvement in the Sacramento Jaguar Club.

After lunch we had our annual gift exchange where everyone had a chance to take a gift from the table or take one from someone else's pick. A good time was had by all.

We then installed the club's 2025 elected Board members. Past President, Bob Olson administered the oath of office to the new Board members pictured below:



From left to right: Steve Miesen, Vice President/Activities; Dennis Bentley, President; Dick Cowan, Secretary; Linda von Merveldt, Vice President/Membership; Patrick von Merveldt, Treasurer; and Marsha Bentley, JCNA Representative.

Newly installed President Dennis outlined his three priorities: First, complete the restatement of the Club By-Laws begun last year. Second, find revenue sources other than dues to bolster the Club bank balance for a better cushion. And third, to increase Membership. Dennis reported on his and Marsha's engagement with both the local MG Club and the All-British Car Club, and said some of the members of those clubs had Jags: a possible source for new members. He also thought we might be able to share some activities with those clubs.

Steve Miesen announced a lunchtime "Planning" meeting on Sunday, January 26th at the Oak Leaf Café on Douglas Boulevard in Roseville to plan the 2025 outings and events.

Outgoing Club President Linda von Merveldt thanked the 2024 Board members for their assistance over the past year and especially thanked Mary Snyder for her work on the Club Newsletter for the past 10 years. A round-of-applause was extended to Linda for her diplomatic and effective service and Steve Meisen for his work as VP of Activities. Linda then introduced Steve Whitney as the 2025 Newsletter Editor. Steve asked that everyone helps with the Newsletter by submitting articles of interest and that the first 2025 Newsletter edition will be out by mid-January.

Membership

2025 SJC Vice-President: Membership: Linda von Merveldt

After two years as President of our Club, I'm continuing in a new position; Vice President of Membership. The duties of this position are key to maintaining our affiliation with the Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA). We've maintained a positive relationship with our parent organization over the many years of our existence and our members have made clear their wishes to continue as an affiliate.

As was announced to the membership earlier this fall, JCNA has increased their dues by \$10 this year. This will lower our Club's net income derived from membership renewals and initial applications next year. However, we've brought our operating expenses down to the level where we can operate "in-the-black" for the foreseeable future. We'll keep the membership abreast of our finances through regular reports, and if needed, add a fund-raising raffle to our annual Christmas Party.

While we continue to welcome the payment of dues by personal check, we have increasingly shifted this activity to on-line membership "purchases" made on our Website: SACJAG.ORG. The fees imposed on the Club are a hefty 7%, but there's no question that on-line renewals/applications are easy for both the Club and our members. Either way dues are paid, the fact that my husband Patrick is the SJC Treasurer makes for efficiency in the communications that allow accurate record keeping.

Members received a reminder from Mary Snyder of our annual due's renewal, beginning in December and continuing into January. Please remember annual renewal dues are due by April 1st. I want to thank everyone who has already renewed, and ask everyone else to renew as soon as practical. We always take renewal checks at the annual event planning lunch in January.

While I'm no longer the President of the Sacramento Jaguar Club, I have by now had plenty of time and opportunities to acquaint myself with the important role the Membership VP holds within our club and am confident I can discharge my duties to the benefit of the Club, my fellow SJC officers, and our members.

Any questions or concerns regarding SJC membership can be directed to me using the information on the front page of the Newsletter.

Recent Events / Activities

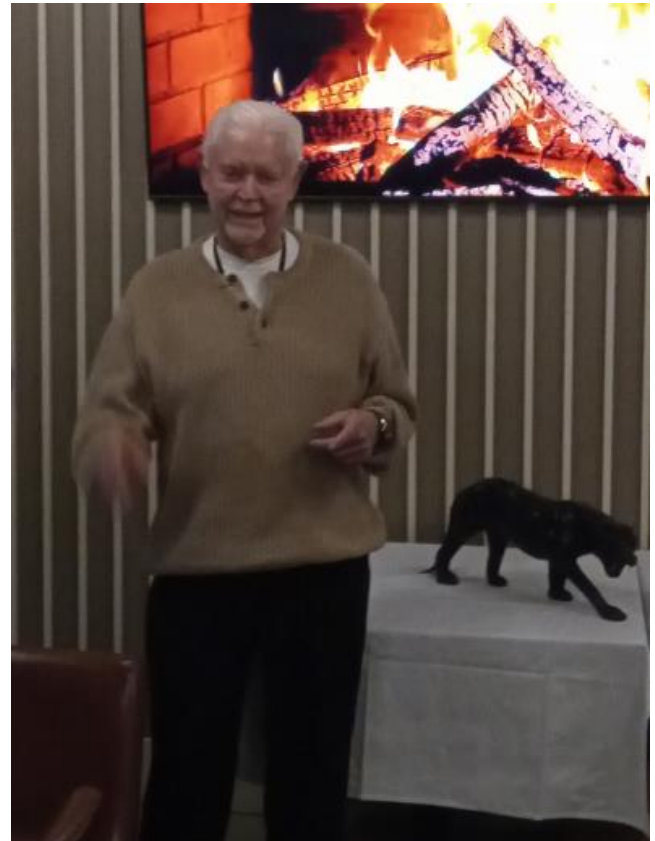
OKTOBERFEST

October 12, 2024

Hosted by Patrick and Linda von Merveldt



**SJC HOLIDAY PARTY
DECEMBER 8, 2024
BENNETT'S WESTSIDE GRILL-ROCKLIN**



MEET A MEMBER

Dick and Carol Cowan

Twin Jaguars—fifty years and two thousand miles apart.

Dick and Carol Cowan met locally at San Juan High School, but their first home together as a married couple was Ithaca, New York, where Dick was still a civil engineering undergrad student at Cornell University and Carol worked on campus to support them. One Sunday in April of 1968, while taking a drive around the countryside, they passed through Watkins Glen, New York, then home of the US Grand Prix racecourse. They spotted in the showroom window of a car dealership a gorgeous 1968 Jaguar XKE Roadster in Carmen Red. It was love at first sight for both Carol and Dick—they wanted that car! The middle-aged salesman patiently took the car loan credit information from them—mileage of the '66 VW they would trade in, how much they earned with Carol's full-time job and Dick's two part time jobs, and credit history (none). When the salesman finished, he pushed his chair back and said, "Kids, I'll turn this paperwork in, but I don't think it's going to work." Then, two days later, Carol intercepted Dick walking on campus between his classes. "The car dealer called, our loan is approved, we got the car!"



Left: Carol took this picture of Dick and 1E16681 in 1968. Right: 1E16681 today in Iowa

Over the next decades, Dick and Carol had other fun cars: A '67 Ferrari 330 GT, a '52 MGTD, a '60 Porsche 356B Cabriolet, an '83 Maserati Biturbo, and a '72 Fiat 500. Dick tried but failed to keep track of their Jaguar. Until June of 2021. For the hundredth time or so. Dick keyed the Jag's serial number, 1E16681, into the web browser. A car with that number in its VIN was registered in Iowa and for \$2.50, the Iowa public information would be delivered. Dick made a phone call to Iowa and left a lengthy message. A few days later, a very cautious man returned the call and shared that he had purchased the Jag from a dealer in Missouri, and that it had once been registered in Montana. He had no knowledge of Watkins Glen or Sacramento. He has a great mechanic, and "his" Jag looks and runs great. The new owner sent some current photos and Dick mailed some original purchase paperwork to reunite with the Jag.

But the new owner was sadly not interested in selling “his” Jag. So, after succeeding in the decades-long search, Dick wanted a replacement Jaguar, the next best things. So, the search was on. Watching sales and auctions on eBay and Bring a Trailer, Dick found a 1968 XKE Roadster with a dealer in San Carlos, California, a few hours’ drive from Sacramento. It was even Carmen Red. After a visit and test drive, a price was agreed upon. The car looked good cosmetically, but its mechanical history was not known.



The British have an expression, “the car needs sorting out.” And the sorting out began immediately, with a ride back to Sacramento on a flatbed after brake failure. Other flatbed rides home led to a succession of improvements: new tires, new fuel tank, fuel pump, clutch, and alternator. Dick and Carol joined the Sacramento Jaguar Club and got some good local advice from fellow members. Some of the Jaguar events were the occasions of “sorting out” problems. Currently the Jag is running great and looks great, too.

Would getting 1E16681 back to Sacramento be a better end to this saga? Sure. But, knowing it is safe and well cared for means a lot. And in the meantime, its twin sister, 1E18343, gives a lot of smiles with the miles.

SJC MARKETPLACE

SJC BY-LAWS

ARTICLE III-PURPOSE, SECTION (B): To serve as a medium of exchange for ideas, information and parts for owners of all models of JAGUAR automobiles, and to aid them in restoring and preserving these automobiles in their original likeness.

SACRAMENTO JAGUAR CLUB MEMBERS

in good standing are invited and encouraged to submit ads for Jaguar vehicles and/or Jaguar related items for inclusion in the Newsletter free of charge.

Ads can include photos. All ads are limited to ¼ page maximum and will run for 3 issues or until sold within that time frame.

All ads are subject to editorial privilege.

Example:

For Sale
1987 Jaguar XJ 6, Muffler Bearing.
Slightly used but still sound.
Shipping available.
\$201.87 firm.



Contact: Ty Clip
easymark@outlook.com

Dick Cowan recommends a paintless dent expert who was recommended to him, and who came to Dick's house and did a great job removing two creases in Dick's XKE bonnet. The expert is "Slavic." at (916) 532-9972.

Non-Members are invited to advertise under the same protocols as above for a \$15 fee for 3 issues. Commercial advertiser rates are subject to negotiation.

Contact the Newsletter Editor, Steven Whitney at: SJCNEWSLETTER2025@GMAIL.COM

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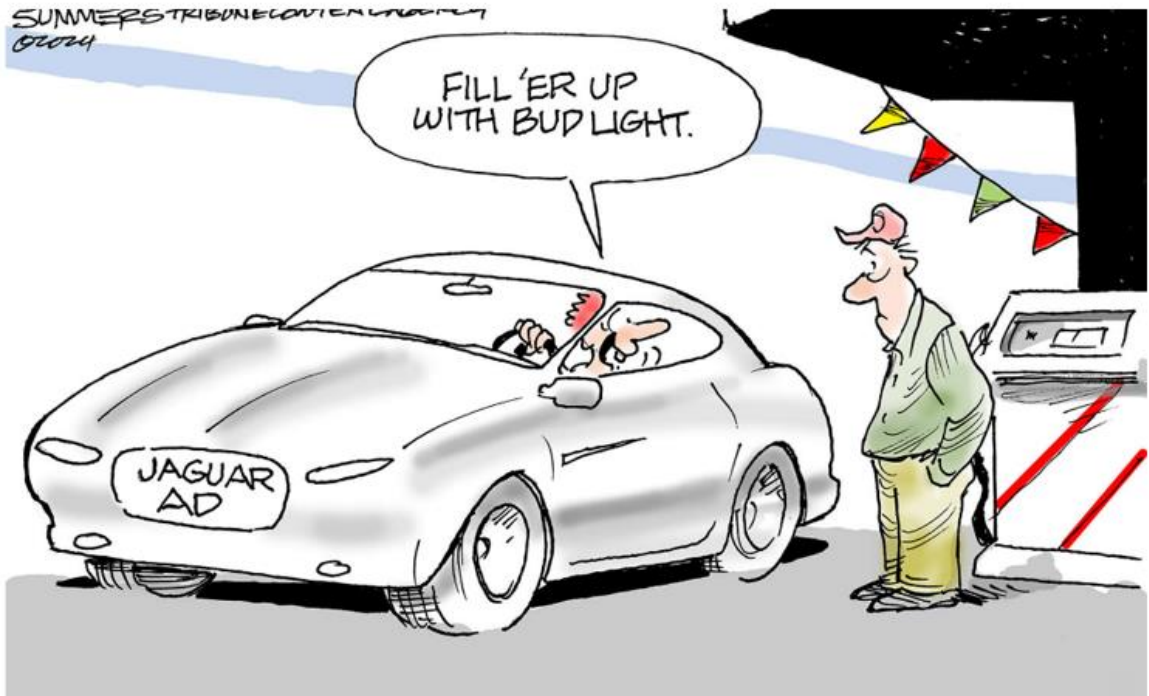
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Secretary
Newsletter Editor

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