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FROM THE EDITOR

Richard Lloyd-Roberts

Fellow Carolina Jaguar Club Members

Welcome to the Merry Christmas Version issue of the CJC newsletter. I hope you are all well and are ready for the holidays.

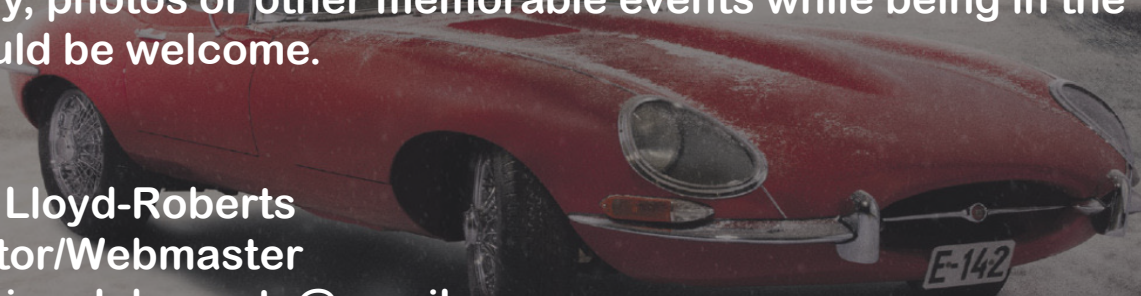
In the next edition of the magazine we are going to feature a section or two that is similar to the Readers Digest format.

I have a request for the members of the club. Please submit to me before the 12th of the month.

- **First car stories (not necessarily Jag)**
- **Memorable Little Switzerland incidents**
- **Most memorable road trip event**
- **Most memorable CJC event**
- **Vanity license plates and the stories that are behind them**
- **Best/Worst deal ever made on car**
- **Funniest incident involving a Jag**
- **Getting ready for judging do's and don'ts**
- **How much do you love your Jag?**
- **Send a photo of yourself in your most "Jag-est" outfit**

Any story, photos or other memorable events while being in the club would be welcome.

**Richard Lloyd-Roberts
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Safe Motoring.**





From The President

Eric Dunn

Hello Everyone.

Our Christmas Event the first weekend in December got everyone in an early festive spirit. The good weather provided a super waterfront setting at the hotel and the opportunity for the enjoyable Carriage Tours and the exploitation of the City Market place. The restaurants were perfectly chosen and no one went away hungry. Much gratitude to Judy Meyers and Kevin Mann for arranging the weekend. As you may remember, there are no events scheduled in January since this is the time used by the officers/board to plan events for the year, budget cost and expenses, review membership goals, etc.

The next Annual General Meeting of the Jaguar Clubs of North America will be in San Francisco, March 10-12, 2023. For those who may be in the area at that time, all Jag Members are invited to be there. Notices are always shown in the JAGUAR JOURNAL for details.

This is the last Newsletter for the year ,and the year is now drawing to a close with our club being in “good Cheer”. Would like to give a “cheer” to Richard Lloyd-Roberts who gets the Newsletter out each month, which helps keep the club “in touch” and “together” even when we are apart.

January’s MOTORTREND gave out its prestigious SUV of the Year award this month, testing 45 different SUVs, 14 of which were battery powered. The HYUNDAI IONIQ was winner, electric powered. Jaguar did not place but the LAND ROVER was a top finalist.

Christmas as a traditional holiday dates back as far as A.D. 273 , originating on a date close to the Winter Solstice. It is celebrated by many people, in many different settings, in many different ways. New Year’s Day festivities date back some 4000 years which was originally based on the timing of the Vernal Equinox (a timing which most of us now use for Easter). Hope you find your most favorite, thankful, and safe way to celebrate the Season and the arrival of 2023.

All the best.

Eric



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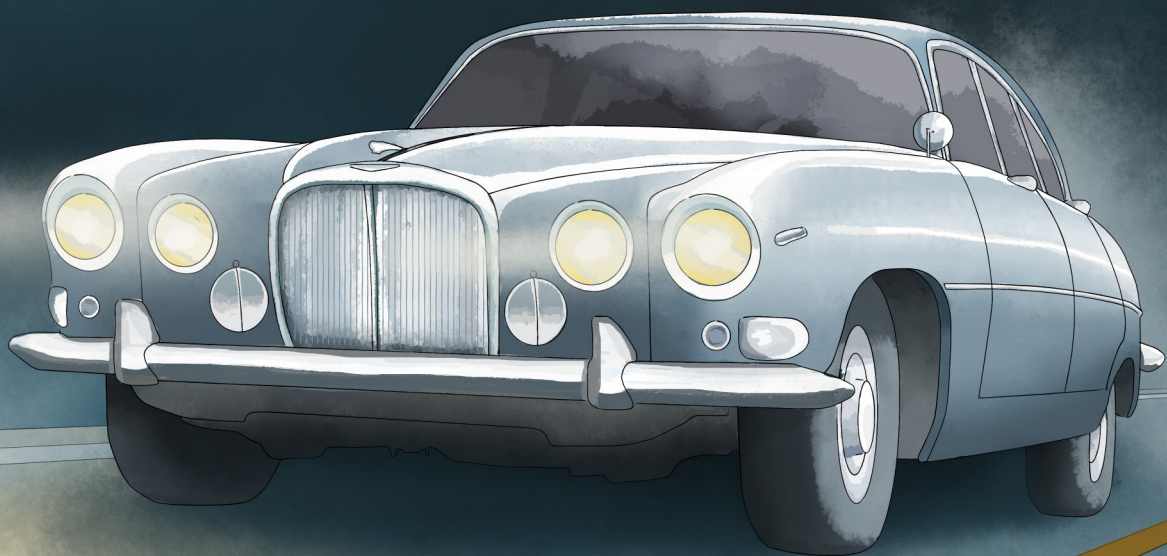
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It's that time of year, annual renewal for the CJC club. Please go online to the website, www.carolinajaguar-club.com and renew your membership for the 2023 year. Dues will remain the same at \$60 for the year. If you can go ahead and do this sooner rather than later, the mad rush in Dec around the holidays for people to register will make it easier for us not to spend our holiday time doing registrations. We have to turn registrations in to JCNA in Jan

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Annual membership dues for the Carolina Jaguar Club, Inc., are \$60.00.

Your dues entitle you to membership in the Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) and eligibility in all JCNA-sanctioned events nation-wide. Other benefits include the bi-monthly JCNA magazine, the monthly club newsletter and numerous events held throughout the year including social gatherings, technical sessions, shows, and road events.

The membership term corresponds to the 2023 calendar year.

Renewals are due by January 1 of the renewal year and new memberships are accepted yearlong.

Please attach your check made payable to **Carolina Jaguar Club, Inc.**, and send it with this application to:

**Kevin and Nancy Willis
1120 Claverton Court
Winston-Salem, NC 27104**

Applicant's Signature _____

Date: _____

Note: In accordance with Article III of the **Carolina Jaguar Club, Inc.**, by-laws, all applications are subject to approval by the club's Board of Directors.

You're invited to the
JCNA Annual General Meeting
March 10th ~ 12th, 2023
San Francisco, California

Event schedule:

Friday

- ~ Sailing tour of the SF Bay
- ~ Mozart Foundation
Auto Museum visit
- ~ Welcome reception and dinner

Saturday

- ~ AGM meeting
- ~ "Jaguars by The Bay" Car Show
- ~ Awards Banquet with speaker
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SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED – UPHOLSTERY PART 1

By Harvey Ferris
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As my wife Kelli correctly points out, when it comes to making a good first impression with one's car, after paint upholstery is key. And since I am done with paint on the 63 Etype, we are going to talk about upholstery quite a bit. As noted in previous articles, after 2 years of work the paint is done and I am ready to move on. I am diving into upholstery next, mainly because it is the fall and a favorable time to be working with contact cement! It is used a lot with upholstery work. It needs a certain minimum ambient temperature to set up correctly. It can be stinky and it can even cause a fire in the worst case scenario. Plenty of natural ventilation is a must. I'll save the "wrench" work for the cold months of winter. In this article, I'll talk specifically about my efforts to install upholstery on the 63 Etype. In future articles, I will talk more generally about other cars. Per the Heritage Certificate, my 63 Etype left the factory in Coventry with a Light Tan interior. It sounds pretty innocuous but it turned out that Light Tan came to be a little bit of surprise. Colors can always be a hard thing to get your arms around, as everyone's brain processes what they see and like differently. Our memories of colors can be affected by time passing. Physically, almost any color starts to degrade from the moment it is applied, with some media more "color fast" than others.



The JCNA website and the Coventry Foundation have period brochures produced by Jaguar that present the colors available to choose from during the original purchase timeframe. But these documents are decades old and the print technology of the day probably never anticipated a demand for color fastness for such a long period of time. All of this is to say that, like exterior colors, original interior colors can be a hard thing to get your arms around.

I try and not worry about these issues too much, since there is little I can do to resolve these built in factors. I contacted several domestic suppliers of Jaguar Etype upholstery and received their understanding of what Light Tan would look like, via standard "sample cards" sent for my review. This kind of goes under the guidance of "trusting the experts". In my case I only found one US supplier who even listed Light Tan. I decided to go to the source, so to speak. To cut to the chase, there are several shops in the Nuneaton, England region that specialize in Etype upholstery. Nuneaton is just 10 miles up the road from Coventry and I gather that some of the shops that originally did upholstery sub-assembly work on the Etype were located there. I wound up going with GB Classic Trim. The proprietor, Graham Watkins, was very helpful during the entire process. Here is the sample card he sent me.

As you can see, there are 5 distinct materials presented. All are used in the interior of an Etype. Leather is used for the seating surfaces and the center console. Vinyl is used for many surfaces such as the door thresholds, the door panels, and parts of the interior in the cockpit behind the seats. Hardura, as the name implies, is a rugged material, able to withstand some abuse. In my 63, it is used in the rear luggage compartment. Moquette is interesting. It is kind of like carpet but without a heavy backing. On my car, it is used on the seat backs and also on the quarter panels in the luggage compartment. Carpet is self-explanatory and is of course used on the floors of the cockpit.

Working with a firm in the UK turned out to be very straight forward. I went ahead and invested \$10/month with Verizon to upgrade my cellphone to an international calling plan. I had several "planning" calls with Graham where we went over basics and options. As with most firms that provide upholstery for the Etype, there is a basic kit and there are options. The basic kit is as it sounds. Materials will be supplied to cover the obvious areas of the cars interior. Headliner, seats, door panels, thresholds, center console, rear hatch, and everything in the rear compartment. Options that I went for included sunvisors, glove box liner, grab handle, rear cubby boxes, underdash pieces, and carpet overmats, plus a few other items. I also ordered extra vinyl and I asked for the leather scraps left over from my "hide".

The "kit" that you get ranges from pieces ready to install to pieces of material that are rough cut to size. The carpets for instance are cut to shape and bound edging applied and are thus ready to install. In the other extreme, for the door thresholds you get a rectangle of vinyl and a rectangle of foam underlayment that you cut to fit and glue into place. So there is a lot of assembly work required even with the kit.

Current exchange rates will affect the cost of your kit. In my case, the total fee, including shipping was on the order of \$5800. You pay a small important tariff (maybe 3%) that the shipping company bills you for. In my case, the shipping company was DHL. It is shipped by air. My box was 1x2x4 feet in size. It arrived a little bit squashed at the top but the contents did not care and were fine. All items were packaged in individual bags, clearly labeled.

It may be stating the obvious but it is vital that you save any and all existing upholstery items you have until you are sure you are done with the job. How Jaguar did upholstery on the Etype certainly varied over time. The kit suppliers do their best to send you correctly configured pieces but small surprises will undoubtedly pop up. There are also certain metal underlayments and forms that you will want to salvage. These can be very hard to replace if they have gone missing. In my next article, I will get into some specifics regarding the installation of my upholstery kit on the 63 Etype.

BTW, my back catalog of Some Assembly Required articles can be found at my website, www.newhillgarage.com under the Jaguar E-Type tab.



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