

Life Members - Bill & Barbara Mayman

Bill/Barbara Mayman & Jaguars

Editor: I first met Bill at the inaugural meeting of the JDCSA in 1973. We shared some good times together before I went to Darwin in 1981. We planned to catch up at All British Day but due to circumstances it didn't happen, so I called into their home to reminisce.

Over the years Bill has owned:

- Mark VII (Class winner - Inaugural SA Concours d'Elegance)
- S-Type (Class winner SA Concours d'Elegance)
- XJ6 4.2 Litre (Series 1)
- MkV (Class winner National Concours d'Elegance 1986 - held in SA)
- XJS (Class winner National Concours d'Elegance 1986 - held in SA)
- Mk 2 (now owned by Andrew Costi)
- X-Type 2.5 litre AWD
- 2013 Cashmere Gold XF

Bill became interested in Jaguars as a 7 year old when his next door neighbour's brother-in-law used to visit in his SS Saloon (ironically that car was eventually sold to none other than Ross Rasmus). Bill's mother, gave Bill an XK120 diecast model car, saying that this would be the only Jaguar he would own!!!

Bill & Barbara are life members and were both very active in the club over many years. Bill was Compact Register Secretary and took over from Barry Kitts as Spare Parts Coordinator for 19 years. Barbara unfortunately has some health issues now, and so they don't get out and about to club events like they used to.

They have loved all the Jaguars they have owned, keeping most for around 10 years, but in particular the 1977 V12 XJS.



Bill & Barbara's MkV won its class at the 1986 National Concours.

On one occasion driving to an interstate club event, Bill hit the magical 150 mph barrier. *(They were the good old days).* They drove the XJS as an ordinary every day car including a trip to Tasmania for a National Concours where it caused a stir.

In those days, some E-Type owners used to bandy together and vote for the "Peoples Choice Award" on the belief that an E-Type was the best looking car and deserved the award.

Bill won the "Peoples Choice Award" in his XJS, to great horror. Several owners even complaining about the result to Lofty England (Manager of the Jaguar Cars sports car racing team in the 1950s, and succeeding Sir William Lyons as its chairman and Chief Executive). You can't beat a Concourse to bring out the best or worst in people.

The XJS ended up burning a valve and Bill simply pulled the heads off and fixed it. He commented on the fact that although many people were afraid of

owning or working on V12's, at the end of the day it was nothing more than two 6 cylinders joined together.

Bill had many other stories of mechanical repairs including a broken axle in the Mk VII when at Beachport towing a caravan. He simply ordered a new axle from Bryson Industries, they sent it up, and Bill installed it, ready in time for their journey home.

In reflection, I think one thing they can be very proud of is the fact that they drove their Jaguars as every day cars, but were still able to win Concours events against rarely used cars that often underwent extraordinary lengths of preparation.

Jaguars still remain their favourite car and both look forward to continue enjoying them into the future. ■

**Bill & Barbara Mayman
Member No. 59**



Their 1977 XJS won "Peoples Choice Award" at the National Concours in Tasmania - to much disgust.



Both the Mk VII and the S-Type won their class at SA Concours events