

Members Story - Ralph and Angela Villarosa

New member article: Ralph and Angela Villarosa

We are proud to be part of JDCSA. I attended my very first Register meeting on 16th July. Thank you for the warm welcome and the opportunity to share some Jaguar stories with a few of the members. Thank you Gary (Scalamera) for providing the venue for the Register meeting and a glimpse of your impressive collection of classic vehicles.

My story starts from an early age with a fascination of all things mechanical and particularly motor cars. My fascination led me to take on an engineering profession with the aim of getting into the automotive industry. Well things took a bit of a turn and instead I ended up in the power industry with lots of bigger and more powerful mechanical toys to play with.

The start of my adulthood was a period dominated by local car manufacturers - Holdens, Ford and Chrysler. Plenty of opportunities to put my engineering skills to practice before venturing into the more exotic European gems like the Fiat Sports 124 and some British built cars. The Jaguars then were beyond my reach.

The Jaguar V12 Sovereign Saloon and XJS Coupe caught my attention while Angela and I were planning our wedding. So much so, that we had 3 white luxurious chauffeur driven saloons for the bridal party. Certainly, an elegant, comfortable vehicle with exceptionally smooth ride.

After seeing another Jaguar XJS V12 (HE version) Coupe a few years later, I decided that I would eventually buy one. As a very fastidious buyer and with an eye for detail, I researched the Jaguar XJS from its first release date back in 1975 and took note of the modifications and improvements introduced with each successive model. As expected, it took a while to find the right car and at the right price.

Fast forward and I found what I think is the perfect Jaguar XJS V12 6.0 Litre Coupe. This vehicle is in immaculate condition and has been very well maintained and looked after, a credit to the previous owner. We bought the vehicle from Lou Guthry Motors (Victoria) in June 2019. The vehicle came with a complete history, including a Production Record Trace Certificate from the Jaguar Heritage Group (UK).

The vehicle was manufactured in June 1994, Australia delivered in early 1995. Morocco Red Metallic in colour with an Oatmeal interior. The V12 engine



is equipped with the Marelli ignition and a fully digital processor engine management system. This model also got the Hydra-matic 4L80-E four speed transmission. It certainly lives up to its name as a Grand Tourer. My son and I drove the vehicle from Moorabbin (Victoria) to Adelaide. It did not miss a bit and an awesome vehicle out on the open road.

We are certainly looking forward to participating in the Club's future events and thank you once again. Please see some images of our classic Jaguar XJS.

Regards
Ralph & Angela

Editor- It was great to meet you Ralph at the E-Type, F-Type, Grand Tourer Register meeting and I can't wait to see your car.



Ralph and Angela's Morocco Red Jaguar XJS V12 6 Litre 'Facelift' Coupe