

# JAGUAR CONNECTIONS

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Recently June and I flew to Dunedin for a week to catch up with Family.

Before leaving I contacted the President of the Otago Jaguar club, Allan Race, to see if we could catch up.

Allan suggested we meet for dinner and he brought along his wife Janine, and two other couples and we had a most enjoyable evening.

This rather shows another aspect of being a Jaguar club member which gives us the opportunity to meet like-minded people in other parts of the country.

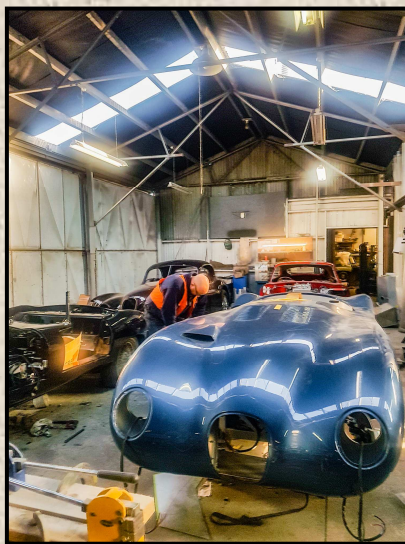
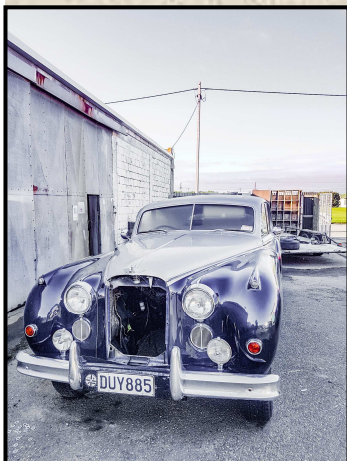
Interesting enough, Allan and two others of the couples, drove Mercs as their everyday cars, but owned Jaguars so they could enjoy the comradeship of the Jaguar owners plus of course they loved Jaguars.

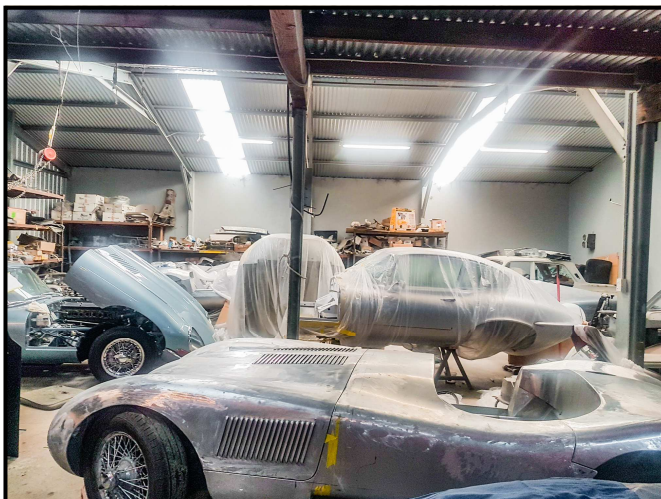
The Otago Jaguar club is an active club and has about 100 members, I presented Allan with a copy of our Magazine, and he said that they put out an electronic magazine to their members.

One of the groups, was a Mark Paterson who may be known to some of you, as he owns a company called "Coventry Classics" based in Gore. Mark said they restore Jaguars in this workshop, so he arranged for June and I to visit it when we stayed in Gore.

He had a range of Jaguars under restoration, and his manager seemed to be very particular in the work that they do.

The cars we saw were a number of E-Types, two from the same owner in Auckland, an XK120 an XK 140 and others in various stages of restoration.





Mark was also building from the ground up, and from a photo two C-Types. These cannot be called Jaguars, but Mark refers to them as not replicas, but rather Recreations. These had Aluminium bodies and looked really good. The finished cost will be somewhere between NZ\$200/300 thousand so not cheap. I believe he said that one of them was going to Australia. Those who attended the Rally in Invercargill will remember seeing a C-Type shell of Marks on display. Most interesting.

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