

Family Members Collection - Part1.

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I have a passion for all cars American as well as British but have always wanted to own a Jaguar – early on my wife said only rich people own Jaguars and we aren't. So had to wait a few years before the first one arrived in the shed.

No. 1 - 1974 XJ6 British racing green Jaguar has only done 125,000 km – 3 owners. Absolute stunning car with the strong old English leather smell – or as the wife says “Old man smell.” We have owned this car for 15 years and was the start of a Jag passion.



No 1 - 1974 XJ6



No 2 - V12 XJS

Then I purchased the next Jaguar when we were racing minis. Went to a race meeting in Australia and heard the sound of a race prepared V12 Jaguar. So on return managed to source No.2 - a race car that had seen better days. But it had a quite a bit of local racing history with Doug Allan the ex-chevy Camaro racer from the early 70's as owner and driver. The car was fully

restored to racing ready but it wasn't such a great first outing. The green monster caught fire with a broken injector rail, so back to the drawing board. Once it was rebuilt, and I have been racing the car from 2009 it was very well behaved until it was knocked off the track in Invercargill - then a massive rebuild project to get it back to the form it is today. Ready to mix it with the rest of the Historic Racing Cars at the Supercar Meeting in Pukekohe.

Always liked the XJ 40 shape and still think it is the best ever made. I came across this car No. 3 - 1991 XJ40 Sport which had been imported from Singapore. It had been in the country for some time before we purchased it.



No 3 - 1991 XJ 40

We have travelled all round the north island in two separate trips and around the South Island on regular Classic Car runs. Such a stunning car in British racing green.

Had the need / want to have a matching XJS road car to compliment the race car – so when I found the blue Coupe in Nelson it was a quick trip up from Christchurch to bring it back to the shed. Unfortunately, the V12 front crank shaft pulley fell off on the way home so only made it to Murchison. The rest of the trip home

had to be done in a trailer No.4 - 1982 Blue XJS Coupe still in original condition except for slightly lower stance and has had Simmons wheels / old rims from the race car which were tidied up a bit and sets it off just nicely.



No 4 - 1982
XJS

Then to add to collection felt what more should there be but a convertible No 5 - 1990 NZ new XJS Convertible- the stunning maroon body colour and cream upholstery was eye catching and in great original condition.



No 5 - 1990 XJS Convertible

Makes a great Sunday drive in fine weather with the top down.

And one memorable Jag No.6, that is no longer in the collection. We were lucky enough to be the custodians of the Allan Prince / Mike Horigan built group A touring car. This stunning car raced in the "Streets of Wellington" race. It was raced between 1982 to 1987.

This car was rebuilt by Angus Fogg Garage to a meticulous level. Angus asked my wife "Who would want to own 4 jags?" to which the reply was "Not my husband, he has 6." The time came to move on this work of art. We had interest

registered through Angus from Roland Dane – the owner of Triple 8 racing Australia. So after a few calls and emails Dane is now the new custodian of the White Racing XJS Jag. It has been welcomed in the historic race group in Australia.

So, we achieved the XJS triple - The race car, the coupe and the convertible.



No 6 - XJS

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