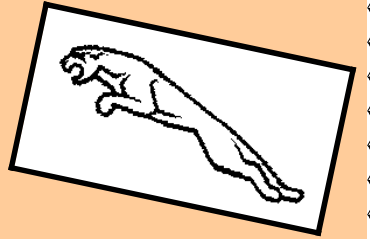


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## Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All

As we near the end of the fifth year of this century during which the J.A.G celebrated the 50th Anniversary of its founding in 1955, it may be mindful to remember that not only does our club continue to exist, but so too does the car that occasioned its creation, which continues to be manufactured and is still available, thanks to the Ford Motor Company.

Recent financial announcements by the GM Corporation have resulted in forecasts that in January, the Ford Company will announce similar dramatic reductions in its size and manufacturing capability. There has been no indication as to the future of Jaguar but surely all members of the J.A.G must be concerned that the cars we love and enjoy driving won't be placed on the chopping block.

But until we learn exactly what Ford will do to cut its financial losses we have the month ahead of us when almost universally, various holidays are celebrated. On December 10th we, too, will gather for our annual Holiday Celebration at the Los Gatos Lodge in Los Gatos. It will be our last social gathering of the year and it is hoped that many members will attend to enjoy the repast and seasonal opportunity that Deborah and Len Stevens have arranged for our pleasure.

Full details of the event are printed inside on Page 3. It is a depar-

ture from our usual end of year celebration but may be appreciated and attended by those members who, like this author, no longer enjoy driving home in darkness knowing that the occupants in the approaching car with the dazzling undimmed bright lights, probably have been out celebrating and maybe imbibed too freely of the spirit of the occasion.

Certainly the menu that Deborah has laid on for the event is also different in that for the first time that yours truly can recall, it contains a vegetarian dish. Personally I would not choose it but it must be stated that when I think about the daily slaughter of animals world wide to provide us meat to eat, I do feel a bit guilty tucking into a nice juicy steak.

Anyway during the event, hopefully Alex Kennett will be able to attend sufficiently recovered from his recent back surgery, in order to introduce the members of the 2006 Board of Directors and outline something of our plans for the year ahead. Certainly in January we will meet at a new venue at the Cliff house in San Francisco. That will be followed in February with that ever popular give-away event staged by Rose and Roy Swearingen at Trader Vics. See inside for more information about those two events and the Xmas Party.

*Pat Shasby, Publisher*

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