WHOM: JAGUAR ASSOCIATES;  
HOSTS: ROY AND ROSE SWEARINGEN.  
WHAT: VALENTINE’S PARTY  
WHERE: EMERYVILLE TRADER VIC’S.  
WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2006.

Another Valentines usual “ho-hum” dinner at Trader Vic’s.  
Those who were unable to attend didn’t miss anything except the  
very tasty appetizers, a marvelous salad, gourmet dinner done to  
perfection with complimentary wine and a delicious dessert, and  
a gift bag stuffed with goodies, potted live flowers, and “the every- 
one wins” raffle.

Speaking of which, our club is indebted to the following list of  
annual sponsors who make this the event that no one wants to  
miss. Please support these business enterprises as it is they who  
make this event a success each year.

WHY: 2006 Jaguar Club Valentines event sponsors.

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To all our sponsors, let me say the Jaguar Associates Group members greatly appreciate your contribution to this event each year.

Roy’s and Rose’s 9th Valentine Celebration  
By Dick France

The weather may have been just a little less “California-like” than what we  
let our back-east friends believe, but believe me once you arrived at Roy and  
Rose’s annual Valentine Party on the night of February 18th everything was  
Rose – that’s an awful pun but it just fell together.

Down to serious activities—and this party was a serious one. Everybody  
seemed completely in the mood for a good time and all the ingredients came to- 
gether. Except maybe the bartenderess who was willing but unskilled in the field  
of all the various mixed drinks being ordered. But JAG people are used to small  
impediments on the road to success (a complete road trip without a car prob- 
lem), so nobody went thirsty.

The turnout massed out as it always does and for good reason. If this keeps up  
we will be making our reservations for next year’s party as we leave the prior  
year’s party. The conversation was lively during the 6:30 to 7:30 cocktail hours –  
in fact it started well before the 6:30 figure.

Roy’s assistant, Dennis DeDora, used all this time to an advantage in the  
selling of $3 raffle tickets – a different twist in that each person was only  
allowed to purchase one raffle ticket. All a part of Roy’s wonderful scheme where every  
raffle ticket is pulled and everybody goes home with some substantial raffle  
prize. To make the evening even more attractive there were small folding fans  
for each lady and at the end of the evening, each lady was presented with a potted  
flower and each couple went home with a goody bag that had a bottle of  
“Ledgewood Creek” 2004 Muscat, a couple of small “Makers Mark” Bourbons,  
a Jaguar money or tie clip, playing cards from Harrah’s, plus several other neat  
little items.

About starting time the tasteful appetizers appeared. Don’t know exactly  
what they were, but they were good! The dinner menu was as advertised—and  
very tasty. The salad with its Javanese dressing hit the spot. This was followed  
by either “Pork Chop Hawaiian” or “Barbecued Chicken Breast with light ginger  
sauce”. Norma had the chicken and I had the pork and both were juicy, tender  
and excellent—which is always a pleasant surprise at a banquet meal. But the  
dessert is something else—good that is—“Rum Ice Cream with Praline Sauce.”

Adding the appropriate touch to a wonderful evening meal was the complimen- 
tary wine at each table. Another nice touch: I felt welcome to stay as long as I  
liked.

The ten per table seating gave nice conversation groups. Included at our  
table was the JAG club president John and Fran but the person I really had to  
admire was Ken Dombroski who had just arrived back from a 20 hour flight from  
Italy - and he stayed awake the entire evening. Speaking of distances trav- 
elled it was great to see the couple that drove all the way from Modesto for the  
party—welcome again Howard and Terri Bell.

Interesting also was a first mutual meeting at the door of two new couples,  
Ron and Sharon Kern & Richard and Candice Dixon, who then sat at the same  
table for a most compatible evening. Having the Steins, the Manthas and the  
Andersons at that table, one could not go wrong. C.B. was even more gracious  
than planned when “just for the hell of it” he and Sharon swapped raffle tickets—  
and when the raffle started Sharon got first pick of all the beautiful raffle prizes.

In addition to the foregoing, we were most fortunate in having in atten- 
dance another two couples, both of whom have belonged to the club for about a  
year. It was great to welcome Gus and Linda Jansons and also John Miller and  
Norma Reiman.

Kris and Cheryl Carey also added to the fun with four guests. One couple  
were English, Paul and Leslie Cowley, who are appreciative of British cars, be- 
ing in the process of restoring a Daimler Sports Car. The other welcome couple  
were Paul and Vicki Sweet. Paul has three Model “T’s while Vicki lays claim to  
a recently acquired XK8. We hope to see lots more of them in the future.

All in all it was another outstanding Valentine Party – courtesy of Roy and Rose  
Sweeringen. Many thanks to you both!