

## Jag Members place First In April Fool's Rallye

By Nikola Farats

"Fools walk in where angels fear to tread." The only fools at the April Fool's Rallye were the ones who didn't show up. It was a new and very exciting experience for me.

It should not be surprising that the rallye went on so flawlessly when you consider that the last 42 rallyes have been put on by Bob The Beard. There were close to 60 entries with three cars from our Jag club; Marty Stein & Nikola in Marty's XK 120 drop head, Dudley and Kathryn Smolen in a Series I E type OTS with original black painted wheels, covered headlamps, 4.2 engine with three Stromberg carburetors and Bill & Marilyn McNichoas in their 2005 S-TYPE. Marty's 120 was original except for the radial tyres instead of the original "skinnies."

This was Marty's and my first rallye. We had an orientation, but they covered so many points that it become meaningless. Nevertheless we got off to a good beginning and started to accumulate points. One has the choice of indicating ABC as an answer.

We figured out how to score A and B but not C. I told Marty that we should ask someone what C means. Unfortunately Marty, like most men, could not admit to those three words that humiliate most men; "I don't know."

C, incidentally, means that both A and B are correct then you mark C. So we did the whole rallye without once

marking C. This means we gave up seventy points out of 400. But guess what? We not only won our class, first timers, but would have won the next two higher classes as well. Unfortunately the Smolens in their E type and the Mc Nicholas in their S-TYPE didn't fare as well; they both came in last in their respective classes.

The rallye took place in residential and country settings. We had 3.45 hours to complete the rallye but most finished it in less than three. The prize list was quite deep. We won a two inch pencil sharpener disguised as an antique car. Now I'm debating whether to turn my spare room into a trophy room.

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Nicholas Farats with driver  
Michael Stein*

*Dudley & Kathryn Smolen  
crossing the finish line in  
their beautiful 1965 SI XKE  
Roadster (below)*



*Marty Stein & Nick Farats take First Place in Class in Marty's 1954 XK 120 DHC (left)  
Non-JAG member's Beautiful XJS Convertible (right)*

