

RED WINES, REDWOODS AND DREAMS COME TRUE

Hosts Steve and Kathleen Martin

Twenty-one affable members and guests drove eleven gorgeous Jaguars on a beautiful September morning (the 26th) the entire length of California Highway 9. That would be C.B. Anderson and Josie Garrett, Kris Carey and June Valentine, the Edwards, Dave Ferguson, Richard Halk and his daughter Sharon Piwko, the Manthas, the Martins, the Nuijens, the Smiths, the Steins and the Swearingens.

We started at the historic Testarossa Winery high above downtown Los Gatos (formerly the Jesuit Novitiate House) with a tasting of five of their red and white wines, in an impressive redwood-beamed welcoming room. Then we barreled down the hill and attacked the starting point of Highway 9 in Los Gatos.

The road leads north to Saratoga, then turns northwest and skirts the north side of Castle Rock State Park. A stop

for the modest facilities at the Overlook near Saratoga Gap (el. 2634 ft.) afforded the release of some crankcase oil before we descended into the redwood forests of San Lorenzo Park, Riverside Grove and Redwood Grove. The serpentine road eventually brought us to Boulder Creek and Felton, where the pufferbellies of the Roaring Camp Railroad still transport wide-eyed youngsters and oldsters in open railcars over wooden trestles and through the redwoods.

Our caravan then trekked down Highway 1 to Soquel, and clambered up the hill to our picnic lunch at the Hunter Hill Winery. Noting the heat of the afternoon sun, our hostess Christine Slatter had thoughtfully set up awnings over our picnic tables. Charter member Luella Berry from nearby Scotts Valley came down to join us for the picnic. As a surprise, George Badger, the keeper of the JAG website, drove up

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