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on his motorcycle in full costume and greeted us (George and Barbara Beerstein also joined us that evening for dinner).

Following our picnic we proceeded back up Highway 1 into Santa Cruz, to the spectacular Dream Inn, newly renovated by the boutique hotel chain Joie de Vivre. The hotel had thoughtfully set aside a special parking area in front, where our eleven Jags could preen side by side.

After checking into their rooms the group changed clothes and gathered in Steve and Kathleen's spacious suite to enjoy beer, wine, soft drinks, crackers and cheese and lots of chatter. A short walk led us to our private dining room in the new Aquarius Restaurant, with panoramic views of Santa Cruz's wide beach and its municipal wharf. The delicious apple and gorgonzola salads were followed by a choice of New York steak, Colorado lamb or fresh-caught California white bass, washed down with wines, some brought from Hunter Hill. Pumpkin pie for dessert was just the right ending for a scrumptious meal, as the sun set on Monterey Bay. Hats off to the Santa Cruz Dream Inn!

Sunday morning most of the group made it down to breakfast in Aquarius' beachfront dining room. Ten of us eventually gathered at one long table, and the wait staff could not have been more accommodating as we moved about, changed orders, asked for separate checks, etc. No one seemed too hung over—maybe that was the coffee in the room beforehand.

An innovation the Martins hope will be repeated in forthcoming driving tours was a list in each driver's packet of the name, cell-phone number and Jaguar car type and color of each of the participants. That data can be collected in the reservation form. Also in the packet, of course, were maps, driving instructions and approximate times and mileages. Proof of the pudding—no one got lost! So who needs GPS? Just select an accomplished navigator to sit alongside and bark instructions!

Steve Martin

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*Richard Halk and his daughter Sharon Piwko
and Roy & Rose Swearingen*



*Host and Hostess Steve & Kathleen Martin at Santa Cruz with
their beautiful 2000 XK8*