

Western States Meet Next Month – April 26 -- 30

The Western States Meet is almost upon us. The registration fee will increase from \$350 to \$375 per person on March 15th. Do you remember back when federal income taxes we due on the Ides of March? That should help you keep that date in mind. If you are on the fence about registering because of some question mark in your life, it is better to sign up and then request a full refund up until April 12th. At that point we have to back up some catering guarantees with cold cash, but you can still get a partial refund for everything other than guarantees we can't wiggle out of. The registration form can be found on the website: www.jagswestmeet.com. For fees for partial attendance, email Judy Graven at lsgjag@earthlink.net.

Another factor: rooms at the Santa Maria Inn are disappearing fast, so reserve now (1-800-462-4276) and mention "Jaguar Western States." Once those rooms are gone, additional rooms will be made available at the Radisson, not far from the Santa Maria Inn, at the same rate as the Inn. But you won't be in the thick of the action.

There are some new extras not covered in our brochure. We have added an optional tour for Thursday, in fact several tours of different lengths designed to take you through the beautiful country south of Santa Maria. You can sign up for the tour of your choice at the registration table on Monday. Your choice will probably depend on how long you plan to participate in the slalom or be a spectator. As you know, the rally and optional tour on Wednesday will head north towards Hearst Castle.

The CJA (Classic Jaguar Association) has planned its 42nd Spring Meet to dovetail with Western States 2010. Their tour will be April 23rd and 24th at the Inn at Morro Bay, so that their attendees can transition to the Western States Meet Sunday, the 25th, or Monday. From 5:00 to 7:00pm on Friday, a cocktail reception will be held in Don & Ann Becker's room. Saturday will open with a 7:30 am breakfast at the embarcadero, then a 9:00am tour up the coast for lunch at Ragged Point (\$20 inclusive). Dinner will be a Santa Maria buffet at the Inn at Morro Bay (\$42.50 inclusive). Contact Don Becker at ayedoc@att.net for a reservation form. Hotel reservations can be made at the Inn at Morro Bay by calling (800) 321-9566 and mentioning "Classic Jaguar Association."

For anyone who plans to be in the area Sunday evening, April 25th, Cam and Charlene Lindberg of the Santa Barbara Jaguar Club have offered to host a cocktail party at their home in Lompoc, a half hour drive from Santa Maria. The Santa Barbara club is not affiliated with JCNA because, as they explain, they are mainly a wine and cheese club. This is a splendid opportunity to join them for their specialty.

The party won't be over with the farewell breakfast on Friday, April 30. Jaguar Ventura has invited everyone to stop by for lunchtime refreshments. They will have at least one brand new XJ in Santa Maria for everyone to try. Conclusion: never a dull moment.