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**Cover images;
Scenes from the River Haven Father’s Day event 3rd September 2023**

President's Page

Well, another year is ending with only three events to go before Christmas. Talking of Christmas, it's a pity NZTA don't try to slow the speed of the years down and leave the road speeds alone!!! Over the last few months, we have had some interesting events with changes to a couple, as the proposed events were called off. We had a good gathering at North Eatery, as this took the place of the Pic's Peanut Butter visit. A nice relaxing lunch was enjoyed by the members.

Our proposed trip to Picton had to be cancelled because of the heavy rain that swept through the top of the South with predicted flooding in the Marlborough region.

One of the best events was out at River Haven where we displayed the cars in this beautiful setting, we were made welcome by Noel Edmonds and his staff. I introduced Noel to the members and presented him with a copy of Jaguars in New Zealand. Noel was very pleased to be given this book and told me that he would treasure it. The food that we had at lunch was amazing with plenty for everyone. With the newly opened bar several members of the public had a great chance to look around our nicely presented cars.

This brings us to the annual Lake Run held at Lake Rotoiti, as the days leading up to this event were looking more like rain, but, as I had the meat etc and the Mitre 10 BBQ trailer booked, we had to carry on. This turned out to be the right decision as the BBQ had great cover for the cooks, and our gazebos and tables held the fabulous range of salads out of the rain. What also was a huge benefit was the DOC Day Hut which held our members, so everyone had a chance to talk and be with other like-minded members. A few of the Marlborough Club members also joined us which made the day worthwhile. A couple of members pulled out of coming as this is a National Park and dogs are not permitted, like wise with Rabbit Island. In the past we have had members bring dogs to both these places, which could jeopardise our use.

This year brings 70 years since Jaguar won its first Le Mans 24 hours with its C- Type model. Fast forward to now and Jaguar are about to end the sports car line up. This is a great shame as the sports cars over the years have helped sell the saloons.

The old adage "**win on Sunday sell on Monday**" still rings true.

Our trial of a mid-week event, I believe, went well with 20 members enjoying a relaxed lunch at the Cable Bay Adventure Park Café. We will look forward to including this amongst next year's events.

I have had several reports that this is my club and I make the rules. This is so far from the truth that it is almost laughable. We have a very tight committee which is totally committed to the members. We have very open committee meetings, and huge effort goes into the running of this club so that all can benefit. As a point, we were asked by the members at the AGM to reduce our bank account and we have done exactly that this year by subsidizing meals at several events. In fact, by the time the Christmas Dinner comes around we will have given back to the members who have attended, and will be attending, a sum of \$109 .00. This is not too bad for a \$50.00 sub, and does not include the benefits given back to our members from the many firms which support your club.

Another point that was raised at the last committee meeting was the lack of return emails from some members when asked if they are coming to an event where numbers must be given for catering purposes. Are our emails not getting through?, being lost in your Junk folder, or are they just read, put on the back burner then forgotten. We only can do our best with this form of communication, so a simple reply with a yes or no would be helpful. From now on the policy will be that if we don't hear back, it will be deemed that you are not attending. There are only a few who do not respond so please don't take it to heart if you do reply.

The Distinguished Gentleman's Drive was held in September to raise funds for men's health. This is a worldwide event for pre-1980 cars, Graeme King entered with his E-type, but unfortunately his car suffered a minor fault so had to pullout. I entered in my XJ-S. We had John Harry in his Lotus and Ash Wells in his Mini. All in all, it was an awesome day touring the back roads of Nelson and Tasman. The theme for this event was to dress Dapper, and in all we raised around \$6000.00 with 27 cars entered. In comparison Auckland had 73 cars enter and raised just under this amount. So, heads up to Nelson. Planning is underway for next year, which hopefully will see more entries. We all know of some-one who has, or will, get prostate cancer.

Happy motoring to you all and, as it is nearly Christmas, I extend my best wishes for the season and the coming New Year.

John Eales



Upcoming Club Events 2023/24

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| 19th November | Buller Swingbridge
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| 2nd December | Christmas Dinner @ Harvest
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| 3rd December | Christmas Picnic @ Spring Grove
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| 7th January 2024 | Jags in the Park @ Broadgreen
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| 18th February 2024 | Rabbit Island Picnic
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| 17th March 2024 | Onamalutu Picnic/Treasure Hunt
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| 28th—31st March 2024 | 15th National Rally @ Christchurch
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| 21st April 2024 | Croquet @ Riwaka
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| 26th May 2024 | AGM & Lunch @ Alpine Lodge , Rotoiti
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John Eales, 021450591 |
| 23rd June 2024 | Club Run, To be advised |
| 21st July 2024 | Club Run TBA |
| 18th August 2024 | Club Run TBA |
| 1st September 2024 | Father's Day @ River Haven |

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Please note that this list is only a general overview, especially in these rapidly changing times, so please keep an eye on your emails as more detailed information will be sent out closer to each event. Members participate in events at their own risk.

New Members

A very warm welcome to the following new members

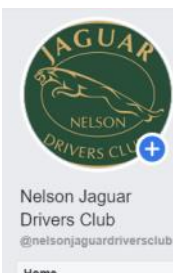
Dylan & Wendy Hedges
Curt Nielson

1977 Jaguar XJS V12 Coupe
1997 Jaguar XK8 Convertible

Abandoned somewhere in England. The field of broken dreams perhaps?



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Thankyou letter from the Cancer Society



27/09/2023

John Eales
Nelson Jaguar Drivers Club

Email: john.eales98@gmail.com

Dear John

We would like to sincerely thank Nelson Jaguar Drivers Club for your support of the Cancer Society Nelson Tasman Daffodil Day in 2023. Please find below our official receipt (0819305).

The Cancer Society is most grateful for donations such as yours. It enables us to support those in the Nelson Tasman community who have been affected by cancer and to provide education about risk reduction and early detection, it allows us to provide vital services such as support groups, counselling, grocery and petrol vouchers, rehabilitation gym, and yoga programmes.

It is heartening to know that our small team supports around 500 individuals and families in the Nelson Tasman region with cancer every year. By supporting us, you are helping us to continue doing our best to support those who are affected by cancer. Please accept our gratitude for your support.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Neas
Chair

RECEIPT

(retain for tax rebate purposes)

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Cancer Society of New Zealand Nelson Centre of Wellington Division Incorporated (Cancer Society Nelson) received with thanks

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Donation	\$265.00
Total	\$265.00

Signed by a duly authorised person of
Cancer Society Nelson

27/09/2023



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Thanks to all members who contributed to this cause.

Editor's Page

As pointed out by our President, John Eales, in his report on pages 4 & 5 of this issue, all members of the committee work hard to find ways to benefit members of the Nelson Jaguar Drivers Club. In this issue I am pleased to introduce two additional businesses to you.

On pages 10 & 11 please meet **DS Auto Ltd** who offer a wide range of servicing and sales options. Then, on pages 16 to 21, the **Daimler, Jaguar, & Lanchester Owners in New Zealand Parts Club**. Both of these businesses can help you keep your car in fine fettle. Becoming a member of the parts club is a particularly useful thing to consider. Many of our Nelson JDC members, including myself, have done this and can report great service and good value.

Also, following John's remarks regarding a lack of response to emailed club messages, I have found this year that many of my requests for Calendar orders went unanswered. Consequently, I have printed only enough for the orders received, meaning that if you did not order then you have missed out. As is usual I took orders in person from those who attended the Lake Run leaving email contact as the option for the remaining members. Of the order request messages sent out on the 21st September there were 26 who did not reply before the deadline given. All of this takes a lot of my time and effort I and am most disappointed.

The 15th National Jaguar Rally is drawing closer and it will be a great opportunity to meet fellow enthusiasts. With it being held in Christchurch the travel cost is reduced so I urge those of you who have not yet entered to do so whilst there is still time. I understand there is still room for more.

Please have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year break and I look forward to seeing you at an event in 2024.

John Miller

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Something of a contrast on this page with the final petrol model pictured above and 32 I-Pace at the new charging facility below. Our future?????



JAGUAR SUPPORTS OPENING OF ONE OF EUROPE'S LARGEST EV CHARGING HUBS.

7 SEPTEMBER 2023



Opened by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, The Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, the hub located at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC) in Birmingham, will contain 180 charging points that consist of 16 rapid 300kW DC chargers serving 30 bays and 150 7kW AC charging points. The facility is powered by renewable energy sources including a solar panel canopy.

During August, a fleet of 32 Jaguar I-PACEs were simultaneously used at the facility to test the infrastructure in terms of power distribution, rapid charging and vehicle connection. See picture on page 12.

“At Jaguar we are moving closer to becoming an all-electric car company and a leader in the provision of client centred solutions that enable convenient and fast charging. We are therefore pleased to work with The EV Network on a project that will significantly improve electric vehicle public charging availability at the heart of the Midlands motorway network and close to several of our facilities.”

RAWDON GLOVER
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Preserved for all time?



Celebration: As Jaguar prepares for an all-electric car future, the distinctive notes of the Jaguar F-TYPE V8 have been recorded for future generations to appreciate

Future proofing: Preserving F-TYPE’s unmistakable noise will be submitted to the archives alongside other culturally significant entries such as the first street recordings of cars, ensuring it will be available for people to enjoy for generations to come

Supercharged sound: Jaguar engineers chose the most immersive possible playback experience of the F-TYPE R 75’s 575PS 5.0-litre V8 as a fitting example

Source material: The recordings were created in Jaguar’s purpose-built sound chamber at the Gaydon Engineering Centre – the same place that F-TYPE’s exhaust note was originally developed

On the record: The recordings will be catalogued in the British Library archives from Autumn 2023 listen to it now below (headphones recommended).

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Currently the club has some 680 members from around the world including Australia, France, and USA, and is run by a committee/board of 6 members. Our prime reason for existing is as I was told when I joined, ***“to keep our classic cars on the road.”***

The “Club” based in Christchurch, is a subscription only club, providing parts to club members, with a wide range available ex stock for Daimler/Jaguar motor vehicles from MK1 Jaguar, XK120 through to the modern Jaguars & Daimlers. Both new and secondhand parts are in stock. We have parts for most models through to 2012 including XK8/XK. A large part of the stock on hand is New Old Stock (NOS). We have approximately 40,000 individual line items of stock on hand for the above vehicles.

The club is run by a group of volunteers with two full time staff and business hours for parts orders & information are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8.30 am to 2.30pm. Most orders are from stock on hand, and are sent via courier, with the larger items by truck. **Orders are placed by members via phone 03 323 9048, 027 239 8844, or E-mail, at, parts@daimjag.nz Visits to our site can be made by appointment.**

Parts levels are maintained with regular sea freight stock orders from the UK. We also import one-off orders of those hard to get or unusual parts for members. For example, we imported an upgraded brake kit for a MK2 in one of our stock orders, which included ventilated discs & 4 pot calipers ready to bolt on to the car. We currently have a bespoke stainless steel exhaust on order for an E Type Jaguar. Urgent orders are also made via Airfreight/ courier, which take anything from 6 to 10 days to arrive from when we place our order in the UK. To maintain our stock levels, we have just purchased a large selection of new and second parts from a business in the lower South Island.

History of the 1964 Daimler Ute, Registration V8 UTE

owned by the

Daimler Jaguar & Lanchester Owners in NZ Spare Parts Club Inc.

Not a standard but still a Classic, this one will surely have the houndstooth Jacket and driving glove set brigade spluttering into their tea cups. It may send some purists into a rage, but this Daimler must be the classiest utility truck around.

(Not my words but those of the late Gordon Somerville from the original blurb about this vehicle written some time in the 90's. Gordon Somerville was the founder of the Parts Club).

The Ute was modified from a 1964 Daimler Saloon by George Barnes of Levin 1986, who is still alive and well and living in Levin. George was a very talented body builder, who wasn't content with the traditional NZ back yard method of coach building, which can be seen in the classical flowing lines from the front of the vehicle through the side and continue down to the rear of the vehicle. The flowing lines and classic shape make the conversion of this Daimler into a very pretty classical vehicle, and as one classic car enthusiast put it, the factory couldn't have done a better job.

George knew of the Daimler from new as it was originally owned by his neighbour who was a farmer and who, when it was too rusty, parked it up and left it under a tree until it was purchased by George. If the Daimler hadn't been converted into a Ute it probably would have been lost as it was in a sorry state when George started work on it. This was in the eighties and he decided that he needed a Utility vehicle for his own use. It took George 5 years to build the Ute in his spare time making the side, rear panels and tailgate for it.

George originally built the Ute for his own use, using it for 12 years with a trailer for a weekend paper round that he had. During this time the Ute had a few minor changes and from photos also had some registration number changes. The original registration number was CL2015, then MM592, and now V8UTE, (this from photos as supplied by George).



The original state of the vehicle is shown above

The final results below.



The picture on the left, taken in 2012 is prior to restoration.

Note the lip spoiler under the bumper.

People may not know, but George converted a number of other vehicles into Utes during the eighties and into the nineties, these being Cortinas, Vauxhalls, and a Hillman Hunter to name but a few, and some of these conversions are still on the road today.

The Ute was purchased by the club in 1990 after it was spotted for sale in a car sales yard in Levin by a club member who reported that it was for sale to Gordon Somerville, who promptly went to Levin and purchased it. On Purchase the Club decided that as it was such a unique vehicle it should be preserved and used for Classic Club events shows and rallies.

After being purchased by the club the Ute underwent a couple of minor restorations in order to maintain it and to keep it roadworthy.

The most recent Restoration on the Ute has been the largest by far taking approximately 7 years to complete. It all started as a result of a small accident causing damage to the RH rear. It was taken to a small restoration business called **The Tin Rabbit**, originally in Rangiora, but now located in Kaiapoi. While it was in the shop for accident damage repairs they were asked to repair a little bit of rust damage at the back of the cab. Well, we all know that there is never a little bit of rust to remove and repair. What started out as small repair turned out to be a major complete nut and bolt restoration taking 7 years to complete, 5 years in the body shop and 2 years to put it back together.

When reviewing what has been done it is probably easier to say what hasn't been repaired or renewed and that is the rear of the deck section of the Ute. The complete front was removed, including the heater scuttle, and repaired. Both chassis rails were renewed as were the floor pans in the cabin area. Everything done during the rebuild was completed to an extremely high standard to future proof it and ensure that it will be around for future generations to enjoy. As a number of body parts were unavailable plus along with the flared front guards, a number of standard parts that also weren't available needed to be fabricated, the quality of these parts is a testament to skills of the fabricator at The Tin Rabbit.

On completion in the body shop it was then painted by **The Tin Rabbit** in Old English white. The quality of this painted job is simply outstanding. The tail lamps were changed to better suit the profile of the vehicle, with MK10 Jaguar tail lights being used. Interior Upholstery was completed by **Custom and Classic Upholstery** in Halswell.

While the body was under restoration the engine was given a freshen up by **John Finlay Motors** with a pair of locally made set of prototype cylinder heads being fitted to the engine along with a slightly modified cam shaft to improve breathing. The remanufacture of the cylinder heads, a project started some 10 years ago by the by the club, finally coming to fruition with the fitting of two cylinder heads. This project has taken a considerable amount of time, money and frustration. To date, while we cast 10 cylinder heads we have made 4 good usable heads, the current heads on the Ute head being numbers 3 & 4. The previous heads on the Ute, while usable, were not ideal. The casting process and port shapes have been changed on the current heads.

Since fitting these heads the engine has to date completed 2500 trouble free miles. Another set of cylinder heads are currently being cast in Dunedin, which should be ready for matching in early June.

The restoration of the Ute was finished on a Tuesday with the installation of the West Coast beach deck timbers, then heading off on the following Saturday in it for a North Island trip.

As a result, we were a bit apprehensive as we headed off to catch the Ferry at Picton. The trip to Picton was uneventful with the Ute running well, without any problems. As mentioned in a previous article the Ute covered 1750 trouble free miles on its first trip.

The picture below, taken in March 2019, shows the completed vehicle after the restoration.



Peter Jenkins

Joining the Parts Club

The membership fee for the club is \$45.00, plus a \$10.00 joining fee, then \$45.00 annually. We waive the \$10.00 joining fee to members of the Jaguar Drivers Club. Subscription fees are due on the 1st of March annually.

Application forms can be found on our website www.daimjag.nz or by phoning **03 323 9048** or emailing us at parts@daimjag.nz to request a membership application form.

Events Round-up

North Eatery /Heaphy Wines
Sunday 30th July 2023

A great turnout of members and Jaguars on a beautiful winter's day.



Around 50 members enjoyed the sunshine, wine and pizzas supplied by the hosts Jodi & Rob at North Eatery who managed to cope with our requirements really well.

Great to see old and new members attending this event .

Bob Jamieson





Father's Day Display & Lunch at River Haven Ngātīmoti Sunday 3rd September 2023



The committee had been trying for some time to find a suitable date to visit Noel Edmonds and his team at River Haven. They are all car enthusiasts and a great bunch of people to share time with. Formerly Dunbar Estate, the transformed venue has become popular with both visiting and local car groups. It turned out that September 3rd, Father's Day, was our only option and what a wonderful day out it was. The theme for the day was to dress to the year of your car and some members were so well turned out that recognition took a while.

Prizes had been arranged for 3 categories;

Best 2 door won by Peter Ainsworth with his 1963 E-Type

Best 4 door won by Max Grey with his 1960 3.8 Mk2.

Best dress-up won by John Miller with his farmer come to town theme.

The buffet lunch hit the spot and wandering around afterwards I even managed to meet a wood pigeon or two feasting near the statue on the hill.

There are many quirky touches on the property and the "Bugger Inn" title for the bar made many of us smile.



Prize presentations



Max Grey



Peter Ainsworth



John Miller & Jill Crossland





President Eales presented Noel with a copy of the book, Classic Jaguars in New Zealand. Later in the day John was presented with membership number 001 of the River Haven Club.







It was all good fun and I hope the new members present enjoyed their day. We have put it on the calendar for 2024. **John M**

Lake Run & BBQ Sunday 17th September 2023



As the picture of Lake Rotoiti shows it was a bit wet. Grey and gloomy would be the lasting impression of the weather but the enthusiastic group of members who attended were anything but. We all made the best of it. In recent years we have been very lucky with good dry conditions and no rain or snow. This time must have been some kind of test but our membership passed with flying colours...nothing stops them! Having the club gazebos to provide additional shelter certainly helped and the DOC shelter was well used...a great facility for the area. We are grateful to Mitre 10 Mega Nelson for loaning their BBQ trailer...it made the cook's jobs a little easier, particularly after a small gas malfunction was sorted out. As has become the norm, the range of salads was great with minimal duplication. It was good to catch up with some of the Marlborough members. There were some interesting styles of rainwear on display from the "full sou'wester" all enveloping style to simple umbrellas. Things cleared a bit for the trip home.

The XF managed to swallow another front mudflap somewhere along the way...it seems that the semi rigid plastic they are made of and our potholed roads had a bit to do with it. The front of these cars is relatively low and when it comes down on the suspension the bottom edge of the flap sometimes contacts the road and with so little flex in the flap, it splits. This time, the pieces vanished into the weeds. A new one is now fitted. It was still a good day out.

JM







Happy Valley lunch Wednesday 18th October 2023

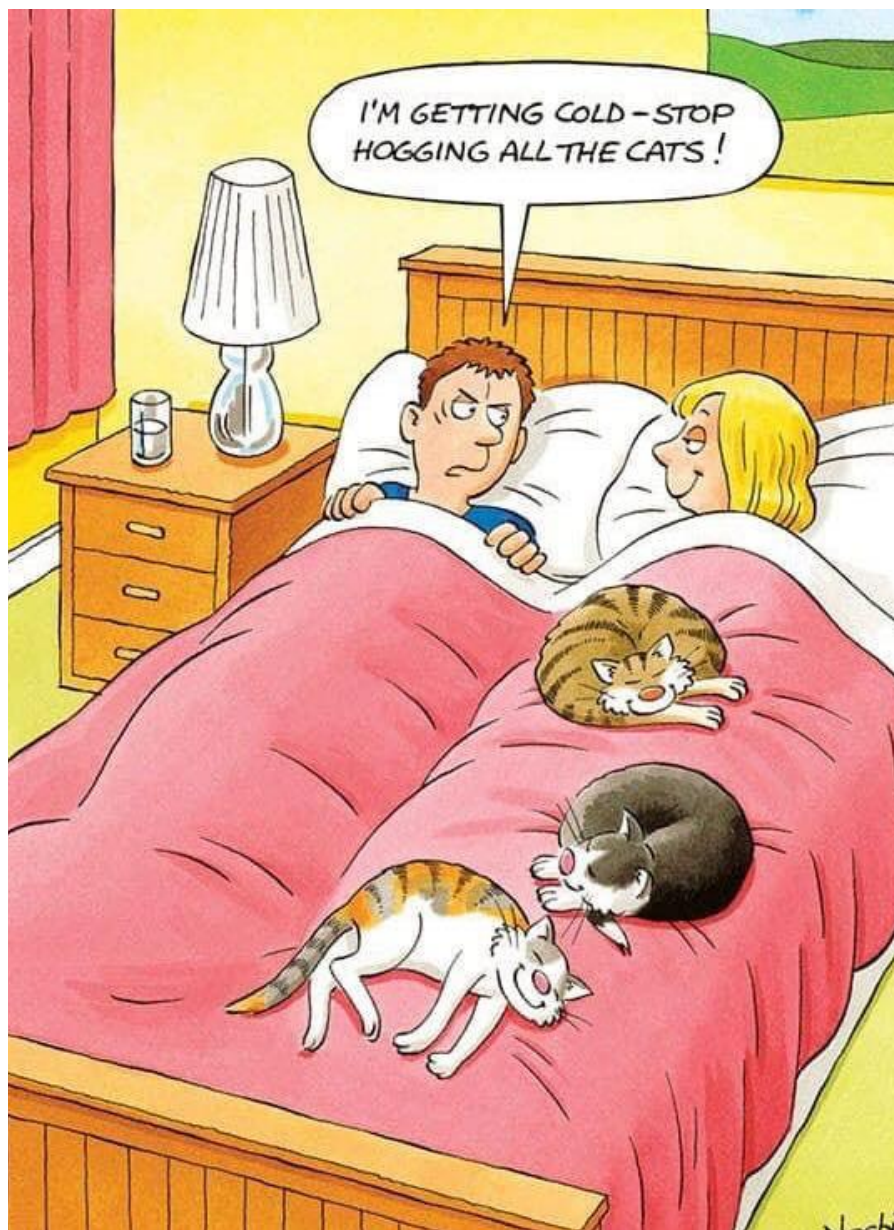


A nice sunny day and a happy bunch of people! Having a mid-week event was an experiment and the Happy Valley Café provided a very relaxing environment for the 20 people, and 11 cars, attending. It was good to meet and chat with new members and have a much needed



catch-up with some we have not seen for a while due to travel and home renovation commitments. The turnout was not as great as the committee had hoped for but the format will be tried again. The venue is the base for the adventure park so there are plenty of activities to choose from. We look forward to next time. **JM**

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