

The Mk X - Forgotten Jaguar



Robert Mayer is a MkX owner who has a passion for these much maligned limousines.

Much maligned, the Mk X is Roberts favourite car and a very underrated model still today.

I found my Mk X by chance at the end of 1996 in Muri, Aargau, Switzerland, then it had been standing for some time and was obviously not in the best of condition. It is my fourth Jaguar, the first was an XJ6, new in 1985 and the second an XJ40 in 1995 and then this year I imported a Mk IX from Australia. The Mk X, however, is a very

special car for me as it represents one of the last traditional Jaguars and it is such a shame that it is so often over-looked by many enthusiasts'.

I had the Mk X restored in the UK by Southward Garage in Retford, the work took from November 1999 to February 2000. The car then had to go through the stringent German TUV, equivalent to the UKs MoT test, which it duly passed in

Karlsruhe and I have been lucky enough to find someone close to me who can service and maintain the car to the standard I require.

We made the trip to Harewood for the Club's National Northern Rally this year and thoroughly enjoyed it although subdued on the 40th anniversary of the model. The E-type has stolen the limelight this year as it did in 1961 when it was launched a few months

earlier to the Mk X, but this large Jaguar saloon will one prove to be one of the finest they have ever made.

We travelled 1,300km in our two ton, 38-year-old Mk X starting from the border of the Baltic sea north of Hamburg with no problems and lots of admiring glances from everyone we came in contact with.

Robert Meyer collecting his Mk X from Keith Taylor of Southward Garage.

