

# Ali Roscrow - 3½ litre Jaguar S.S.100 (#39089)

## History #39089 Ali Roscrow, Adelaide

#39089 was dispatched from S.S. Cars Limited in November 1938 and sold to a Mr W H Preston of London.

The next record was not until 1971 when the recorded owner was a Mr Mark Gibbons of Massachusetts, USA. In 1979 a Mr Louis Sciliano of Illinois was listed as the next owner.

The car was recorded in Germany in 1980 and #39089 was then advertised for sale in 1981 where it was purchased by a Mr Barry Morgan, who had it air freighted to Sydney.

Barry Morgan then sold #39089 to the late Ian Cummins. After a short period of ownership Ian put the car up for auction at Gilltraps, on the Queensland's Gold Coast in May 1983.

Adelaide car enthusiast Noel Roscrow purchased #39089 and carried out a superb restoration to the level where the car was judged the best Jaguar in Australia at a National Concours.

Noel and Ali made space for the car inside their house and the S.S.100 still sits in the middle of the lounge room, next to the sofas, TV and billiard table.

In a story for the Adelaide Advertiser in February 2005, when Noel was asked about having the Jaguar inside their house he replied, "It's just a good safe place to keep it; I can give it a quick polish anytime I want."

"It is a really nice ornament because it is useful and pretty to look at - you can't take many ornaments for a drive around the country side."

"I take the car out on weekends, rallies and things like that occasionally. Its mileage is only 61,000 original" he said. "Most visitors look at it like as a piece of art, not anything mechanical."

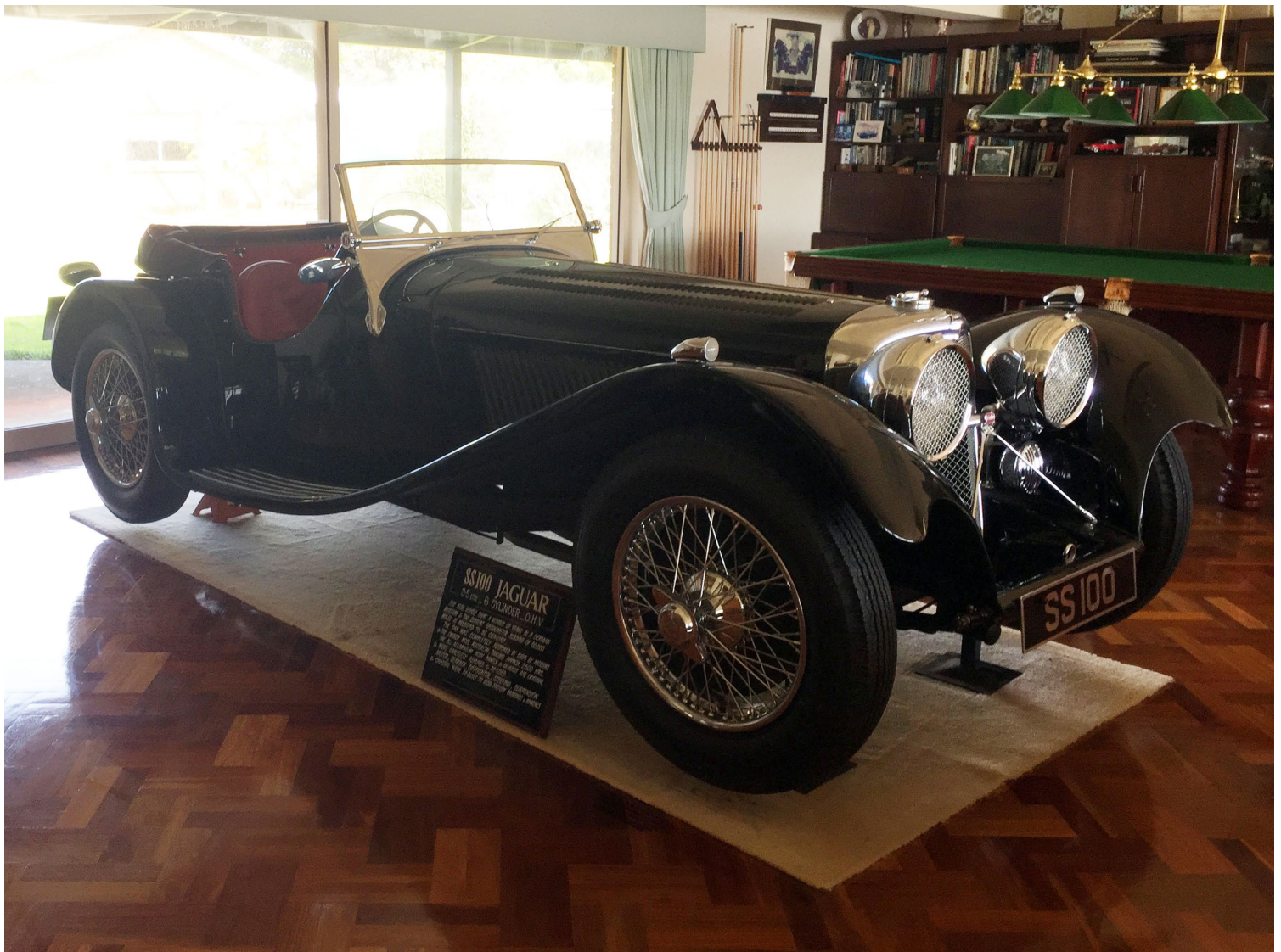
Noel was the first and longest-serving chairman of the 'Bay to Birdwood' and remained patron of the Jaguar Drivers Club of South Australia for 25 years until his death in 2011.

The S.S.100 is now in the loving hands of Ali, where it is beautifully maintained by former club member Murray Lindner, and it looks magnificent.

Ali doesn't drive the car very much these days but recalled an occasion when the three S.S.100's of Noel's, Tony Bishop's and Digby Thomas's went for a spin through the hills, in a reconstruction similar to many years previous with Tony and Digby, but on that occasion with a different S.S.100, namely #18053 of Geoff Inglis.

Adelaide has had its fair share of original S.S.100's overtime, but at present there are only two left, Tony's and Ali's.

*Story collated from information provided by Ali Roscrow, Tony Bishop and 'The Forerunners of Jaguar in Australasia and SE Asia'.*



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*Noel Roscrow was patron of the JDCA for 25 years until his death in 2011. Photo taken in February 2005 at Noel and Ali's home on Hindmarsh Island, SA. Photo credit by Dylan Coker News Ltd / Newspix.*



*Ali Roscrow has now taken over the stewardship of #39089. And the S.S.100 couldn't be in safer hands. (Photo taken August 2021).*