

Ex-Digby Thomas 2½ litre Jaguar S.S.100 (#18036)

#18036 - Guy Thomas - Victoria.

#18036 was built in September 1936. The car was recorded as competing in various car club events in England. It is believed that this was when the car was fitted with cycle guards.

Digby's association with Jaguars went back to his University days when he purchased this well-known S.S.100. Digby campaigned the SS regularly in local sporting events and joined the Jaguar Drivers Club of SA shortly after it was established in 1973.

Digby was well known to, and respected friend to many of our members. He was quietly spoken and always the gentleman. Digby was always more than willing to bring his cars to display at special events.

In later years his D-type replica was a regular display car and he was very generous with his time and often took fellow enthusiasts for a run in his cars. He was a true Jaguar lover and fortunately the S.S.100 has remained with his family in Victoria. The history of the car is not well known but understood to be as follows:

- ◇ 1953: Imported to South Australia
- ◇ Flight Lt P Badgery: SA - 1953 to 1954
- ◇ Leon Gambetta: SA - 1954 to 1955
- ◇ Bob Burnett Read: SA - 1955- 1955
- ◇ Barry Millikan: SA - 1955 - 1957
- ◇ Wickstead Wilson: SA - 1957 to 1957
- ◇ Digby Thomas: SA - Sept 1957 to Sept 2014 (57 years).
- ◇ Guy Thomas: Vic - 2014 to present.

Editor- Digby once told me that his two boys (Guy & Stuart) couldn't fit in the S.S.100 and he and his wife would like to buy a second S.S.100 so that they each had one to drive with Guy in one & Stuart in the other. Guy has the car now and is maintaining it in original condition.



*Digby Thomas with his 2½ S.S.100.
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April 18, 1961: Longwood, SA.*

Jaguar S.S.100's in South Australia



'All British Day' Uraidla Feb. 2012. History unknown. Currently owned by Robert Thompson (Sporting Car Club of SA).



'All British Day' Uraidla Feb. 2014. Excellent 'Replica' S.S.100 owned by Hill-Ling Family. (Both photos C/- Alan Bartram)