

E- Type - A Birthday Surprise

Alex MacKenzie recently contacted the Club to see if it were possible to provide a birthday surprise for his father, Ian who turned 78 on 12th May. Ian always had a desire for Jaguars and particularly E-Types. The information was passed to the E, F and GT Register and arrangements were made.

Gordon and Marie Elly volunteered to host at their Hindmarsh Island property on Saturday morning, 13th May. Paul and Julia Harrland and Dylan and Julie Gilbert also agreed to be part of the event.

The morning was one of those glorious Adelaide autumn days. It was sunny, calm and by 09:30 the three E-Types were arranged at the back of Gordon and Marie's home, out of sight and they looked splendid with the Goolwa Channel as a back-drop.

With a story about going for a drive to meet a mate for a coffee, Alex duly arrived with his father. With everyone waiting out of sight on the upstairs balcony, it was a perfect view to gauge the reaction. Gordon met Alex and Ian and they walked down the grassed driveway adjacent the house and of course, when they rounded the corner, the cars were waiting. Ian looked a bit bewildered at first but took little time to inspect the E-Types and express his surprise and delight.

Father and son both enjoyed their rides around Hindmarsh island and afterward Marie supplied a superb morning tea and Ian was even more delighted and told his story about being a member of a rock band in Scotland. Whilst returning from a gig, their vehicle broke down, so the band had to fit into the manager's E-Type. Somehow the four of them crammed in and they had an eventful journey home, one which obviously left a lasting impression on Ian.



Peter Thomas

The E-Types waiting stealthily



Alex MacKenzie, his father Ian and Gordon Elly