

Dear Friends

For us Norman was first of all a wonderful friend, a man we could share our enthusiasm with for all that is Classic Automobiles and more so, Jaguar. Having him joining us on the C- & D-Type Tour, sharing with us his thoughts and his experiences with Jaguar, was always one of the highlights of that all impressing event. We all feel a deep sorrow on having lost him, although he has reached a downright phenomenal age, always keeping in great form and spirit. Practically until his last day he was the perfect ambassador for Jaguar, never tired of sharing the amazing tale of a small company growing up to become one of the true leaders in the automotive world. And he himself had been an important part of it.

Norman's passing marks the end of an era. As the last survivor of an amazing group of engineers, designers and craftsmen who created automobiles like the world had never seen before. His unrelenting attention to quality details helped in creating cars that appear to us today as if they had left the factory floor a few days ago. Norman has a long list of major achievements such as test engineering the C-Type and the D-Type and of course the E-Type, the speed records at Jabbeke, testing all of Jaguar's most famous models, instrumental in the XJ13, etc. etc. But no question, his major achievement was the development of the disk brake in an incredibly small group of technicians from Dunlop and Jaguar. He tested it for the first time in the famous run with Stirling Moss in the Mille Miglia 1952, although not finishing the race it had been the ultimate proof of the effectiveness of the brake. The disk brake was an engineering breakthrough as only few others in automobiles – whenever I have to seriously break at high speed on today's crowded highways I intuitively thank Norman and his team for that superb accomplishment. It has helped to avoid an untold number of severe accidents, no question.

We will remember Norman as a wonderful person, a fine gentleman and a great professional with remarkable history at Jaguar, but most of all as the friend he has been for us in our world of Classic Jaguar. Thank you Norman.

Best Regards

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