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Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



Jaguar Axes \$1.5 million Supercar

Jaguar has pulled the plug on its \$1.5 million C-X75 supercar

The C-X75 was designed to celebrate Jaguar's 75th anniversary and was said to produce 780bhp, 1,180lb ft of torque and could reach a top speed of 205mph. It could accelerate from 0-62mph in 3.4sec.

The concept was first shown at the Paris Motor Show in 2010 and used a hybrid drivetrain that featured electric motors at each wheel and a pair of gas turbines to charge the centrally mounted battery pack.

The car, which was developed in conjunction with Williams F1, was signed off for production in May 2011, but the gas turbines had made way for a 1.6-litre petrol engine that was both turbocharged and supercharged, as well as two electric motors (one at either end of the car). Power stood at 888bhp but torque had fallen to 590lb ft. Never the less, the C-X75 could crack 0-62mph in 2.8sec and had an all-electric range of 60 miles.



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President's Message

Well, things are heating up here in Arizona... we have hit triple digits and are well on our way to another wonderful summer in the desert. The cacti are blooming while most of our cats sleep, with an occasional outing to keep the juices flowing.

However, here's one cat that's not sleeping! The long awaited F-type has arrived and is at Royal now. Mark your calendars! Thursday, June 13th is the big gala kick-off at Royal for the debut of the F-type. Watch your e-mail for more info on this event--this is one you don't want to miss! One of our members, Lori Bailey, is providing the entertainment with a Yamaha Disklavier Piano in conjunction with Hachenberg Pianos.

As of this writing, I'm out of town and will return after this hits publication, but I intend on checking out this latest vehicle as soon as I get back. I've received the following comments from a couple of our members who have already test



driven this baby. They had this to say: "Just drove it. Fabulous car"; "Very well put together, good handling (as much as I could tell on city streets), and plenty of grunt"; and, "Great exhaust sound, especially in Dynamic mode, with great back exhaust note on deceleration."

There are three models:

F-Type (\$69K) has a 340hp 3.0 liter V6 Supercharged Engine
F-Type S (\$81K) has a 380hp V6 Supercharged engine

F-Type V8 S (\$92K) has a 495hp liter V8 Supercharged Engine

The one that Royal currently has is the V8 S and I am told it is a rocket.

So drop in and take a look at this beauty. While you're there stop by and meet Royal's new service manager, Tony Salvemini.

Safe Travels,
 Diana Raymond

A very warm welcome to new members
 Bob & Pam Asbell
 2001 XK8

50/50 Charity Raffle

Having fun AND contributing to a worthwhile cause AND having the chance to win some money?
 How could you ask for more?

Question: What is the 50/50 raffle and why should I buy a ticket?

Answer: JCSA holds a 50/50 raffle at each of our monthly dinner events. \$1 buys one ticket and \$5 buys 6 tickets—you can buy as many as you like. Fifty percent of the pot goes to the person whose ticket is drawn and fifty percent goes into an account until the end of the year which is then donated to Youth On Their Own (YOTO), a local charity.

Question: Who can win?

Answer: Anyone who buys a ticket. Plus, we all win by donating to this charitable cause. Joan Brinton was the lucky winner for May's 50/50 drawing. I asked Joan if she would draw the winning ticket, and "Oh, my!" She drew her own ticket. No, the drawing is not rigged, and the same person never draws twice. Joan graciously returned her winnings for donating to YOTO at the end of the year. Thanks, Joan.
 Diana Raymond

Next Event!

Fathers Day Picnic at Patagonia Lake

Sunday June 16

Calling all Fathers! Sunday June 16 is the special day of the year that belongs to you, so come and celebrate with us as we picnic at beautiful Patagonia Lake. Bring a picnic lunch and beverages and meet up at the Chevron Gas Station at Exit 289 (Wilmot Rd) on I-10 at 10 am. We will depart at 1030 and take Route 83 to Sonoita and then on to Patagonia where will picnic at one of the lakeside ramadas and enjoy good company, good scenery and good food. Marianne will supply the desserts and the club will pay the park entrance fee. The old town of Patagonia has some interesting shopping so why not call in there on the way home.

Richard and Marianne are organizing our outing so please rsvp to mmfortune@cox.net or 520 207 1155 by Thursday June 13.

Tucked away in the rolling hills of southeastern Arizona is a hidden treasure. **Patagonia Lake State Park** was established in 1975 as a state park and is an ideal place to find whitetail deer roaming the hills and great blue herons walking the shoreline. The campground overlooks a 265-acre man-made lake where anglers catch crappie, bass, bluegill, and catfish. Trout is stocked every three weeks from October through March. The tracks of the New Mexico/Arizona railroad lie beneath the lake and remnants of the old historic line may be found at the Nature Conservancy in Patagonia. Hikers can stroll along the beautiful creek trail and see a variety of birds such as the canyon towhee, Inca dove, vermilion flycatcher, black vulture, and several species of hummingbirds.

The park offers a beach, picnic area with ramadas, tables & grills, a creek trail, boat ramps, a marina, and the **Lakeside Market** (telephone 520-287-5545). There is a campground, boat-in camp sites, restrooms, showers, and a dump station. The Lakeside Market offers boat rentals, fishing licenses, bait, ice, and more.

www.Patagonialakestatepark.com



Our Up Coming Events

June 16	Patagonia Lake Picnic – Marianne & Richard.
July 21	Mt Lemon Drive & Lunch – Marianne & Richard.
August 17	Presidents Breakfast – Diana to decide location in Dove Mountain.
September 7	Board Meeting.
Sept 20/21	Overnighter - location to be decided.
October 26	Concours D'Elegance - Dan Eklund
November	TBA
December 7	Holiday Party at Doug & Julie's Place
January 2014	Mystery Drive

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Mt Graham Picnic & Telescope Visit

Andy, Kris, and I were privileged to travel with the Jaguar Club to Mt. Graham and tour the Large Binocular Telescope with two distinguished guides, Dr. Richard Green, former director of both the Large Binocular Telescope Organization at the University of Arizona and Kitt Peak National Observatory and Mr. John Little, Site Manager for the LBTO. The thirteen of us who participated in this event spent a gorgeous day with two articulate and knowledgeable guides viewing an amazing gigantic and precise instrument with enormous capacity.



The drive to the top of the mountain was an experience in itself with changes in ecosystems, twisting roads, and a bumpy three-plus mile drive on a narrow dirt road at the end. We saw budding Aspens, large Pines, fire ravaged hills, a small waterfall, and breathtaking views of the valley below. At the International Observatory we learned that usage time is shared by the Italians, the Germans, the Ohio State University and the University of Arizona. After our picnic lunch we got down to business and quickly learned the reason Dan had told us to bring jackets and wear closed-toe shoes. At over 10,400 feet it is cold even on a day when the temperatures in Tucson were in the 90's.

I had not expected the size of the facility or the size of the two mirrors. The two primary mirrors that are

in the system are about 8.4 meters each. The mirrors are both gigantic and precise. They can "see" an object the size of a BB at 32.5 miles. To put that in context, the Hubbell Space Telescope, which is outside the Earth's atmosphere, can only

"see" an object the size of a golf ball at 32.5 miles. We were told the telescope is an altitude azimuth design that functions in a manner similar to a gun turret on a battleship. As we listened to Dr. Green describe how the LBT works and then watched the arms pivot to move the mirrors into position, we were overwhelmed. One does not have to be an engineer to appreciate the analytical, optical, electrical, structural and mechanical engineering incorporated in the construction and function of the observatory. It is truly a demonstration of engineering skill and the application of very esoteric technology. We visited the control room for the telescope and then said farewell to the LBT and rode a short distance to the Vatican telescope and got to see what a small research telescope looks like in comparison the world's largest optical telescope.

Andy and I, like our grandson Kris, feel this is an excursion worth repeating at a time when others of us who are snowbirds can participate. It was interesting, fun and special.

Carol Anderson and grandson Kris Morris



Keif Joshua Winery Classic Car Day

It started out as a Tucson British Car Registry arranged event, but morphed into an informal British Car Show and wine tasting. Both the JCSA and the newly formed Mini Club of Tucson were invited to participate. The winery advertised the event in the local newspaper, inviting people to come to the car show.

Most of those of us that participated met at the Vail Steakhouse for a breakfast and from there we caravanned up to the winery. There were several members of the Mini Club present as well as the TBCR, which was well represented with Lotus', Triumphs, Healeys and assorted other British sports cars. Unfortunately, the only members of the JCSA that participated were also members of the TBCR. It would have been nice to see a few more members of the JCSA with their Jags at the event.

Claire and I were accompanied by our three-legged family member, Sarah in the XK140. She had a great time playing with the winery's four dogs, and the visitors to the winery, (she being Sarah, not Claire.)

One of the highlights of the event was when the winery owner's wife brought out their Wallaby for us to see and touch. Wallabys are like kangaroos only they don't get anywhere as big as a kangaroo. They have the softest fur. Petting the wallaby was kind of like stroking a mink or chinchilla fur coat.

While the men predictably sat around and talked about the cars, the ladies were off to do the wine

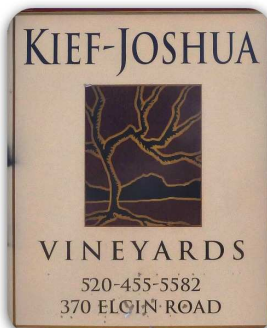
tasting. Kief-Joshua had a special rate for the car clubs. Their normal rate being \$8.00 for the tasting (keep your glass), we were only charged \$5.00.

The weather was moderate (by Tucson standards), and so it was quite pleasant spending time sipping wine and talking about all manner of subjects (including cars, of course). Some people brought picnic lunches and the winery supplied a chef to make up items for lunch that those who wanted, could purchase. Everyone that bought a glass for wine tasting was given a chance to vote for their favorite car in the show.

Yours truly's XK140 won first place and Claire and I were given a basket with four of the winery's bottles of wine as a prize. All the bottles were signed by the winery's vintner. So I told Claire that she could not drink them, as they may become valuable some day. Of course, I know that she, being the wine lover she is, will ignore me. Second and third place were garnered by Jim and Sandy O'Harra and their Austin Healey and George Hahn and his Triumph. They were each presented with a vintner signed bottle of Kief-Joshua wine.

The wind started to come up pretty strongly about 2 or 3 in the afternoon, and so most of us decided to head on home, after having a beautiful day at the winery.

Herbie Hampton



The F-type is Here!



You Are Invited to the Gala Kick Off Party Where you will see two F-types!

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Where: Royal Jaguar at the Auto Mall, 4670-2 N. Circuit Road, Tucson 85712

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