



Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona

Desert Jaguar

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JAGUARS IN THE DESERT



While the Jaguar car is an older model, a newer jaguar cat has been sighted in Southern Arizona. See the notes below.

President's Message

Hello all. I hope you are staying cool because some of us are sweltering 😊 . Actually, monsoon has arrived a little earlier than usual but it did not stop us from our drive up Mt. Lemmon. We had a small but mighty group and enjoyed celebrating a birthday, Sylvia, and camaraderie of new members, Glenn and Judy.

Everyone seems to be enjoying the restaurants we have been trying over the past several months. Please keep the ideas coming. We still have good attendance even though the snow birds have flown the coup and others have been traveling.

Please write me with ideas for activities or trips for the future. With new members we get new ideas. It keeps it fun for everyone.

Stay safe and healthy and enjoy your summer.

Cheers, Abbe
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From the Newsletter Editor
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You will find this issue rather sparse in content. Not surprisingly, news articles about Jaguars have decreased over the last 6 months. John Thomson has offered to write an article for a future issue on the end of Jaguar gasoline car production. Some of you may have a topic brewing (not on beer) that would interest our members. And, I'll be reaching out again to newer members for their introductions to the club. In putting together the newsletter, I read a handful of club newsletters from the JCNA Southwest Region. I have, with permission, used some of their content, but these sources seem to be getting slimmer as well. All ideas are welcome - just send me a note to the above email address. Karen Bell

UPCOMING JCSA EVENTS

July 3 – First Wednesday Dinner

July 30 – Tucson Police Dept. Crime Lab

August 7 – First Wednesday Dinner

Sept 4 – First Wednesday Dinner

October 2 – First Wednesday Dinner

Nov 3 – British Wheels on the Green, Peoria

Nov 6 – First Wednesday Dinner

Agua Caliente Park Tour

A small number of the Jaguar Club members visited Agua Caliente Park on May 17. The park is a serene 101-acre oasis nestled in the heart of Tucson, Arizona. We were greeted by Ellen Saltonstall, our docent for the day's tour. The park's name, which translates to "hot water" in Spanish, aptly describes the soothing atmosphere created by the natural water features and the three tranquil ponds.

Ellen took us through winding walking paths, providing ample opportunities for leisurely strolls and bird watching. The park is home to a variety of avian species, including herons, bats, and native fish, making it a haven for nature enthusiasts and photographers. One of the highlights of a visit to Agua Caliente Park is the opportunity to observe the abundant wildlife in their natural habitat. The park offers a peaceful escape from city life. Agua Caliente Park is a special place in Tucson's history, as it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2009. After our park visit we all headed to Barnyard Craffthouse & Eatery for a great lunch.

A special thanks to Ellen for the outstanding tour she provided during the Jag Club visit to Agua Caliente. Her enthusiasm for nature, deep understanding of the park history, geology, and diverse ecosystem made our visit truly knowledgeable. Bob Ciciauch



Mt. Lemmon Scenic Drive

On June 21, six Jaguars and their owners made the drive up to Mt. Lemmon via the Sky Island Scenic Byway, from desert to pine trees at 9700 ft. After stopping at several vista points, the drive ended at the Iron Door Restaurant overlooking the beautiful national forest.



ALL THINGS JAGUAR

Newest Jaguar in Southern Arizona

The latest jaguar to be caught on camera in Southern Arizona has been given a Tohono O’odham name, O: had Ñu:kudam, which means “jaguar protector” in the O’odham language. “The return of jaguars to our land is a source of immense pride and profound hope,” said Austin Nunez, chairman of the tribe’s San Xavier District.

Experts believe the new jaguar is a young male that was born in northern Mexico and wandered into Arizona in early 2023. Since then, the cat has shown up more than a dozen times on remote cameras operated in the Huachucas and the Whetstones. It is the 8th jaguar documented in Arizona and New Mexico since 1996.

Source: Arizona Daily Star, May 9, 2024



Jaguar Ends ICE Model Production Before its Electric Car Replacements Are Ready

Jaguar is seemingly sprinting full speed ahead to meet its goal to become an all-electric brand by 2025. Its three remaining internal combustion cars, the E-Pace, F-Pace, and XF Sedan, will end production by June of this year. The automaker's I-Pace crossover is also ending production by the end of 2024, which could leave Jaguar without any cars to sell until the electric models are released mid-2025.

Stopping production of its gas-powered lineup before the electric models are slated for sale seems risky, but Jaguar is reportedly building up its inventory in hopes to carry it through until the EV models start rolling off production lines. How will Jaguar find the time to preemptively increase inventory while prepping for electric vehicle production? It could have to do with dropping sales numbers. Jaguar sold around 8,000 vehicles in the United States last year and 43,000 globally, a drastic decline from the 179,000 total cars sold in 2017.

Source: [Hemmings.com](https://www.hemmings.com), March 14, 2024

Do Classic Jaguars Face a Dark Future?

Jaguar, as a brand, is sliding downwards. That's the growing sense in the collector car industry, at least. For decades, classics like the XK 120, XK 140, XK 150, and E-Type have been mainstays for dealers, brokers, and buyers, but lately they don't seem to generate the same market excitement they once did. They are getting harder to sell, and over the past five years many prices are either stagnant or decreasing.

Of course, the market is generally softening from its pandemic-era heights, and this is compounded by demographic shifts that are beginning to favor 1980s and 1990s era cars over their predecessors. This isn't just affecting classic Jaguars—many carbureted V-12 Ferrari road cars, Porsche 911s and Austin-Healeys are also seeing relative slumps

Source: [Hagerty](https://www.hagerty.com), Feb 22, 2024

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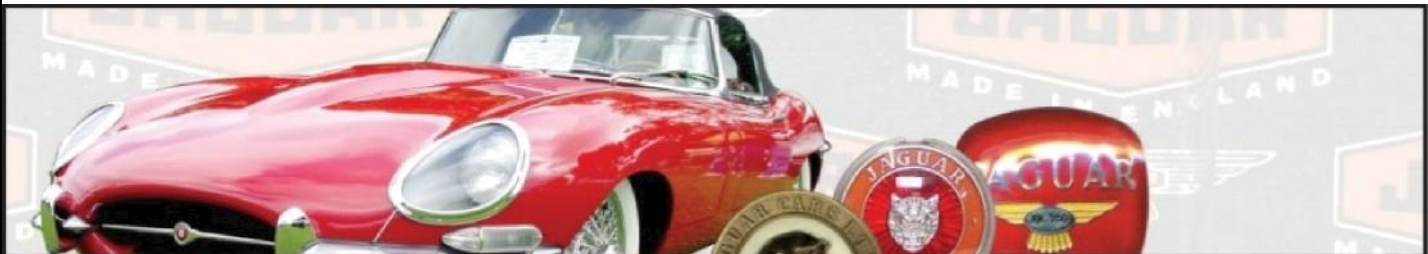
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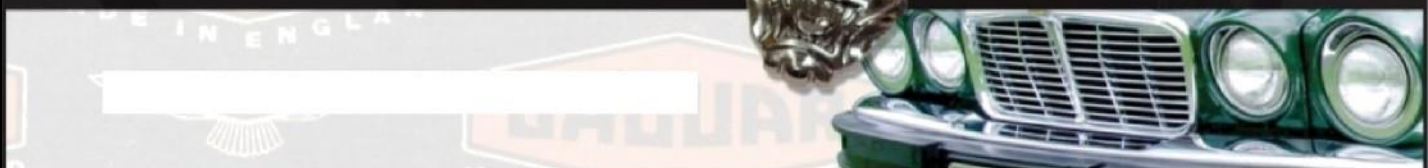


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