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JAGUAR XKSS CONTINUATION

Jaguar has announced that it will build nine new examples of its famed XKSS sports car produced in 1957, each costing in excess of £1 million. The XKSS was a road going version of Jaguar's D-type racing car, which won the Le Mans 24 Hours race in successive years from 1955 to 1957. By that time the D-type had become obsolete so Jaguar boss Sir Williams Lyons took the inspired decision to convert 25 remaining D-type racers into road cars, with a taller windscreen and a door on the left for a passenger. The section of bodywork separating the two seats was also removed, along with the distinctive aerodynamic fin behind the driver. The first deliveries of the new Jaguar XKSS will start in early 2017, with each car being hand-built at Jaguar Classic's new Experimental Shop in Warwick. It is referred to as a continuation car, as it is a faithful replica of a vehicle no longer in production and built according to the original blueprints. The original 25 XKSS cars were earmarked for export to the USA, but only 16 were completed before a fire at Jaguar's factory in Browns Lane, Coventry, destroyed the remaining nine. Price \$1,400,000

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The Prez Sez

It is excellent news that Jaguar will appear once more on the motor racing scene. In a slightly unexpected way perhaps but nevertheless we will see a racing car in Jaguar colors after a long absence. Read more on page 6.



Talking about meals our trial run of two First Wednesday dinners at the Harvest restaurant has been a success so we will continue to hold our dinners there in 2016 and will then review the situation.

The history of Southern Arizona is entwined with that of the Spanish adventurers, the religion they brought with them and the impact this had on the Indian communities. Nowhere is this more evident than at the mission of Tumacacori which was the destination of our club's March drive. We had a good turn out and the visit was most informative followed by a Musical Mexican Meal.

Now take a look at the two images below and tell me which is the F-Pace and which is the Land Rover Discovery Sport. Not easy is it? Well both these cars are going to be on the showroom floor together soon and I do not envy the salesperson trying to sell the F-Pace because the land Rover has just as much power and as an off road vehicle will easily out perform the Jaguar. And the fact that Land Rover products out sell Jaguar products by a huge margin won't help.

Happy Motoring Fred Secker President



2016 Driving Events

- April 2 Double overnight. Scottsdale concours.
- April 23 Local Drive & Lunch. Historic Block
- May 20 Double overnight to Prescott and Jerome
- June 14 Queen Creek Olive Mill & Orthodox Monastery
- July 20 Mount Lemon & Lunch at Iron Door
- August 20 Karchner Caverns brunch and tour
- September 18 Local drive and brunch at Arizona Inn
- October 22 Double overnight White Mountains fall colors
- November 12 Concours
- December 9 Holiday Party

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Tumacacori Trip

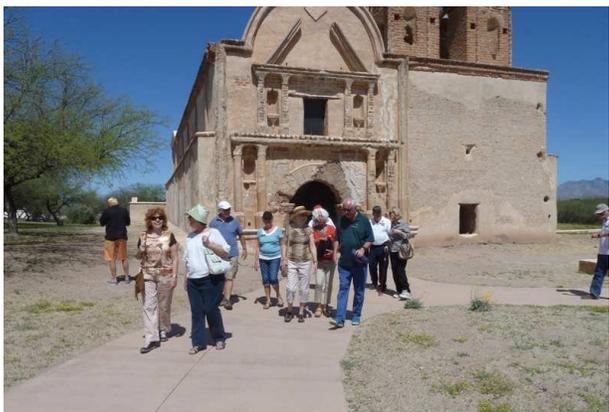
Saturday March 19

Another perfect day in sunny, southern Arizona greeted club members who took their cats for a run to Tumacacori on the 19th. A total of nine Jags and 19 members met at Mercado San Augustin for a back roads drive down Mission Road, past the big copper mines, and into the beautiful Santa Cruz River area around Tubac/Tumacacori. A bicycle race, also in process on Mission Road, added an interesting sidebar to the drive with cyclists and support vehicles providing some driving obstacles.

traditional hand-made tortillas and information on jaguar (the four-legged kind) sightings.

Afterwards, a short jaunt back up the road took us to friendly Wisdom's Café where tasty Mexican food and live (and lively!) music made for happy conclusion to the drive. Daria Durham developed a special rapport with one of the musicians – check out the photos. A few of us stayed to try the made-to-order fruit burro desserts and it was worth the wait! Not sure our waistlines needed them, but hard to resist! Some members headed back home while others added to the day with shopping in Tubac or artist open gallery visits.

Kelly Christensen

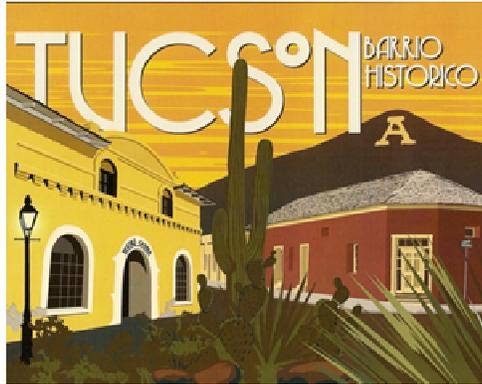


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Tucson Barrio Historico

April 23rd Jag Jaunt



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Mark your calendars - join the club for a Saturday drive up "A" Mountain to start a mini-tour of historic downtown Tucson. We will make a few stops to focus on lesser known interesting sites of Tucson's past and finish with lunch at a restaurant in an historic location. Watch your e-mails for *More Details to Follow!*



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In 1851 a radical looking schooner ghosted out of the afternoon mist and swiftly sailed past the Royal Yacht stationed in the Solent, between the Isle of Wight and the south coast of England, on an afternoon when Queen Victoria was watching a sailing race. As the schooner, named America, passed the Royal Yacht in first position, and saluted by dipping its ensign three times, Queen Victoria asked one of her attendants to tell her who was in second place. "Your Majesty, there is no second," came the reply. That phrase, just four words, is still the best description of the America's Cup, and how it represents the singular pursuit of excellence.



Jaguar Returns to Motor Racing



Jaguar to compete in 2016/17 FIA Formula E championship

Jaguar has announced its return to global motorsport. In the autumn of 2016, Jaguar will enter the third season of the FIA Formula E Championship, returning as a manufacturer with its own team.

Formula E will offer a unique opportunity for Jaguar Land Rover to further develop the future EV power train including motor and battery technology.

Nick Rogers, Group Engineering Director for Jaguar Land Rover, said: "I am proud to announce Jaguar's return to racing with an entry into the innovative FIA Formula E Championship. Electric vehicles will absolutely play a role in Jaguar Land Rover's future product portfolio and Formula E will give us a unique opportunity to further our development of electrification technologies. The championship will enable us to engineer and test our advanced technologies under extreme performance conditions.

It is my belief that over the next five years we will see more changes in the automotive world than in the last three decades. Formula E has recognised and reacted to these trends and the championship's exciting and pioneering approach is the perfect fit for our brand."

Alejandro Agag, CEO of Formula E, said: "We are delighted to welcome Jaguar into Formula E. Jaguar is a brand with a rich sporting heritage and the fact that it is returning to global motorsport with Formula E is a huge endorsement of the championship and its ability to influence the development of electric cars. Jaguar brings with it a passionate fan base that will drive the popularity of the championship across the world and once again shows that Formula E is the future of motorsport."

from the FIA Website

First Wednesday Dinner



Harvest at River Center



Wednesday April 6th

Our trial run at the Harvest Restaurant has been a success so we will meet there for our First Wednesday dinners until further notice. For those of you who have not been there previously the restaurant is located at the River Center on the NE corner of Craycroft and River. It is on the second floor and is served by steps and an elevator if you park in the lower area or there is level access from the rear car park, which is recommended.

www.harvestonriver.com

Click the above link and explore the Harvest Restaurant website. Of particular interest is of course the menu selections. Two menus will be available to us - the Dinner Menu and the Sunset Menu. For our club there will be two additional items on the Sunset Menu, Chicken Piccata and Pork Tenderloin. Happy hour is until 6 pm when there will be \$2 off glasses of wine & beer, half priced house cocktails & well drinks & \$6 apps. There is a bar area with tall tables where we can gather for mix and mingle as usual and the dinner seating will be at a long table at the far end of the room next to the fireplace. They will supply separate checks.

**There is no need to RSVP as they have been told how many to expect.
Please be there at 5 pm to mix and mingle at the bar as usual.**

Technical Forum

Your technical questions are answered by Alan Cowan proprietor of Falconworks

Question from Jim Hart:

The XK's from 2007 and apparently onward are susceptible to a clogged A/C drain line, resulting in water on the passenger side carpet and damaged blower motor. The culprit is a duck bill on the drain line. The Jaguar solution is to remove the dash and replace the drain line, which exits above the transmission. There are numerous home remedies, like adding an auxiliary drain or fishing a wire from below to open the duck bill. Have you run into this problem and do you have a solution short of pulling the dash?



Answer:

On that chassis, no, and therefore, no.

I do know that you can neither see nor touch the condensate drains from beneath the car. My personal approach would be to start the operation by dismantling on the right lower kick panel, inspecting for solutions with mirror, light and/or bore-scope, as I go. Keep the objective in mind — which is to fix the problem, not change a part — and you may well find dash removal excessive. On the other hand, many a work-around takes longer than the prescribed approach.

Alan Cowan is a British-car driver of well over a million miles, and a private pilot of about 750 hours. He is proprietor of the workshop, Falconworks Quality Repair.

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Jaguar C-X75 Concept



This shot of the Jaguars CX-75 Concept car appears here for no other reason than it is so beautiful. This car is proof positive that the Jaguar design team are capable of designing stunning cars. Why oh why did they not put it into production? They need not have included the esoteric hybrid elements but could have simply used an existing engine. It is not too late. It will still be drop dead gorgeous if it is produced ten years from now as the G-Type. Come on Jaguar show some adventurous spirit and produce a landmark sports car.



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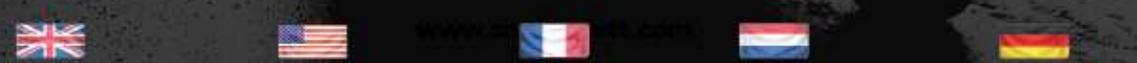
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