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Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



Three series of the Jaguar E-Type

Series I (1961–1968)



Series II (1969–1970)



Series III (1971–1974)

Coming Events

- Aug 1** **First Wednesday Dinner**
- Aug 11** **JCNM Concours**
- Sept 15** **JCSA Annual Presidents Brunch**
- Sept 28-30** **IEJC Concours**
- Oct 31-Nov 4** **JCNA International Jaguar Festival**
- Nov 17** **JCSA Concour d' Elegance**

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The Prez Sez



Well, it is August and I am sure everyone who stayed in beautiful Arizona has enjoyed the fairly mild summer. As I write this (second week in July) this summer has been much cooler than last year. Parts of Tucson are getting rain almost every day, which is a good thing.

On the Fourth of July, which turned out to be our First Wednesday, Firebirds closed at 4:00PM, so 10 of us went to North's next door. We dined in their private room with great service and food. Everyone had a really great time.

Our 46th Annual Concours will be at the La Encantada Shopping Plaza. They have agreed to have us park our Jaguars in the street and circle in front of North's, Firebirds, RA and Humble Pie. They will

block off both ends of the street from 7:00AM until 3:00PM so that area will be ours. It is a beautiful setting and if we have a good turnout, it should be quite an event. For our Awards dinner, I talked to Vivace's. They wanted \$2500 minimum for their private room which works out to a minimum of 20 people at \$125/person. Instead, I have made arrangements to have our Concours Friday night reception and awards dinner at North's. Remember our Concours is Saturday, November 17th with the reception on Friday evening of the 16th.

For events closer to August, next month, on September 15, there will be the President's Brunch in Sonoita. See page 5 for details.

We still need an activity for October. Therefore, it would be great if someone would step up to arrange one. Please contact Jeff Simpson at simpson7717@gmail.com and let him know what you would like to do. We promise it will be painless and you just might enjoy it. December will be our Holiday party. As is tradition at the party you will choose your new BOD. It is possible that there will be several openings to be filled. It would be great to have several members sign up for one of the vacant positions.

As soon as the members of your current BOD decide if they are going to continue, I will let you know via email. We need to have a list of candidates no later than Concours, so please consider joining the Board. Have fun and stay safe.

Doug

Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona's

46th Annual Concours d'Elegance

November 17, 2018

Location: La Encantada Shopping Plaza in the circle in front of Firebirds, RA Sushi Bar and North's restaurants.

More information to come soon, please save the date.

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A QUICK GUIDE TO THE JAGUAR E-TYPE AHEAD OF THE CONCOURS AND SHOWS

Impress your friends with knowledge of all the differences among the three Series

The Jaguar E-Type was front and center in world news recently, serving as the wedding car of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, now the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. That particular car, as you may have noticed, was unusual for a couple of reasons. First, it was left-hand drive -- a bit of a rarity for the U.K. Second, it was an electric E-Type Zero, which was definitely not an option from the factory back in the day. The appearance at Windsor Castle gave the E-Type a booster shot of publicity, and it coincided with reports that Jaguar is looking to bring back the XK sports car to serve alongside the F-Type. So now may be as good a time as any to take a short spin through E-Type history, as it was the car primarily responsible for setting Jaguar's sports car image as we know it today, perhaps more so than its predecessors and successors. Consider this a Cliff's Notes guide to the E-Type ahead of summer car show season, for times when you need to impress friends or family with some Jaguar knowledge.

Series I (1961-1968)

The E-Type as we know it today debuted in March 1961 at the Geneva motor show, drawing its design cues from the already-legendary D-Type racing Jags. Initially offered with 3.8-liter inline-sixes with triple SU carburetors good for 265 hp and 260 lb-ft of torque, the Series I cars combined a sleek, rounded body with delicate shutlines and a spacious cabin. They also offered a claimed top speed of 150 mph (or *almost* 150 mph), which can be treated as something akin to Bugatti Veyron speeds today. Taken separately disc brakes on all four wheels, an aerodynamic body, independent rear suspension, and monocoque construction were all advanced for the time, but in the E-Type all came together in one car. Early on in its production cycle a new 4.2-liter inline-six replaced the 3.8-liter, also coupled with a four-speed manual (or a three-speed automatic transmission that was available on 2+2 models late in the production cycle of Series I cars). The Series I E-Type, sold as the XKE in the U.S., was offered as a roadster or what was called an Open Two Seater (OTS), a Fixed Head Coupe (FHC) and as a roomier and longer 2+2 fastback coupe that joined the lineup in 1966. and they remain the more sought-after examples of the model. Power dropped a bit in 1969 when the 4.2-liter gained Zenith-Stromberg carbs: the engine now churned out 246 hp and 263 lb-ft of torque.



The Series I cars are easy to distinguish by the glassed-in headlights

Series II (1969 - 1970)



The Series II E-Type debuted in 1968 after a short run of transitional cars known as Series 1.5 in 1967 and 1968. Series II cars dropped the glass headlights while gaining a larger grille opening, and receiving restyled front and rear bumpers and fascia's. Side indicators became larger and moved to just below the front bumpers, in contrast to the slimmer side indicators that sat immediately below the headlights on the Series I cars.

The interior received a slight overhaul as well, trading toggles for rocker switches in the name of safety, but the Series II kept the 4.2-liter inline-six producing 246 hp.

Series II E-Types are easy to tell apart by the uncovered headlights and the lack of a chrome grille masking the front opening. PHOTO BY AUTOWEEK

Series III (1971 - 1974)

Series III E-Types debuted in 1971 with an all-new 5.3-liter V12 engine with Zenith-Stromberg carbs, good for 272 hp and 304 lb-ft of torque, as well as other mechanical upgrades. Jaguar dropped the short-wheelbase coupe for this iteration of the E-Type and offered the model solely in 2+2 and roadster flavors, the latter now sitting on the longer wheelbase.

The look of the E-Type evolved yet again: These cars are distinguished by flared wheel arches housing wider tires, and a chrome grille in place of the traditional "mouth" intake. State-side models received vulgar vertical rubber tusk-style bumpers, as well as mandatory front fender-mounted side indicators.

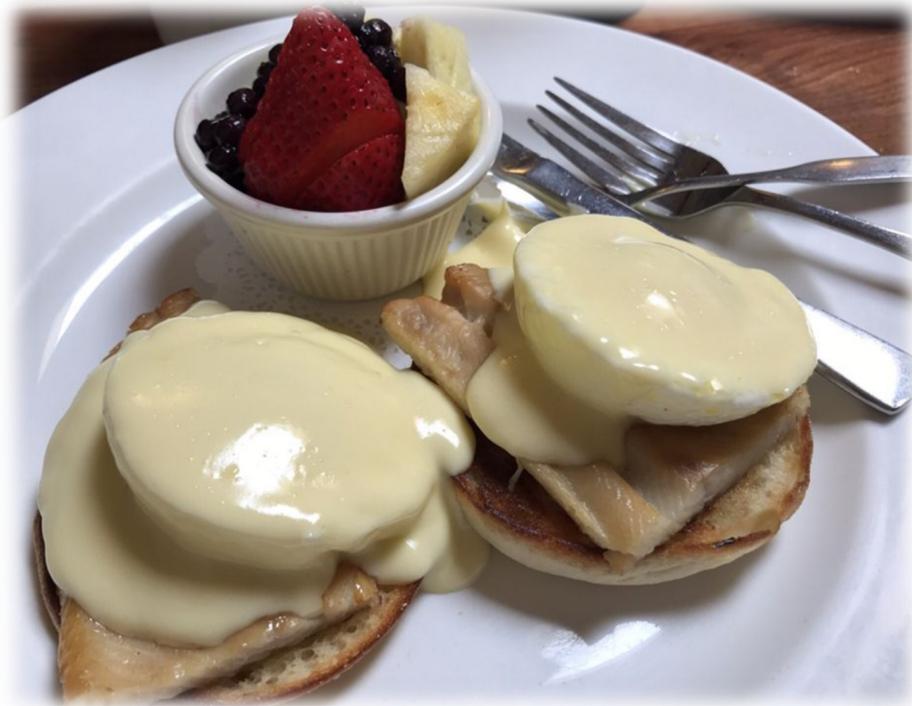
Among the three E-Type generations, Series III cars were the more affordable of the group, even though all versions are now quite far from being bargains.



Jaguar Series III cars are easy to tell apart by the presence of a grille covering the front inlet. PHOTO BY AUTOWEEK

2018 JCSA Annual Presidents Brunch

The Vinyard Café in Beautiful Sonoita, Arizona
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THE JAGUAR XK MAY MAKE A RETURN

A new Jaguar 2+2 could use extended F-Type bones

Before the perfectly proportioned Jaguar F-Type made its debut, the XK coupe was one of the best looking cars on the planet. The XK was discontinued in 2014 and for a while had a foggy future considering the proliferation of crossovers and SUVs. But according to Autocar, plans of a relaunch are gathering steam. "The F-Type has been a huge success," Hanno Kirner, who oversees product strategy for the next decade at Jaguar said, "We love sports cars – and I use the plural quite deliberately."



Whether that is delivered by a body variant or something else remains to be seen, but for now let's just say that the body type is very important for us." Jag's head of design hinted about a new 2+2 last year saying, "We're working on something now." Autocar is guessing we won't get a whiff until at least 2021.

The current F-Type still uses a shortened version of the old XK platform, but the next one will get new bones to ride on. In theory it should be flexible enough to stretch it back to the XK's longer proportions.

A hybrid version isn't out of the realm of possibility either, which would have scared us at one point, but not now. In a world with hybrid McLarens, Porsches and Ferraris, there's no reason engineers can't do a fast, flexible, hybrid Jag.

There are plenty of engines for the new car to choose from. The F-Type's Ingenium four makes 296 hp and of course the rip-roaring 572-hp 5.0-liter is also an option. Imagine an XKR SVR, bumped up to 600 hp or so. We love, love the F-Type here at Autoweek. We had an R for a full year and relished every minute of it. And, personally for me, I think it's one of the best-looking and best proportioned cars of the decade.

Upcoming Concours events at a glance

JCNM Concours on the Historic Plaza, Santa Fe, NM. August 11th

IEJC 15th Concours d'Elegance, Idyllwild, CA, September 28, 29, 30

JCCA Concours at Crown Plaza, San Marcos Golf Resort, Chandler, AZ, October 12

JCNA International Jaguar Festival 2018, Santa Barbara, CA, Oct. 31st - Nov. 4th

JCSA Concours at La Encantada, Tucson, November 17

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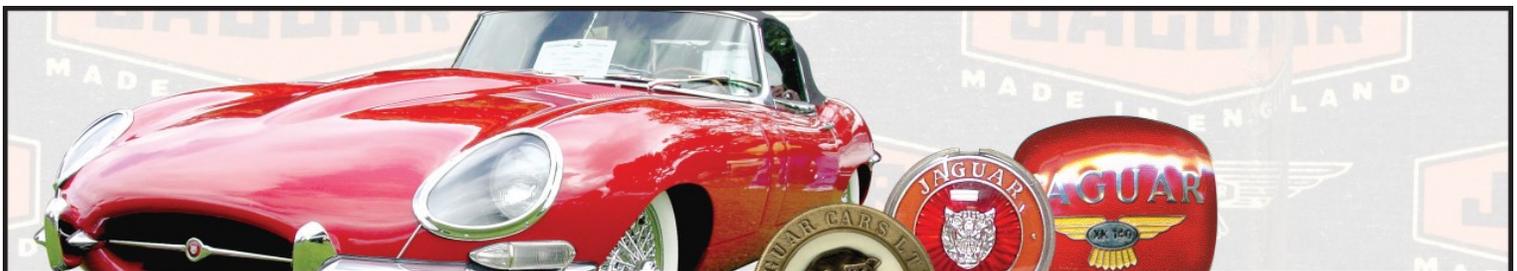
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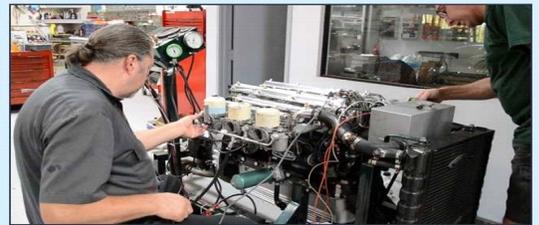
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