

July - August 2019

# Desert Jaguar

Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



**XJ**



**F-Pace**

**Jaguar Designs by Ian Cullam**



**F-Type**



**I-Pace**

## Calendar

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| <b>July 3, August 7</b>   | <b>First Wednesday Dinner</b>          |
| <b>July 13, August 10</b> | <b>Cars and Coffee at La Encantada</b> |
| <b>August 15-18</b>       | <b>Rolex Motorsports Reunion</b>       |
| <b>Oct. 26</b>            | <b>JCSA Concours d' Elegance</b>       |
| <b>Nov. 14-16</b>         | <b>Silver City, NM Jag Trip</b>        |



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## *From the Desk of the President*

We are in our summer black out period and it is hot here in the great southwest. For those of you who escaped and went to another (cooler) area, enjoy. For those of us who decided to stay in the heat of the desert, hang in there, cooler weather will be with us again.

At the beginning of June, I sent out a request to our membership to fill several critical Board positions for 2020. If you did not see the email, here are the positions needed to be filled in 2020:

**President  
Vice President, Events  
Associate VP Newsletter  
Concours Chairperson**

So far, I have not received one reply to the above request. So please, if you can step up to help lead the Club, it is important to the future of the Club to do so. If you decide to volunteer, I will spend the first quarter of 2020 helping you with the transition.

However, should no one step up, there may be some serious issues for the Club in 2020. The absence of leadership will mean the Club will not be able to offer you events, dinners and social gatherings. So the result of your non-action could result in the eventual demise of the Club.

Already some current Board members have had discussions of merging with the Jaguar Club of Central Arizona in Phoenix. On the positive side, it would result in a larger Concours and more activities available for Tucson members. On the negative side, the 125 mile distance between Tucson and Phoenix would be a constant wall separating the two groups. However, with no leadership in place here, we are not sure what other options there would be other than combining with JCCA or disbanding the Club.

Therefore, please take our appeals for 2020 Board members seriously. The future of our Club rests with you.

Have fun and be safe, Doug

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# Firebirds Grill

## JCSA First Wednesday Dinner– July 3 and August 7

Join us for our monthly social dinner at **Firebirds Grill** at La Encantada on Campbell and Skyline. This is an informal fun-filled evening spent with other Jaguar lovers, a perfect spot to socialize and meet new members.

**Order from the Special Mountain Time menu before 6pm.**

**Half Price Drink Specials between 3pm & 7pm. Get there between 5 & 6 for mix and mingle** [www.firebirdsrestaurants.com/locations/tucson-az](http://www.firebirdsrestaurants.com/locations/tucson-az)

## Needed by September, 2019

### JCSA Board and Committee Chairs for 2020

We are in need of volunteers for the following JCSA Board of Directors and at least one Committee for 2020:

- **President**
- **Vice President/Events**
- **Associate Vice President Newsletter  
Concours Chair**

Most of the current Board members have been in their positions for at least two years, it is time for you to step up and help make this Club even better.

We need to have these 2020 positions identified by the end of September, 2019. If you have an interest to give back to JCSA, please contact Doug Dechant ASAP.

## Rolex Motorsports Reunion

at Laguna Seca Raceway  
August 15 thru August 18th



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## Jaguar design boss Ian Callum officially steps down

From the original XF to the brand-new I-Pace, Ian Callum has truly transformed Jaguar's design language.

Jaguar is a car brand best defined by its vehicles' design. From the XJ sedan to the newest I-Pace electric crossover, every single product in the Jaguar portfolio is stunning to behold -- visually aggressive, yet totally beautiful at the same time.

Ian Callum is the man responsible for this great work; he joined Jaguar in 1999 and has been the company's director of design ever since. That's all about to change, however, according to a Jaguar statement released Tuesday. Ian Callum is leaving Jaguar and will be replaced by Creative Design Director Julian Thomson, effective

July 1. "I have had an incredible career at Jaguar," Callum said in a statement. "One of my biggest highlights was creating XF because it represented the beginning of a new era moving Jaguar from tradition to contemporary design - it was a significant turning point in our story."



Indeed, the 2007 XF sort of blew the dust off Jaguar's classic, old-world designs. Callum then went on to design the XJ, followed by the gorgeous C-X75 Concept. Then came F-Type, XE, F-Pace, E-Pace and

most recently, I-Pace, which was honored with the World Car Design of the Year and World Car of the Year awards at the New York Auto Show in April. "Designing the F-Type was a dream come true for me," Callum said, "and I-Pace was a opportunity to create something hugely innovative that would really challenge the perception of Jaguar."

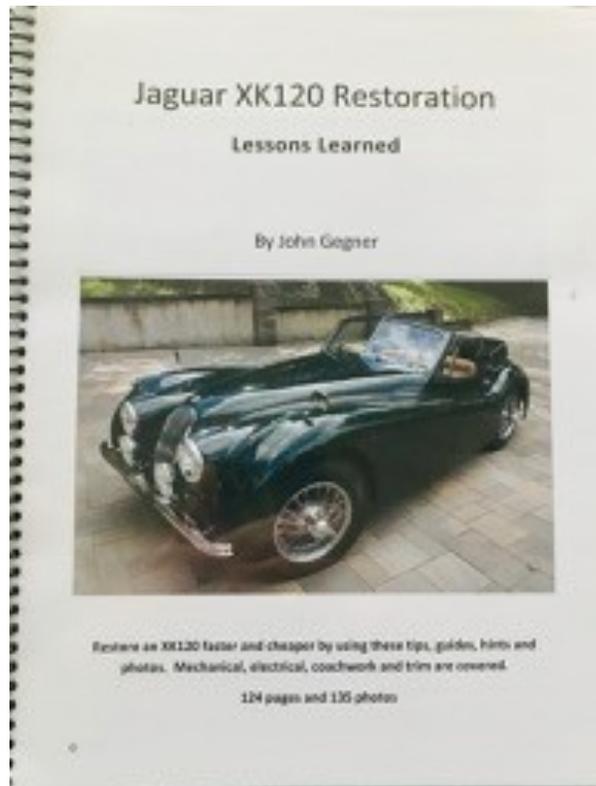
Prior to Jaguar, Callum penned a number of legendary designs, starting with the 1984 Ford RS200 rally car and [1989 Escort Cosworth](#). Callum is also credited with the [Aston Martin DB7](#), [Volvo C70](#) and [Aston Martin Vanquish](#), among others. Callum's younger brother, Moray, is currently vice president of design for the Ford Motor Company.

Callum's successor, Julian Thomson, has been with Jaguar since 2000, where he most recently oversaw all of the design concepts that previewed the company's current model range. Prior to Jaguar, Thomson worked for Ford, Lotus and the Volkswagen Group. We'll be interested to see how Thomson leaves his mark on the Jaguar brand, and no doubt, Ian Callum is an incredibly tough act to follow. Even so, Jaguar confirms Callum will continue to work with the brand as a design consultant. Considering how successful the current designs are, that seems like a smart move.



## Jaguar XK120 Restoration Lessons Learned by John Gegner

**Book Review:** Well, every great book deserves a sequel. I had earlier reviewed “*Jaguar XK120 DHC, Installing the Soft Top and Headliner*” by John Gegner and Gregg Philbrick and I realized that the soft top installation was only part of the larger question, how do you start on and go about restoring a classic Jaguar without sending the car and large check to a professional restorer? Well the answer to my question was delivered by John in this more substantial, equally well written, story in 124 pages with 135 photos.



The author states the book “is not a substitute for already published restoration books”, but I cannot imagine embarking on a classic car restoration without this book as a guide to what is a large home garage project. The book provides a rationale for the overall structure for a restoration project, how to sequence and manage the project and guidance on identifying the critical path to avoid rework or long periods of downtime. Preparing your workspace for the project and guidance on make versus buy are some of the great collection of common-sense hints and guidance provided by the work.

After setting the stage with the history of John’s XK120 and workspace preparation, the book walks through each of the major stages and for each stage provides the cost of key parts and labor. Each section is followed by lesson learned, hints and tips, references to more detailed technical publications, all accompanied by illustrative color photos.

The book provides easy reading with an efficient use of words and I found it to be quite a page-turner during my review. Although the book describes John’s adventure restoring his XK120, it provides a great basis for any classic Jaguar restoration as the project structure and many of lessons learnt and references are not XK120 specific. A great addition to any respectable Jaguar library at the cost of \$68 including shipping in the U.S

To obtain your copy, please contact John Gegner at [jpegner@comcast.net](mailto:jpegner@comcast.net)

Les Hamilton, JAG/Jaguar Associate Group, JCNA SW05

# SILVER CITY 2019

Thank you to all of you who have made their reservations at the Bear Mountain Lodge for the JCOSA's trip to Silver City, NM November 14-16. I love all of the Jaguar Club's overnight trips, but the trip to Silver City, New Mexico remains my favorite and I am so excited you have chosen to join us.

There are still two rooms that have not been reserved, so think about joining us and call the Bear Mountain Lodge at 575.538.2538 and reserve your room. If all rooms are taken, don't despair. Someone usually has to change his plans so e-mail me your name at [andycarol@comcast.net](mailto:andycarol@comcast.net) and I will notify you when space becomes available.



This year I am planning to have the Lodge's Café Azul prepare both dinner menus. The meals provided in the past have been delicious and imaginative. Aside from the fact that I know the food will be good, I especially like the idea that none of us will have to go anywhere after a busy day of driving. I will send you selections from which to choose closer to departure. Andy will also once again provide a bar that you can enjoy for predinner drinks. If you are particular about your drinks, then please bring your own. Please be advised that the Lodge's liquor license precludes taking our drinks into the Café. Wine, however, is available.

I am focusing on driving to the City of Rocks November 15th. The formations are the result of volcanic activity thousands of years ago that have been shaped by wind and water erosion. You can hike around the formations and even crawl over them. We will have lunch boxes to enjoy as we explore. It is a fun stop.

There are, of course, many other options for those of you who have "been there and done that". The drive along the Trail of the Mountain Spirits to the Gila Cliff Dwellings is always a favorite for those who want to test their skills and their cars' capabilities. There is a mission in the mountains, towns to explore, and, of course, Silver City with its shops and galleries. Many have come back with treasures purchased as they roamed. I am hoping to do a bit of Christmas shopping. If you wish more information, I will have brochures or you can stop by the Chamber of Commerce.

We have been blessed each time the club has had an event in Silver City with participants who were flexible, interested, and interesting. The laughter, the sharing, and the deep discussions added warmth to the evening as we took time to get to know one another better. I am sure this year will be equally wonderful. Come be part of the noisy crowd as we relax and have fun.





## Mount Lemmon Drive Friday, May 19

A group of five Jaguars participated in our annual drive to Mount Lemmon with the Iron Door Restaurant as our destination. It was a beautiful and cool day for the drive. To our surprise, a bike club also held an annual ride that day, so we had a lot of company for the drive up. We did a stop for pictures at Windy Point, and then proceeded to the Iron Door for a nice lunch with spectacular views. We can report that the pie is as good as ever at the Iron Door!



### Note from your Editor:

Articles submitted by our members are always welcome and appreciated. They provide the majority of the club news of our Publication. So that I can fit the contents together, I ask that you please submit articles as a Word Document. Do not use "Read only," or use PDF. At times, I need to adjust articles to fit pictures or other articles on the page, and occasionally, I make a grammatical or spelling correction. Thank you for your cooperation, Sharon

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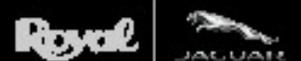


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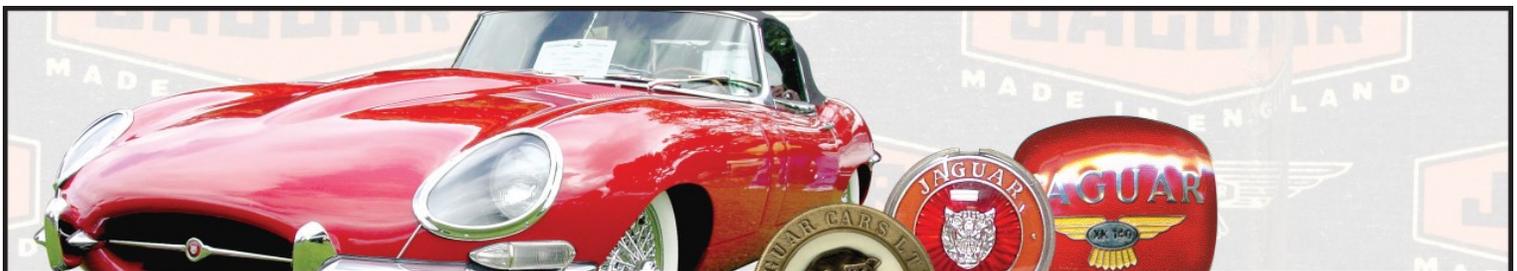
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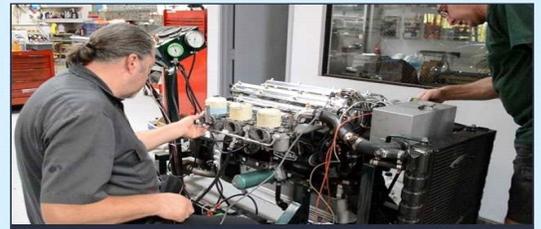
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