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Desert Jaguar



Monthly Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



Jaguar Project 7 concept made a dynamic debut at the 2013 Goodwood Festival of Speed. The project is based on Jaguar's acclaimed F-type and its name acknowledges Jaguar's winning of Le Mans seven times between 1951-1990 - a record for a British manufacturer. Its blue paintwork is reminiscent of the victorious Jaguar D-types of 1956/1957.

"The overriding dynamic aim when developing F-Type was to ensure connected feel; it's a true, driver-focused sports car; agile, immediate, fast and, of course, fun. Having achieved that for the road, Project 7 has given us a unique opportunity to go that little bit further. It's visceral in every sense - its response, its sound and its sheer performance.

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The Prez Sez

It is with great sadness that I have to report that our secretary Jake passed away in May due to complications during surgery. Such a likeable guy to be taken from us so suddenly is very hard to bear. We will all miss him terribly but none so much as his other half Colleen. Our thoughts are with her at this very sad time.

It is not good for me as club President to be far way from Tucson at a time like this but I am very thankful that there are kind club members who step up to the plate and help Colleen when she so needs support. Jake's obituary is on page 3.

The newsletter for the next few months will not be very typical as there will be no driving events to give notice of and to report on and as I am across the pond it might be that there are more articles than usual with a British slant.

I hope that having a snowbird as President and Editor will strike a chord with our members such that they realize that it is not an ideal situation. I have taken on the role of President for the age old reason that no one else is prepared to do it and I guess I will continue to fill the position until someone displays the enthusiasm to help in



leading our club forward.

For some time I have been searching for an XK8 as I love the understated classic design, smooth lines and iconic Jaguar oval intake. It is most certainly a classic in our time so I am proud to report that I now own such a beast. A 2005 convertible in silver and black with just 37,000 miles, 20 inch BBS wheels and XKR brakes. It drives like a dream of course and we have done several long trips to get to know its smooth power and legendary handling. Looks like there is some thoroughly enjoyable motoring ahead.

Our last daytime event before the summer break was held on 18 May when members gathered at the Hacienda Del Lago for a Sunday brunch. Not a heck of lot of participants but I guess the hot weather is beginning to have an effect.

Here in UK I have been keeping busy attending various car events such as the Transport Festival in Ludlow Castle, the International Buggati Club Spring Run and a tour of the Morgan factory at Malvern.



Drive safely and above all have fun.

Fred Secker

**No Driving Events are planned for June, July and August
- because its too darned hot**

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Edward (Jake) Jacob

On Sunday May 18 a beautiful soul left this earth to find everlasting peace.



Jake was born in Bronx New York, graduated from Miami University Oxford, Ohio with a B.A. in Physics in 1956 and served in the USAF for 20 years. He was an avid British car enthusiast, owned two award winning cars and was a long time member of The Tucson British Car Register where he served as an officer and board member. He and Colleen enjoyed driving their Austin Healey to many events and car shows. Jake also served on the board of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona where he was the incumbent secretary and Jake and Colleen participated in numerous Jaguar dinners, parties and car shows

Jake is survived by his beloved wife Colleen and by his step children, Corey Young, and Heather Chivilli of Tucson and Richard Tenney of Ashtabula Ohio, and 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. It is difficult to understand why Jake was taken from us but we will find comfort in the knowledge that he was a special part of a well-lived life. Memories of Jake's love and friendship are treasures that we will carry with us always.

I would like to thank everyone for the tremendous outpouring of well wishes over the sudden passing of my beloved husband, Jake. Your endless cards and gifts are deeply appreciated. I know how much Jake meant to all of you and how much we miss him.

With my deepest appreciation and gratitude, Colleen Jacob



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A Little Patch of Blue

In the coming Fall our club will stage a double overnight trip to Valley Verde which has been organized by four of our intrepid lady members. They four of them did a trip to explore the possibilities and had a great time in the process. Here below is an account of one of the fun things they did along the way by Colleen Jacob.

A little patch of blue in the middle of nowhere. That's what we thought as we were driving on the North Bush Hwy through the Tonto Nat'l Forest, which has some awesome views. Suddenly, we came upon a sign for a restaurant up a side road. A cry rang out in the SUV, "lets check that out", as the grapes we had been eating just weren't cutting the mustard anymore. Another nearby sign read, "Saquaro Lake" which piqued our interest even more.

The road we turned onto weaved around curve after curve, suddenly darting between two small hills. There in front of us was a beautiful blue lake at the bottom of overhanging cliffs, with mountains soaring above them. What a lovely surprise discovery.

There were many different size boats on the lake. People were gathering on a pier to board

one of them and be taken on a sight-seeing tour of the lake and the upriver side of a dam that was inaccessible by any other means.

The restaurant is on a small cliff high above the water with a great deck, lined with tables, overlooking the lake. We all had a different lunch, so we could sample as much of the menu as possible. As it turned out, we were all very happy with our choices. The restaurant is family owned, and the owners wife joined us to talk about the arrangements that could be made for our club. There will be a selection of 4 lunches to choose from. We have tried to be considerate of those who must be careful about what they eat, so the final package to be offered will try to accommodate those needs.

As we were leaving the restaurant we took a few minutes to enjoy the breeze, the beautiful blue water and the picture there in front of us.



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Hacienda Del Lago Brunch

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The car-maker has said the final six cars will be manufactured from scratch using the exact specs of the aluminium-bodied original car, including the 3.8-litre six-cylinder engine.

The price is expected to be well north of £1 million to reflect both the complexity of restarting production and the original cars' ongoing success in the big-money world of

classic motorsport.

Jaguar Heritage consultant Tony Schulp, the man charged with selling the car said the exact amount hadn't been fixed. "It's not a cheap car to build," he said. "Put it this way, there are 11 cars left in the world and if they came up for sale I'd estimate they wouldn't be selling for less than £3-4 million each."

The new cars will be so faithful to the originals, right down to the Sixties vehicle identification numbers (VINs) they were supposed to have, that Jaguar will sell them with FIA approval to run at classic events, despite being brand new.

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Minutes of Board Meeting - April 5

The meeting held at Royal Jaguar on April 5th began at 1:00 pm; pizza was served. Those in attendance were:

Board of Directors

Fred Secker President and Newsletter Editor Jake Jacob Secretary

Richard Mandziac VP/Events Coordinator

Advisory Council (including members added during meeting)

Doug Dechant Past President/Membership Chair Bill Badger

Chan Dayton Chief Judge Herbie Hampton

Darrell Anderson Marketing Marianne Fortunato

Club Members

Jude Dayton Claire Hampton.

- ~ **The Secretary** read the minutes of the last meeting which were accepted by the Board.
- ~ **The Treasurer** was unable to attend; the Secretary read his reports for the Jan – Mar period that had been submitted by email. Income was primarily from annual dues and Newsletter advertising; major expenses were for payments for JCNA memberships, and the Velvet Elvis luncheon. Our treasury balance was deemed to be in excess of our needs, and a discussion followed on ways to reduce it. It was proposed, and tentatively approved, that the four of our members who traveled to the Verde Valley to research and plan an upcoming Club trip there in November be reimbursed for half their out-of-pocket expenses. Final approval is dependent on receipt of an expense report. Regardless, the Board appreciates their efforts for the Club.
- ~ **Membership:** Doug reported that our membership is down so far this year, continuing a trend. He plans to obtain some promotional brochures from JCNA, add our membership application, and place them at various locations at Royal Jaguar. He will also talk to Royal about having them notify us of new Jaguar buyers.
- ~ **Marketing:** Darrell reported that all 2013 advertising accounts in arrears have been paid up. He will meet with our Treasurer to determine those in arrears for 2014, and send them a letter requesting payment.
- ~ **Old Business:** The Patagonia Drive and breakfast at Shlomo & Vito's were well attended, proving once more that our members enjoy events involving food.
- ~ **New Business: Driving Events.**
 - April 13th:** Drive to lunch to the Iron Door Restaurant on Mt Lemmon (Ski Valley). This replaces a proposed trip to the Tucson Soaring Club, as they can only be accessed via a dirt road. Fred will get out an "ebblast" on this event; the Club plans to subsidize the meal cost again.
 - May:** Since we lack a coordinator for the proposed Arboretum tour, Marianne will investigate arranging a brunch event at Del Lago in Vail.
 - June, July & August:** Enjoy the pool and our air-conditioned homes.
 - September:** Kitt Peak picnic
 - October:** Concours, tentatively scheduled for the 25th.
 - November:** A 3-day trip to the Verde Valley for sightseeing and a TRAIN RIDE (see the April Newsletter).
 - December:** X-mas Party at the Clifford's; date TBD.
- ~ **Concours:** A committee was formed, consisting of Dan Eklund as Chair, Chan Dayton as Chief Judge, Bill Badger, Jude Dayton, Doug Dechant, Jake Jacob and Marianne Mandziac-Fortunato. We will aim at Oct. 25th as the desired date. Availability of the Windmill Inn is not assured, so a new host hotel has to be found.
- ~ **Other Business:**
 - 1st Wednesdays:** We will stay at Firebird's and not actively seek an alternate location, however, any member is free to suggest anyplace they think might be better. Most places do not welcome large groups requesting separate checks. We had 35 attendees in April, so apparently Firebird's satisfies many of us.
 - Advisory Council:** It was decided to expand the Advisory Council, as we only have 2 of the suggested 4 past Presidents (the others have left the Club). In addition to the Executive Board and 2 past-Presidents, the following members are now on the Council: Darrell Anderson, Bill Badger, Skip Bailey, Chan Dayton, Herbie Hampton and Marianne Fortunato.
 - Newsletter:** We will continue to mail the Newsletter to previous members (unless they have requested otherwise) in hopes they will reconsider and rejoin.
 - Storeroom:** Investigate moving to a smaller storeroom with lower rent.
 - Charity Raffle:** We will have a prize, with all monetary proceeds going to YOTO.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jake Jacob, JCSA Secretary

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