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Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



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The Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona's 46th annual Concours d'Elegance is coming this November 17th

For 2018 our event will be held at a new location, the La Encantada Shopping Plaza at Campbell Ave and Skyline Road in the foot hills of Tucson.

Coming Events

- Nov. 7** **First Wednesday Dinner**
- Nov 10** **Cars and Coffee at AJs at La Encantada**
- Nov 16** **JCSA Concours d' Elegance Reception**
- Nov 17** **JCSA Concours d' Elegance**
- Dec 10** **JCSA Holiday Party** (dougdechant@gmail.com)

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The Prez Sez



Prez Sez:

It is November and we are holding our 46th Annual Concours d'Elegance. This is the first year we are holding our Concours at La Encantada and we are excited. However I have a question. If you have not entered your Jaguar, either to be judged or on display, why not?

La Encantada has some of the best shopping in Tucson, some of the best restaurants and is a beautiful place to spend a Saturday morning. Placing your Jaguar in the Concours requires very little effort on your part. This is your Club and this is your chance to help make it successful. So please, if you can at least place your Jag in the Display class, join us and have fun. Isn't that why you joined in the first place?

Speaking of our Concours, we may still need some help. So if you would like to be a judge, contact Cameron. If you would like to help place the cars, contact Jeff. If you would like to help out with the Friday reception or Saturday Awards dinner contact me.

Speaking of getting involved, this month we will be looking for members who would like to help keep our Club moving forward. We will be holding our annual Board of Directors election at our Holiday Party on December 10th. In the past, very few Club members have volunteered to join the Board or to take the other Officer positions. As a result, the management of the Club lies on just a few shoulders, which is not fair to these members. Therefore, please consider running for a Board position or offering to become an event leader and assume an active role in your Club for 2019, instead of being a passive one.

Be safe and have fun,

Doug

The 46th Annual JCSA Concours d' elegance is coming!

This event is a great opportunity for you show off your classic or contemporary Jaguar. This is the last Concours of 2018 you can accumulate JCNA points for your Jaguar in your division. Or, you can join the fun and put your beauty on display for members and visitors to admire.

La Encantada Shopping Plaza November 17, 2018

Reception 6:00PM Friday November 16th, North's Italia Restaurant Front Patio

Concours d' Elegance, November 17th, 8:00AM to 1:00PM La Encantada Shopping Plaza in front of North's and Firebirds.

Awards Dinner, 6:00PM North's Italia Restaurant's private dining room.

For general information please contact Doug Dechant at dougdechant@gmail.com or 443-995-1112

For Judging information please contact Cameron Sheahan at camsheahan@juno.com

Download the [Registration Form](#) for the upcoming Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona 46th Annual Concours D'Elegance on Saturday November 17, 2018.

For lodging information, see page 6.

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The Worlds Fastest SUV?

By Jim Motavalli

The big changes with the Lister LFP are under the skin, but it also looks the part. *ILLUSTRATION: LISTER*

Lister, a British company with a long history in racing, is making that claim that its forthcoming LFP, based on the high-performance Jaguar F-Pace SVR, will be the fastest SUV ever built. To claim that crown, Lister plans to build a car that can surpass 200 mph, topping the 650-horsepower Lamborghini Urus (190 mph). The LFP, the full details of which are forthcoming, will retain the Jaguar's five-liter supercharged V-8, but tune it to a whopping 670 horsepower (from 550). It will go from zero to 60 in 3.5 seconds, compared to four seconds (and a top speed of 176 mph) in the standard SVR.



Selling supercars these days is all about the exclusivity, and only 250 LFPs will be built. The company hasn't been specific about everything it plans to do to the SVR, but photos reveal new wheels and upgraded brakes with yellow calipers. It will also feature restyled bumpers, plus spoilers, side skirts, and yellow stripes on the front doors to complement the calipers.

In terms of SUV power, the LFP might be best compared to Jeep's Grand Cherokee Trackhawk, which offers 707 horsepower, an identical 3.5-second zero to 60 time, and 11.6-second quarter miles. The Trackhawk's \$86,650 list price will also be hard to beat; the Lister LFP could cost more than \$180,000.

The Lister company was founded in Cambridge, England, in 1954, and was extensively involved in building winning race cars in the 1950s and 60s—using Jaguar, Ford, and even Chevrolet Corvette power. After the company was sold in 1986, it began to produce performance versions of the Jaguar XJS (approximately 90 were built), and its own bespoke Lister Storm race car. The Lister LFT-666, also revealed in September, is a Jaguar F-Type with 666 horsepower and 208-mph potential. A supercar successor to the Storm is reportedly under development, funded in part by the company's Jaguar projects.

The Lister LFP is part of an expanding group of luxury SUVs. According to an Edmunds report released on Sept. 13, 62% percent of all luxury vehicles sold in 2018 to date have been SUVs. That's an all-time high.

There are both up and downsides. The public has unprecedented SUV choice, but likely increased confusion about which model to buy. "Although flooding the market with SUVs from both legacy luxury and mainstream brands is proving a winning strategy for automakers, it's also driving up prices of new vehicles overall and blurring the lines in the eyes of a car shopper of what truly make a vehicle 'luxury,'" the report said.

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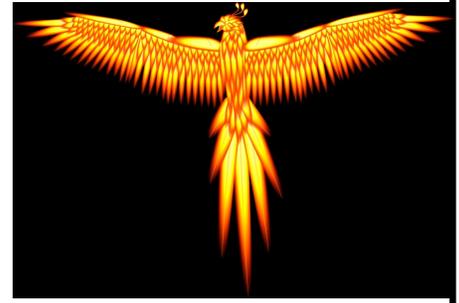
JCSA First Wednesday Dinner– November 7

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.

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Worlds fastest SUV (continued)

The luxury market is on track for a near-record year, the report said, with 1.3 million vehicles in the category sold through August. That's 11% of total auto and truck sales so far this year. The average luxury vehicle today sells for \$54,627, compared to an average mainstream entry at \$33,346 (though options can push the prices much higher). Smaller luxury SUVs have become a hot commodity, and for the 2019 model year, offerings include the Audi Q3, Cadillac XT4, and Lincoln Nautilus.

Automakers have traditionally differentiated their top models with more performance and better handling, but the report says that's not a big selling point with SUV buyers, who value high-level content and luxury appointments more. As mainstream models gain more of this same content in their upper-trim levels, it blurs and diminishes the advantage of luxury nameplates.

The report concludes, "As we head into the heart of the 2019 model year, the luxury market is strong but at a crossroads. As luxury brands push into vehicle segments dominated by ever-more premium offerings from mainstream brands, they're going to have to work harder to convince shoppers the brand cachet is worth paying extra for.

Jaguar is Thinking About Phasing Out Internal Combustion Engines in Favor of Becoming an All-EV Brand Within Five Years

Elizabeth Werth

With more and more attention being paid to the terrifying issue of climate change, we've seen more and more automakers experimenting with their own version of the electric vehicle as an attempt to stay in tune with the needs of our planet. Now, Jaguar is considering being one of the first brands intending to entirely swap out their internal combustion engine cars for EVs.

According to *Autocar*, the British marque has already been planning this swap out to take place within the decade—most likely within the next five years. In that time, they'll be producing fewer and fewer conventional vehicles, instead replacing them with models that run on greener, more sustainable energy. They're already producing the I-Pace for 2019, but Jaguar is also planning on introducing a whole host of luxury models powered by an electric powertrain within the next two years. Specifically, they're looking to turn the XJ into an electric model for the first time since its introduction as a model in 1968. This is intended to directly compete with the Porsche Taycan and basically everything ever made by Tesla.

That's just going to be the first step in the process, and Jaguar wants to be one of the first brands to capitalize on what they believe to be a relatively untouched market of electric luxury vehicles. They're also thinking about how great it would be if Lyft and Uber drivers started using their car—an electric option would be great to quiet all those people pointing out how bad ridesharing has been for the environment.

It could be a good time to make the switch. In 2023, the XE and XF models will be wrapping up—why not introduce them as an electric crossover to battle with Audi's e-Tron? Two years later, the new I-Pace will be ready for introduction. The only car left as an internal combustion production would be the J-Pace.

It's pretty smart thinking, if you ask me. Jaguar doesn't have a million models in current production, and it just kind of makes sense to slowly morph their current products into something more sustainable once their current runs are finished. They just have to add a few different touches to the products they already offer, and boom: the same Jaguars you know and love, now with the added bonus of not killing the planet!

Jag Jaunt to Douglas'

Haunted(?) Gadsen Hotel

On Saturday, October 20, ten beautiful Jaguars headed to southern Arizona and the border town of Douglas. Twenty-two members and one guest participated in the JCSA trip for lunch and a ghost tour of the historic Gadsen Hotel, driving first through Tombstone and then south on US 191 to our destination.



Arriving at the stunning 1907 art deco hotel, filled with stained glass and marble, we first took a "ghost tour" led by one of the hotel's new owners, Anel Lopez. Anel guided us thru the basement, describing phantom encounters and points of historical interest. The tour continued with a visit to the old hotel rooms on the third floor, accessed by some brave members who elected to ride the ancient elevator and by the rest who climbed the famed marble stair case in the lobby.

((There are still chips in the marble where Pancho Villa rode his horse up the stairs.)) Following this fun event, we enjoyed an excellent lunch prepared by the staff of the elegant Casa Segovia Restaurant located in the hotel. Following lunch, we drove to the nearby Southern Pacific Railway Station. The interesting art deco building, now the site of the Douglas Police Department, was a perfect spot for a photo op for the "Cats".

The trip concluded with some members returning to Tucson via the charming mining town of Bisbee. It was a perfect end to a beautiful day! ([More pictures on page 12](#))



Lodging for the 2018 Concours de Elegance November 16 and 17

We have a new hotel, the Embassy Suites just across the street from La Encantada. We have negotiated a nightly rate of \$135 which includes a made to order breakfast. The Embassy Suites can be contacted at (520) 352-4000, please mention Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona for the discount.

Welcome new members Brad and Julie Verbout

We purchased the 2005 Jaguar S Type in November, 2004 from Rudy Luther Jaguar in Minneapolis, MN.

We only drove the Jag on special occasions or small trips. We did a weekend trip from Forest Lake, MN. to Duluth, MN. and drove up the north shore of Lake Superior to Grand Marais looking at the changing leaves along the lake. Two weeks later we drove down the Wisconsin side of the Mississippi River to Lake Pepin and had drinks at Slippery's Bar in Wabasha, MN (where they filmed Grumpy Old Men). We stayed at the Anderson House in Wabasha, MN. where they let you have a cat for the night.

Julie is originally from St. Paul, MN. and I am originally from So. St. Paul, MN. I moved to Forest Lake, MN. in 1977 and we both resided there until 2010 when we moved to Pequot Lakes, MN. on the shores of Pelican Lake (near Brainerd, MN.) We still go back to Minnesota for the summer but became permanent residents of Green Valley, AZ. in 2017.

We have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson between us.

Julie worked for AT&T until 1990 and then joined our Tax Practice at that time. I worked for the St. Paul Pioneer Press Newspaper for 34 years as a printer, Technical Manager, Business and Graphics Manager and retired from there in 1998. I started the tax practice in 1967 with 5 customers. The practice was sold in 2008 to our employees and at that time we had 3,200 customers.

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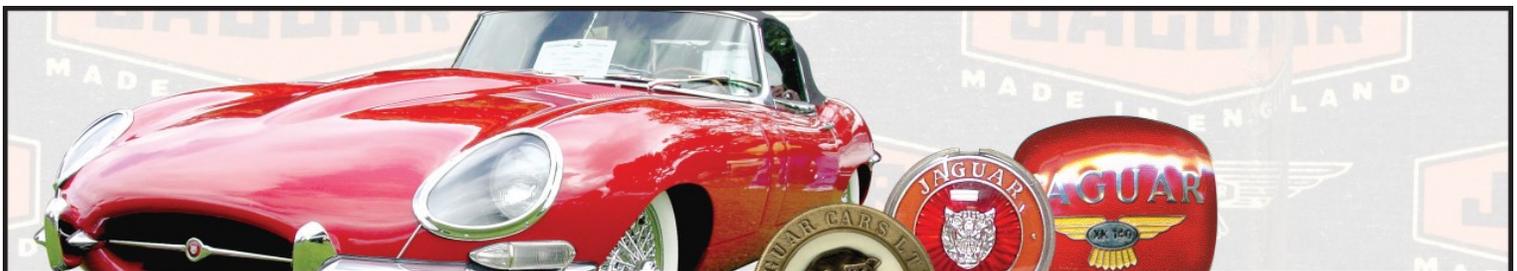
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