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## **BACK TO THE FUTURE**



Artist's rendering of the new electric GT to be revealed in 2024, the first of three models in the new Jaguar family. See article below.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a terrific season. We have had so many activities. Dinners, parties, cars, drives, more food and more Jags! We have new members to welcome and enjoy each other's company and did I mention our Jags! It has been great.

In this off season....? Well, most of us are still here. So guess what? We have a drive coming up this month. We have our first Wednesday dinners and we have our annual Mt. Lemmon drive planned for June. We will continue with first Wednesday dinners through the summer. Please watch your email for announcements for the drives and dinners.

I want to thank everyone for their participation. I also want to thank the Board members for all their work keeping us informed, involved and active.

Big events coming up later this year will be our 50th Concours d'Elegance at La Encantada on Saturday, November 11. The awards dinner will be held at Sullivans later that evening. Spread the word and start working on your beautiful Jags to enter them in the judging.

I hope everyone has a wonderful, safe summer.

Cheers,  
Abbe Meyer

## JCSA UPCOMING EVENTS

Announcements and reminders are emailed as events are scheduled or changed. **Also, check the Events calendar with a new feature: highlights and photos of 2023 events.**

<https://icsaz.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/JCSA-Events-2023.pdf>

May 3	First Wednesday Dinner, Firebirds
May 24	Saguaro National Park East Tour
June 7	First Wednesday Dinner, North
June TBD	Mt Lemmon Drive

## UPCOMING

### The Bloomin' Saguaros, Ocotillos, and Wildflower Tour of Saguaro National Park EAST

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

We will meet at Scordato's Pizzeria located at 4911 N Stone Avenue. Our drive will take us through Sabino Canyon area to [Saguaro National Park East](#). Additional driving details will be provided. If you are using your GPS to assist with directions, please enter the full address of the park, not just the name of the park as map programs often confuse the two locations. Saguaro National Park East's address is **3693 S. Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, Arizona 85730**. This is a fee facility. **Remember your National Parks Pass or else you will have to pay the \$25 entry fee!** We will take a leisurely drive along the rolling, paved loop road through the park and take in the beautiful cacti that will hopefully be in bloom along with a large variety of wildflowers that create a truly beautiful vista that is unique to southern Arizona. We will meet at the restaurant at noon.

More details will be sent by email the first of May. And, please **RSVP by May 21** to Colleen Kearney at [vice-president@icsaz.com](mailto:vice-president@icsaz.com)



## A Garage Like No Other

On March 18, JCSA members met at the home of Tom and Daria Durham for morning refreshment and camaraderie before heading out on a scenic drive to Terry Larson's Garage in Mesa, AZ, where we were joined by members of the Northern Arizona club. Terry's spectacular collection of Jaguars is a true testament to his deep-rooted love for beautiful cats! The collection includes cars many members had never seen before, including some pristine SS, C, D, and E Types. In addition to the fabulous cars were the assortment of tools in the garage. Every tool imaginable for any job on a Jaguar was likely housed in the extremely orderly garage. Special thanks go out to Terry and Darlene Larson for their wonderful hospitality and allowing our group to view this amazing collection of fine automobiles. A delicious lunch at the Patio and Grille Restaurant at Sendas Golf Club concluded another great outing for the club. Colleen Kearney



## Sonoita Wine Country

On April 13, 29 members of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona headed out to Sonoita for a day of lunch, wine tasting and great camaraderie. After driving through the beautiful rolling hills of Southern Arizona, the group enjoyed some great pub fare at the Copper Brothel Brewing Company. After lunch the group was warmly welcomed by the staff at the nearby Autumn Sage Winery for a wine tasting that gave members an opportunity to "taste the dessert," as one member put it, in some Arizona wines. The outing was another great opportunity to drive our cars, explore Arizona and enjoy our fellow club members. See you next time! Colleen Kearney

## MEET NEW MEMBERS

### Tom & Barb Russ

I've been passionate about the marque for about as long as I can remember. I bought my first Jaguar in the early '70s and have owned some 20+ since that time. We currently have five in the stable, all of which are near mint condition but are driven regularly. They include: a '96 VDP, a 2000 XJR, a 2001 XKR Coupe, a 2011 XK Coupe (definitely Barbara's!), and the most recent addition a 2017 F-Type Coupe S British Design Edition (definitely mine!) Barb is a native Tucsonan while I arrived in '78 driving a beautiful XJ6 Series I -- one I really wish I still had -- and have been here ever since. I am acquainted with a few of the current members as I have worked for Jaguar at the dealer level for just shy of 50 years. Since we are both now retired, we foresee many long-distance adventures ahead of us -- it does them no good to just sit in the garage!

## MEET NEW MEMBERS

### John & Fran Thomson

About two years ago we moved from El Dorado Hills in the Sierra Nevada foothills of California to live full-time at Robson Ranch in Eloy. We were delighted to find the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona in Tucson and we joined as soon as we got settled into our new home. We have a 1989 Jaguar XJ-S coupe that we bought from the original owner in Palo Alto, CA, in 1998, when it had but 14,450 miles on it. It is completely original and all of its life was spent in California before coming to Arizona. Currently it has only 75,000 miles on it, despite having gone on many road trips with the San Francisco Jaguar Associates Club. Over the years the car has become more of an occasional driver than a daily driver. Recently we were able to enroll our Jaguar in FIVA, the international federation of antique vehicles. Our car easily qualified, as it is over thirty years old and is in excellent original condition. The first JCSA event we attended was the Holiday Party in December, which we must enjoyed. We look forward to participating in many more fun events with the Tucson club.



## ALL THINGS JAGUAR

### Back to the Future: Jaguar GT 2025

A lot has been written about Jaguar's new strategy. With the all-electric XJ canned at the eleventh hour to take stock of where Jaguar should be in today's automotive landscape, many have asked what's next for the famed British brand. But Jaguar Land Rover's (JLR) has confirmed some early details of the first all-new up-market Jaguar.

As depicted by purely speculative artists' rendering at this stage, the model will be an all-electric four-door GT. In addition to the as-yet-unnamed GT, Jaguar will also offer two more EVs based on the JEA platform, although details have not been forthcoming.

The first of the new-age Jaguars, the fruit of the ambitious Reimagine program, will have a range of up to 430 miles (700 km), with deliveries starting in 2025. It will sit on an all-new dedicated architecture, dubbed JEA (Jaguar Electric Architecture), and start at £100,000 (equivalent to around \$125,000 at current exchange rates).

SOURCES: Autocar, April 19, 2023; Carscoops, April 19, 2023

### Why Jaguar Is on a Mission to Trim Down Its U.S. Dealer Footprint

Jaguar dealers in the U.S. are beginning to experience a shift in offerings of new Jaguars from JLR. Jaguar wants to push aggressively upmarket by planning to compete with Bentley with a three-car lineup of all electric offerings priced higher than existing model beginning in 2025. With a smaller, pricier and more exclusive range planned, it will mean that Jaguar is forced to shrink its U.S. dealer network. Despite semi-conductor-related delays in fulfillment, JLR posted a profit in the latter half of 2022 which was led by new Range Rover models. At the moment, there are some 395 JLR dealerships in the U.S., with many of them offering both Jaguar and Land Rover products side by side.

On a related topic, JLR Rover has appointed the company's head of UK operations, Rawdon Glover, to oversee the revamped Jaguar brand. Glover's title will be "Brand Managing Director, Jaguar." His promotion comes as Jaguar prepares to become an all-electric brand in 2025 and position itself higher in the market with a new range of luxury models.

Source: Carscoops, March 2023

<https://www.carscoops.com/2023/03/why-jaguar-is-on-a-mission-to-trim-down-its-u-s-dealer-footprint/>

## Ten Most Reliable Jaguars to Buy Used

While it may sound like an oxymoron, reliable Jaguars do exist. These are the best Jags for a hassle-free ownership experience. Jaguar is a brand known for producing vehicles that provide a great combination of style, luxury, performance, and comfort. While owning a new Jaguar may come with a hefty price tag, opting for a used model can save you a lot of bucks without sacrificing your driving experience. But not all Jaguars are equal as some are more reliable than others. It's important to pick a model that won't cause headaches down the road. The full article includes details of key features, performance, and reliability ratings.

- #1 2019 F-Pace
- #2 XFR/SFR-X (2013 - 2015)
- #3 2009 XJ Portfolio (X358)
- #4 2005 S-Type
- #5 2017 XE
- #6 2005 X-Type
- #7 X150 XK (2012 - 2014)
- #8 2017 F-Type X152
- #9 2014 X351 XJ
- #10 2015 XF X250

Source: Hotcars, March 2023

<https://www.hotcars.com/most-reliable-jaguars-to-buy-used/>

## Bill Gates Is Blown Away Touring in an Autonomous Jaguar in London

The Microsoft founder rode shotgun in a Jaguar I-Pace fitted with self-driving tech from British company Wayve. It's not hyperbole to say that the computing technology pioneered by Bill Gates has radically changed the world and the way we interact with it. But even Gates is knocked sideways after seeing an autonomous vehicle pick its way through London traffic. The YouTube video of the ride shows the Jag navigating the usual chaos of London's busy and often narrow streets.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ruKJCiAOmfg>

Source: Carscoops, March 2023

<https://www.carscoops.com/2023/03/bill-gates-is-blown-away-after-watching-an-autonomous-car-tackle-londons-chaotic-streets/>

## 2023 REGIONAL CONCOURS & FESTIVALS

As a member of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona, you are eligible to enter your cars in other concours and festivals sanctioned by the Jaguar Clubs of North America.

June 4 – Jaguar Owners Club, Los Angeles

Contact: Mark Mayuga, [markmayuga@verizon.net](mailto:markmayuga@verizon.net) 909-772-1075

June 24 – Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club, Denver

Contact: Vince Lane [blcswvid@msn.com](mailto:blcswvid@msn.com) 720-220-6361

July 15 - San Diego Jaguar Club Concours

<https://sdjagclub.wildapricot.org/Events>

August TBD - Jaguar Club of New Mexico

Contact: John Dias 505-285-8407

Sept. 30 - Inland Empire Jaguar Club, Idyllwild, CA

Contact: Mike Zavos 858-518-5898

<https://www.icna.com/events/2023-inland-empire-jaguar-club-10th-annual-jagstravaganza>

Oct. 1 – Jaguar Owners Club of Los Angeles, Idyllwild, CA

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October TBD – Jaguar Club of Southern Colorado Pikes Peak Concours

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Oct. 30 – 31 JCNA International Jaguar Festival, Huntington Beach, CA

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November 11 – Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona, Tucson

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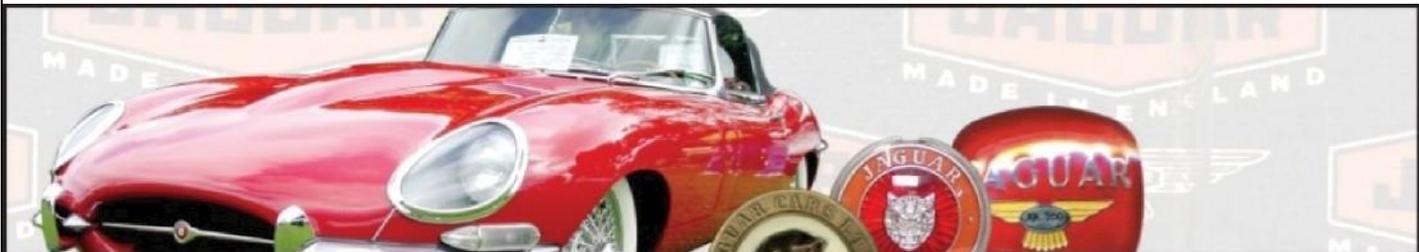
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