



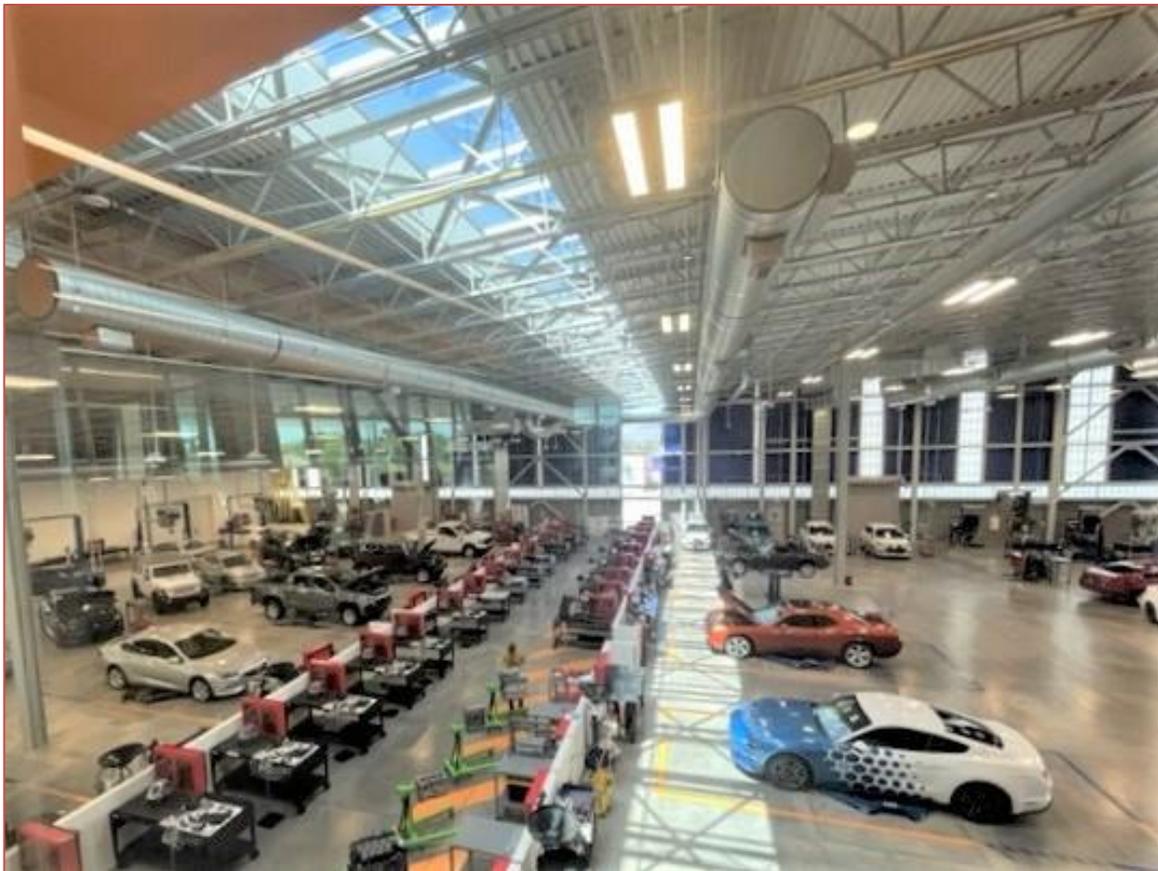
Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona

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Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona
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PCC Automotive Technology Program



Club members enjoyed a tour of Pima Community College's Automotive Technology Program on April 26. See the President's Message for details.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello all. Summer has arrived. First Wednesday dinners will continue but we will take a little hiatus on other activities for a few months. We will be planning a full schedule of activities for the fall and onward. The club's 50th Concours d'Elegance is scheduled for November 11, so get working on polishing your beautiful Jags. If you want to become a judge for the event, look for an announcement in the near future on how you can do that. The holiday dinner is scheduled for December 2. Please consider donating items or services for the silent auction to be held that night. Lastly, a trip to Cloudcroft and Santa Fe will be planned for April.

I wanted to take this space to report on the tour that several of us made of the Pima Community College Automotive Program. Our tour was led by Skylar Webb, the director of the program. One word can sum up our view of the tour and program and that is INCREDIBLE. The space is a 40,000 sq ft warehouse neatly laid out with rows of different spotless donated vehicles. The program currently has about 250 students and can handle up to 400. Students follow the program at their own pace and schedule. The program is totally designed to accommodate the student. The philosophy is to support the student in every way so that they can accomplish their goals. There is classroom time but mainly hands-on learning for every area of vehicle maintenance and repair. Tools are provided through a computerized sign-in system. The areas are kept spotless. We were all very impressed. My husband, Ron, was so impressed he even signed up to take a class on diagnostics. He already has his safety glasses and a 1400-page text book. (That's for the whole program not just the one class 😁.) If anyone is interested in a tour of the facility, contact Skylar Webb at srwebb@pima.edu.

Everyone please have a wonderful, safe, and healthy summer. Stay cool 😎.

Cheers,
Abbe

JCSA Concours d'Elegance November 11, 2023

***** 50 for the 50th *****

Can you guess how many Jaguars our 69 club members have combined? Well, the answer is 130! The goal is to have at least 50 cars in the judged or display category for our 50th Concours. This is a significant milestone among Jaguar Clubs of North America. The Southern Arizona Jaguar Club was organized in 1972 when the first Concours was held. One year was skipped during the pandemic, so the 50th anniversary year is 2023. This a great opportunity for you to show your beautiful Jaguar and compete for awards and acclamation, whether as a judged entry or display entry. The Concours is sanctioned by the Jaguar Clubs of North America; this means you can compete for awards national in the class of your Jaguar. Registration will open the first of September on the jcsaz.com website. Many more reminders and event details will be forthcoming, plus an opportunity to purchase a commemorative 50th Concours shirt.

And, a note about Concours judges' training. The annual judges' school (refresher) will be held in October, date to be determined. Anyone interested in becoming a judge is welcome. It is mandatory for all existing judges to maintain their judge status. Please let me know whether you can make it or need another avenue to get the refresher training. Contact Chris Brewer at chiefjudge@jcsaz.com



MEET NEW MEMBERS

Paul Taylor & Karen Levyszpiro

I drive a 2011 Jaguar XK coupe, Indigo Blue with Caramel interior. It was a birthday present from my spouse, Karen! Although it is 12 years old, it only has 48,000 miles in the odometer. This is my third Jaguar. In San Diego I had an XJS convertible (red, of course!) and an X-type as a daily driver. We moved from San Diego in 2019 when I retired from a hospital there. I grew up outside Detroit, Michigan, so I've always been a "car guy."

RECENT DRIVES

The Bloomin Saguars, Ocotillos, and Wildflower Tour or Saguaro National Park East May 24, 2023

Gathering on the west side of town, 11 members met to wind their way through Tucson to Saguaro National Park East where they were joined by a few more members who live near the park. After a leisurely ride through the circuitous road, with a few stops for photos, we headed to Saguaro Corners Restaurant where we enjoyed a lunch in the shade. Thanks to Carolyn Arnquist for taking the lead in her FFFFAST Jag. And, thanks to Colleen Kearney for organizing.



Mount Lemmon Drive June 23, 2023

Our annual drive to Mt. Lemmon and the Iron Door restaurant was held on June 23. We had a great turnout of 12 cars and 23 participants including several new members. The weather was perfect, and we had very little traffic for the 25-mile drive with a stop at San Pedro Vista. Lunch at the Iron Door was excellent, and a lot of pie was consumed. With the exception of one sedan, all of the Jaguars were XKs, XK8s and F-Types – a sporty group indeed. Thanks to Jim & Monica Hart and Colleen Kearney for organizing the day.



ALL THINGS JAGUAR

2023 International Jaguar Festival Moved to Columbia, South Carolina

It was recently announced that the International Jaguar Festival (IJF) to be held in Santa Barbara in October of this year was cancelled due to rising costs. To the rescue came the Jaguar Society of South Carolina with the Coventry Foundation. The IJF has been rescheduled for September 28 – October 1, 2023, at Saluda Shoals in Columbia, South Carolina. Registration information will be forwarded when it is received.

Jaguar Recalls all I-Pace EVs over Battery Fire Risk

Automaker Jaguar has announced a comprehensive recall of all its I-Pace electric vehicles in the United States, citing a potential risk of battery fires. The company is also advising customers to park outside until repairs are made and charge their vehicles outdoors so they don't burn their houses down.

Given the relatively low volume of I-Pace cars, the four fires are statistically significant, even more so than the dozens of Bolt EV fires. Despite the initial worries, it took the automaker a year to start the recall. Jaguar is now recalling all "2019-2024MY Jaguar I-PACE vehicles built at the Graz Vehicle Assembly Plant from June 5, 2018."

According to Jaguar's recall notice, the problem is a thermal overload that could cause the high voltage traction battery to burn or emit smoke. "Vehicles have experienced thermal overload which may show as smoke or fire, that may occur underneath the vehicle where the high voltage traction battery is located," the notice read.

Thanks to George Woodring for forwarding this article. Source: Electrek June 2, 2023

<https://electrek.co/2023/06/02/jaguar-recalls-all-i-pace-evs-over-battery-fire-risk/>

Additional note: There is an I-Pace Forum at <https://www.i-paceforum.com/> which may be of interest to some.

Jaguar Classic Will Sell New E-Type ZP Collection Restomods as Pairs

Jaguar is paying homage to the first E-Types to win competition races, with a pair of special new-old classics. Sold as a pair, just 14 of the classic cars will be sold to seven buyers to celebrate the special history of what is perhaps the brand's most famous car. Lightly modified for modern usability, the cars are inspired by the two E-Types that were driven to victory by Graham Hill and Roy Salvadori in 1961. Sent into competition almost as soon as the car was revealed, the first car was driven to victory by Hill at Oulton Park.

Source: Carscoops June 6, 2023

<https://www.carscoops.com/2023/06/jaguar-classic-will-sell-these-new-e-types-zp-collection-restomods-exclusively-as-pairs/>

**JCSA Executive Board Meeting Notes
July 1, 2023**

The Concours will take place on November 11, 2023, at La Encantada. Judges training will be held sometime in October, date to be determined. The awards dinner will be held at Sullivan's. Commemorative logo shirts for the JCSA 50th Concours will be designed and order forms will be available in a few months.

Activities will resume in the fall, with San Diego and Tubac as possible destinations. The Holiday Dinner is scheduled for December 1 at Café a La C'Art, adjacent to the Tucson Museum of Art.

Membership is currently at 69, with 11 new members joining so far this year. The JCSA website has been revised to include a section on membership benefits and a description of club activities with photos.

Although the club is solvent, the Board discussed opportunities to increase revenue based on a decline in advertising and other sources of support. Part of the discussion was how to reduce costs, including offering an additional online payment option for membership and Concours registration. This topic will be continued at the October 4 Board meeting.

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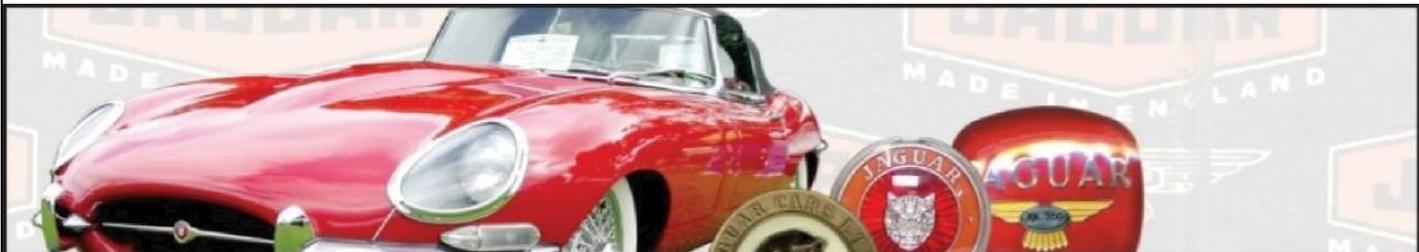
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