



Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



This ornament was designed and made using a 3-D printer by Ron Meyer for Club members attending the annual Holiday Party. Ron will be designing and 3-D printing trophies for our Concours on April 4. A preview of the trophies will appear in the March newsletter and you will not believe how incredible they will be.

President's Message

First of all, I would like to wish all of our members and families a very happy, healthy, and safe New Year.

Secondly, I would like to discuss our club's dues. As you may recall JCNA annual dues are currently \$55 and our local club dues are \$35. (Our local club dues are in line with what other groups charge.) For the calendar years 2025 and 2026, your local board of directors decided to subsidize the dues by \$10 to keep the rate at \$80 per year instead of \$90. Our club's bank balance is a little over \$10,000. The balance has been holding at that amount over the past few years. The question that I am seeking input on is whether we need such a healthy bank balance. I don't think so. In the past 2-3 years, the club has annually subsidized the cost of the Concours to the tune of about \$500, membership dues of about \$630, and the holiday party about \$200-\$400. Also, in the more distant past, the club used to subsidize lunches on some monthly drives. To be honest, this last option does not sit right with me as I feel a club subsidy ought to benefit all if not most members. I would really appreciate your input and ideas. Should we keep the membership subsidy as is or increase it? Should we charge less for Concours entrants and subsidize more of the costs? Should we subsidize more of the cost of the holiday dinner? Or do you have other ideas or thoughts. Please send me an email and let me know. This will be a topic of discussion at our next board meeting on January 17.

On another topic, we would like some input on our club activities. Would you like to join more of our car drives? If yes, please make suggestions. If you would like to attend other club functions, please communicate any new ideas that you may have. We will be scheduling two tech talks this year. This is your club and we want to keep our members happy and involved, but we really need your input.

We love our Jaguars and although the future of the Jaguar vehicles is uncertain and frustrating, we want to keep our club alive and vibrant. Humming or purring along just like our cars. We look forward to your input and thoughts which are greatly appreciated. Stay safe out there.

Cheers,
Abbe
president@jcsaz.com

2026 JCSA Officers and Appointed Positions

President – Abbe Meyer

Vice-President, Activities – Colleen Kearney

Associate Vice-President, Communications – Karen Bell

Secretary – Jack Royer

Treasurer – Jeff Beech

Concours Chair – Carolyn Arnquist

Concours Chief Judge – Jeff Simpson

Advertising – John Madden

Membership – Bob Bell

2026 Events Calendar

January

7 – First Wednesday Dinner

18 – President’s Brunch*

February

4 – First Wednesday Dinner

18 – Globe AZ Drive

March

4 – First Wednesday Dinner

TBD – Tucson Auto Museum

April

No First Wednesday Dinner

4 – Concours d’Elegance

7-10 Santa Fe Road Trip

May

6 – First Wednesday Dinner

TBD – St. Anthony’s Monastery

Upcoming Event – January 18

The President's Brunch will be held at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort on Sunday, January 18, at 11:00am. Escape to this beautiful Tucson resort nestled in the picturesque Catalina Mountains for our first event in the New Year. The Blues, Brews, and BBQ Buffet is rated one of the best brunches in Tucson offering a wide selection. And, it is not only all-you-can-eat, it also includes one free mimosa per person!! \$65 per person plus tax and tip. Respond no later than January 11 to Colleen Kearney at vice-president@icsaz.com

CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL UPDATE

If you have not renewed, it's not too late to submit your renewal by January 15. We are approaching the time when renewals need to be sent to JCNA. We had another fun year with lots of activities including social events, drives, and tech talks. In 2025 membership increased, so let's renew to keep the club strong and growing.

The JCSA board is AGAIN absorbing the JCNA dues increase of \$10 so dues remain \$80. Associate Membership remains \$30 (primary membership in another club within Jaguar Club of N.A.).

TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP go to

<https://icsaz.com/renew-membership/>

You will be able to pay by PayPal, credit card, Zelle, or check.

Bob Bell, Membership Chair



HOLIDAY PARTY

The holiday party was held at the Arizona Inn on December 3. The silent auction and other donations raised over \$1,000 to present to the Flowing Wells School District automotive program.





Jaguar's Last Night Before Christmas

Sandor Nagyszalanczy, President of the Jaguar Associates Group (J.A.G.), wrote this parody of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas and published it in his club's December newsletter. He gave permission to reprint it here.

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the shop,
not a Jaguar was purring, all oil leaks had stopped.

The Latin mechanics had hidden with care,
in hopes that the I.C.E. wouldn't find them in there.

The tools were all sparkling and spread on the bench,
with the sizes in Whitworth stamped on each wrench.

Then from the cat's builders there came a new plan,
to stop making the models that delighted each fan.

And then in the automotive press did appear,
a commercial that filled each Jag lover with fear.

With strange phrases and colors and people from Mars,
which caused Elon Musk to ask "Do you sell cars?"

Then came the prototype, one in pink, one in blue,
which sparked the Jag owners to all cry "Boo Hoo!"

For although it was sleek, and electric, and cool,
it looked like a car for rich gangsters and fools.

And all 'cross the globe came a cry of dismay,
"How could those JLR folks treat us this way?"

But just when it seemed Jaguar had its last roar,
the owners at Tata showed McGovern the door.

And in his place a new design chief did appear,
who we all hoped would soon fill us with cheer.

But here on the cusp of a new year of hope,
the company has still not supplied any dope.

On what kind of car they will really produce,
we only hear rumors and words of excuse.

So, we're left with our F-types and XKs and Es,
and all the old models that continue to please.

If only the company would listen to us,
we'd have some new Jaguars that won't make us cuss.

So, I say both to Tata and their JLR group,
don't give us that overpriced "zero zero" coupe.

Please create some new models made for the true fan,
with looks, specs and prices right for most everyman.

If you don't, I'm quite sure that by this time next year,
your Christmas won't fill you with profits and cheer.

For most loyal owners of your spotted cat cars,
will be buying Audis, Porsches, and Mercedes GTRs.

And these words they'll exclaim as they drive near and afar,
"Shame on you Tata for killing Jaguar."



JLR design, in conjunction with Santa Claus, reveals Christmas sled of the future - designed to meet ever increasing delivery timetable. All-terrain capability, powered by particle accelerator technology with optional laser guided present delivery and CRS (Chimney Recognition Software). JLR's Christmas Card, 2009©

ALL THINGS JAGUAR

JLR Fired the Man Who Designed the Jaguar Type 00 Concept

Early December saw reporting that Gerry McGovern's abrupt exit comes amid new leadership, who may have plans to take Jaguar in a different direction. However, a Dec. 16 update states that JLR is disputing initial reports that it fired its chief creative officer. According to a report by Automotive News Europe, a company spokesperson said, "It is untrue that we have terminated Gerry McGovern's employment." However, they declined to provide additional comment and would not confirm whether McGovern still worked at JLR.

The decision to get rid of McGovern was reportedly made by P.B. Balaji, JLR's newest CEO. Previously, Balaji was the chief financial officer for the Tata Motors but last month, he replaced Adrian Mardell, who retired after three years as JLR CEO and 35 years total with the company. Now, Balaji takes over a company that's still recovering from a massive cyberattack that halted and with Jaguar having delayed its \$130K electric grand tourer, it appears JLR's new leadership may have plans to take things in a different direction.

Source: Car & Driver, Dec. 2, 2025, Dec. 16, 2025

<https://www.caranddriver.com/news/a69611786/gerry-mcgovern-ilr-design-boss-fired/>

Radical Jaguar Type 00 Steals the Spotlight in London

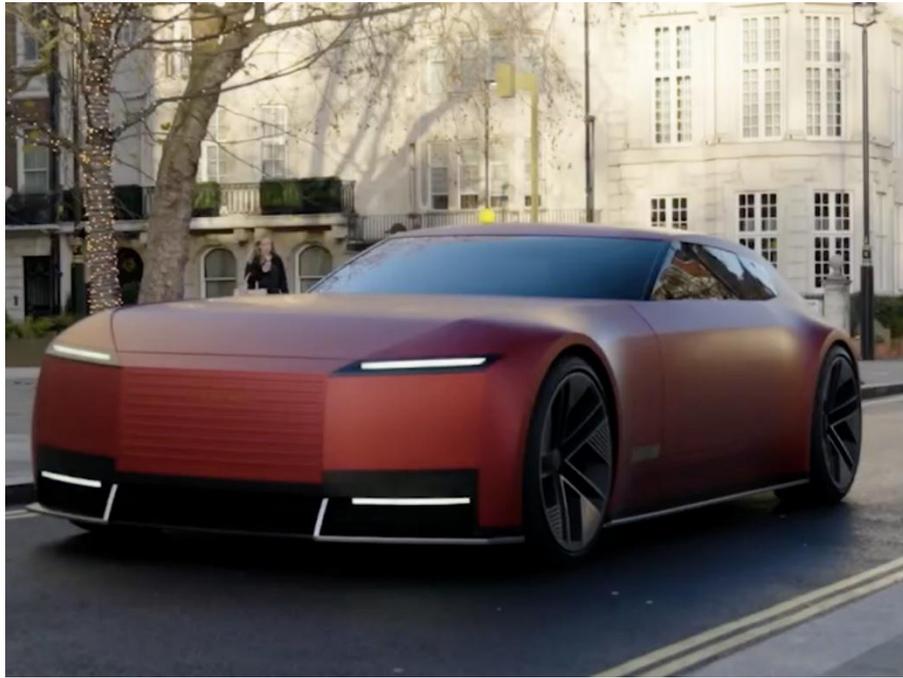
The radical Jaguar Type 00 was seen driving in London, proving to all those who said it wasn't a drivable vehicle that it is more than just a pretty face sitting in the spotlight on a rotating platform at an auto show. This time, the concept seemed to float above the street, rocking a paintwork that we haven't seen before.

The paint job was specifically designed to mark the moment. Jaguar stated that for this shade, it drew inspiration from the red brick Victorian architecture of Kensington, a neighborhood situated in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. The 00 is seen pulling in front of the Chancery Rosewood luxury hotel.

The Type 00 rolled through the streets of the British metropolis alongside the SS Jaguar, the model launched in London in 1935, marking the first time the Jaguar name was used. That was 90 years ago. The British firm claims that the SS defied the ordinary in its time, while, nine decades apart, the Type 00 redefines what a Jaguar can be today.

Source: AutoEvolution, Dec. 6, 2025

<https://www.autoevolution.com/news/radical-jaguar-type-00-steals-the-spotlight-in-london-everyone-stares-262223.html>



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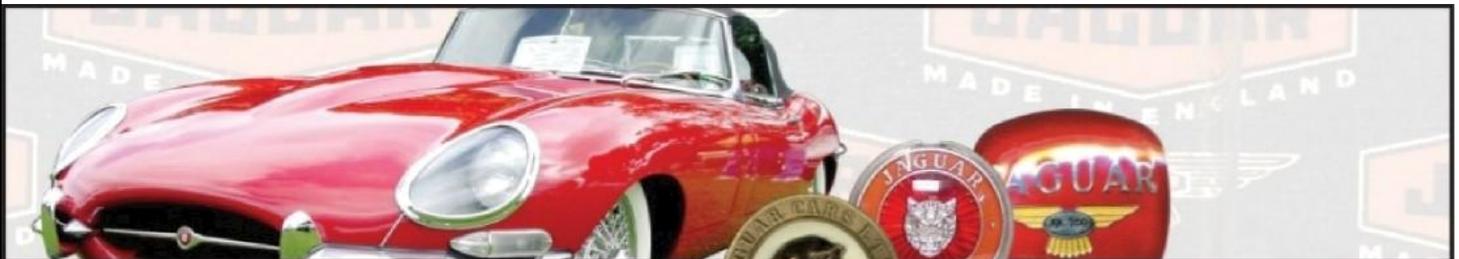
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