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Membership in JCOF automatically includes membership in JCNA, subscriptions to both the award-winning JCOF *JAGWire* newsletter and the JCNA *Jaguar Journal* which are delivered bi-monthly, discounts on parts and service at **Jaguar Orlando**, discount on insurance from **Hagerty Insurance**, deep discounts on **JCNA Shoppe** purchases and **Jaguar Heritage Certificates**, discounts from other commercial suppliers such as **SNG Barratt**, and access to the **JCNA tool loan program**. JCOF members participate in a myriad of events including driving venues such as tours, rallies, and slaloms; monthly dinner meetings, Holiday and Summer Parties, annual Concours d'Elegance, and other 'pop-up' events such as car shows, Cars and Coffee get-togethers, and Breakfasts with other car clubs. We encourage family participation and many members bring children and friends to our events.

In addition to the newsletter, we communicate with members about local news and event information through electronic mail updates and our websites and webpages. After joining JCOF, you will receive your membership card from JCNA and a JCOF name tag after attending your first function. If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact the JCOF Membership Chairman:

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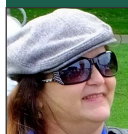
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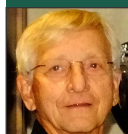
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President's Message

Editor's Note: President Tarnowski will do almost anything to get out of writing articles for JAGWire. This edition, though, he's gone to extremes. He checked into the hospital for what should have been 'minor' surgery and wound up staying 10 days. He seems to be doing much better, as evidenced by his role as score keeper at our Summer Slalom, then fully enjoying the Freeloaders Lunch at Ian and Hazel Crawfords' lake home in Tavares. (More on both of those fun events in the Jul-Aug issue). Meanwhile, Joe hopes you enjoy the following news about Jaguar:

Developments At Jaguar



As reported June 16, 2015 by *Auto Express*

Jaguar is planning a new SUV family, including compact models to slot in below the F-Pace. With 2015 set to be the busiest year for Jaguar in a generation, new product plans reveal that it's just the start of an onslaught of new models. That includes the possibility of a family of SUVs, starting with a sporty B-segment model.

Following the arrival of the XE this month and the XF later in the year, the production version of the mid-sized F-Pace SUV will debut at September's Frankfurt Motor Show before going on sale this time next year.

The F-Pace is pivotal to Jaguar's future, not only in inspiring a new generation of models, but providing the cash to develop them. An industry insider told *Auto Express*: "Jaguar needs to be self-sufficient, so the cash generated from sales of the XE, XF and F-Pace can fund the development of new models. "

Chief among the potential new cars is a baby brother for the F-Pace to capitalize on the massive growth in global demand for smaller SUVs. The image above shows how it could look. With total SUV sales set to reach 20 million a year by 2020 and the small B-Segment the biggest area of growth, Jaguar is investigating an SUV to sit below sister brand Range Rovers Evoque.

A new Sportbrake version of the XF has yet to be confirmed, but is expected while coupe' and estate versions are also under investigation. But an insider indicated that those new body styles fall into the category of cars that have to be paid for with cash from sales of the XE, XF and F-Pace. Whatever Jaguar does, expect JLR's Special Vehicle Operations division to be involved at the very start to produce high - performance versions.

Editor's Corner

For some, "Dog Days" means: the most sultry period of summer, from about **July 3** to **Aug. 11**. Named in early times by observers in countries bordering the Mediterranean, the period was reckoned as extending from 20 days before to 20 days after the conjunction of Sirius (the dog star) and the sun. For us CatDrivers, that's just toooo much information, so let's just say, *it's too darn hot!*

I've often said that anyone with any money or any sense 'ain't' in Florida at this time of year. However, those of us with very little money and/or very little sense have really, really enjoyed our JCOF events so far this summer. Karen Hixson might soon have to start walking three steps behind Rally Master Jay if he believes all the praise heaped upon him by Danny Bogdany and Delmar for setting up our *Rock Shrimp Tour* to Merritt Island. Even though Jay is on a diet and is becoming a mere shadow of his former self, he continues to find really great restaurants with unusually tasty food and cheap beer. We're anxiously awaiting the next Rally and restaurant Jay finds for us. Meanwhile, several JCOF members plan to spend the night in St. Augustine or Ponte Vedra Beach and join members of JCCNF on their *FUN RUN Rally to the JEKYLL ISLAND SHRIMP ANN GRITS FESTIVAL!* That starts in the Jacksonville area, to be announced, on Saturday, September 19th. Judy and I are looking forward to this Rally and are planning to extend our weekend by driving on to Charleston for more great southern cookin'. She Crab Soup, anyone?

Slalom Master, Tom Wright --with lots of help from JCOF and JCCNF members-- provided yet another great Summer Slalom. The pavement was *SMOKIN'* -- not just from the heat but also from the *hot* cars. Watch for a full report in the Jul-Aug JAGWire. Meanwhile, check out the photos at: www.tinyurl.com/jcof2015SummerSlalom. After, again, taking top prize in his "Green Rocket" XKE, Ian Crawford and wife Hazel invited everyone to their lake home to enjoy what Delmar dubbed the *Freeloaders Lunch*. WOW! It's a good thing kids and grandkids were there 'cause they had enough food for a small army. Not only did everyone enjoy seeing all the exotic cars in the Crawfords' garage, several of us wanted them to adopt us.

Did you know that Ian Crawford earned *Best Article* and Hazel Crawford earned *Best Photography* awards from Jaguar Club of North America (JCNA) in 2014? Not small achievements considering strong competition from 67 other Jaguar Clubs in North America. But that's not all! Their article and photos of live Jaguars seen on their trip to Brazil's jungles will soon be featured in JCNA's *Jaguar Journal*. Meanwhile, be sure to read Ian's *Return to Celebration* write up in this issue of JAGWire.

Ian and Hazel weren't the only JCOFers to earn top awards from JCNA. Read John Falco's funny, funny article about how he and wife, Janice, worked as a team (sometimes unwillingly) to become #1 *Monte Carlo Rally* Champions in North America. What? You haven't been participating in JCOF Rallies and other fun events. The Falcos are living proof that anybody can win -- but only if you participate.

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Gold Rush 7 Rally exotic cars were cloaked beneath sometimes outrageous paint, decals and body wraps....a visual rainbow!...and we did not even mention the sounds yet! Read more about this on page 18.


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July 16th-19th, 2015
Carolina Jaguar Club
"Head For The Mountains"
Concours d'Elegance
Little Switzerland, NC

Saturday • September 19th, 2015
Jaguar Car Club of North Florida "Fun Run"
Jekyll Island Shrimp & Grits Festival
Jekyll Island, GA

September 25th-26th, 2015
Suncoast Jaguar Club
The Dan Ligas Memorial JAG FEST
Wiregrass Mall
Wesley Chapel, FL

Saturday • October 10th, 2015
British Car Classic Mk XXVII
Green Cove Springs, FL

Sunday • October 11th, 2015
North GA Club Concours d'Elegance
Chattahoochee Country Club
Gainesville, GA

October 17th-19th, 2015
Annual 8 Flags Car Show
Fernandina Beach, FL

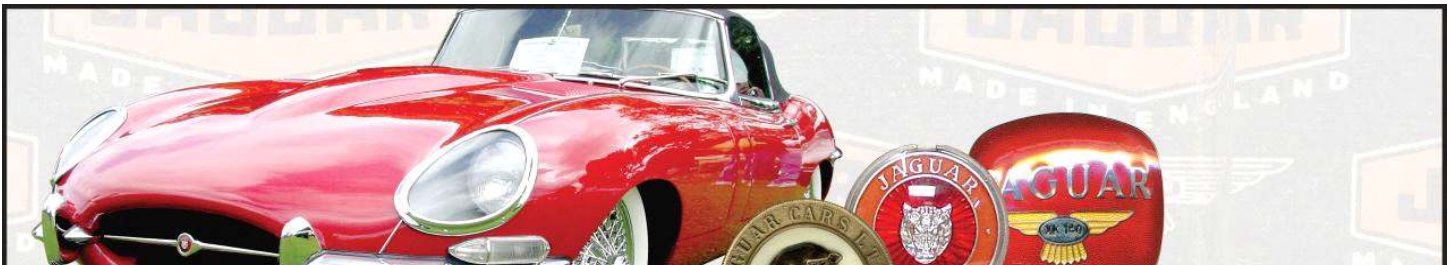
Saturday • October 17th, 2015 **Cancelled**
Jaguar Car Club of N. Florida **but watch for**
Concours & British Car Show **this next year**

Saturday • October 24th, 2015
All British Field Meet and Autojumble
(to benefit Special Olympics Pinellas Safety Harbor, FL)
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Be sure to read
JCOF's
bi-weekly News Update
to learn of
upcoming local events!

JCOF Membership Meeting :
7:00pm • Thursday July 16th, 2015
Elephant Bar Restaurant
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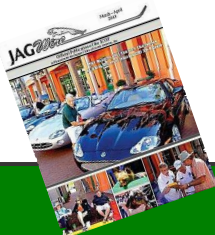


JCOF 2015 Concours d'Elegance Awards

As reported in the March-April issue of JAGWire, JCOF's Concours was held at Celebration on March 21 and was truly a marvelous event. This was the first JCNA sanctioned Concours in the calendar year and, as anticipated at the 2014 Annual General Meeting (AGM), was subject to new rules for judging and scoring which were to be adopted at the 2015 AGM on March 21 – the same day as our event. Sure enough, JCNA made a number of changes which required changing Division Classifications and Place/Point scoring at Celebration. There were also some appeals which had to be reviewed and which sometimes resulted in revised scores. Finally all the smoke has settled and we can now publish all of the positions and scores which have been accepted by JCNA for two classifications, CHAMPION and DRIVEN:

Name (1st Line)	Year, Model, Color (2nd Line)	Division (3rd Line)	Place, Points (4th Line)	Revised Class	Revised Position
Tom Curren	1952 XK120 Special	Special	1st Place - 99.97 Points	S1/PD	1
Thomas & Sally Cashel	1952 XK120 SE	Champion	1st Place - 99.99 Points	C2/120	1
John Paulsen	1958 XK150S Black	Champion	1st Place - 99.99 Points	C4/150	1
Juan & Genie Sierra	1960 XK150S Cotswold Blue	Champion	2nd Place - 99.08 Points	C4/150	2
Jerry & Janice Wise	1963 XKE Coupe Black	Champion	1st Place - 98.53 Points	C5/E1	1
Danny & Dianna Bogdany	1971 XKE Ser. III 2+2 Willow Green	Champion	1st Place - 99.96 Points	C7/E3	1
Bill & Penny Wing	1984 XJ6 Ser.III Cirrus Grey	Champion	1st Place - 99.63 Points	C9/XJ	2
William Sweet	1972 XJ6 Ser. I Willow Green	Champion	1st Place - 99.89 Points	C9/XJ	1
Bill Wheeler	2006 XJ8 VDP Indigo Blue	Champion	2nd Place - 99.96 Points	C11/J8	2
Pat & Ed Pisani	2008 XJ8 White	Champion	2nd Place - 99.96 Points	C11/J8	2
Phil Mannino	2001 XJR Black	Champion	1st Place - 99.99 Points	C11/J8	1
John & Michelle Mc Carthy	1996 XJS Conv. Turquoise	Champion	2nd Place - 99.97 Points	C13/JS	2
Mark Robertson	1995 XJS Jude Green	Champion	1st Place - 99.99 Points	C13/JS	1
Cecilia Wheeler	2000 XK8 Blue	Champion	2nd Place - 99.69 Points	C14/K8	2
Denise Mannino	2005 XKR Coupe Black	Champion	1st Place - 99.99 Points	C14/K8	1
Leonard & Deborah Verrelli	2002 XKR Conv. Green	Champion	3dr Place - 98.50 Points	C14/K8	3
Ian & Paula Massey	2012 XKRS French Racing Blue	Champion	1st Place - 100 Points	C15/XK	1
Steve Quilty	2007 X-Type Estate Chili Red	Champion	1st Place - 99.1 Points	C16/SX	1
John & Janice Falco	2013 XJ Black	Champion	1st Place - 99.98 Points	C19/FJ	1
Jay Stoltenberg	2014 F-Type S Conv.	Champion	1st Place - 100 Points	C20/F	1

Name (1st Line)	Year, Model, Color (2nd Line)	Division (3rd Line)	Place, Points (4th Line)	Revised Class	Revised Position
Ken & Chris Enborg	1958 XK150 DHC Cream	Driven	2nd Place - 9.757 Points	D1/PRE	2
Patrick Morey	1960 XK150 OTS Old English White	Driven	1st Place - 9.974 Points	D1/PRE	1
Marvin Williams	1971 XKE OTS Red	Driven	1st Place - 9.996 Points	D3/E2	1
Fred Kaufmann	1995 XJ6 VDP British Green	Driven	1st Place - 9.996 Points	D7/XJ	1
Joe and Marina Tarnowski	1995 XJ6 VDP Jude Green	Driven	1st Place - 9.996 Points	D7/XJ	1
Derek & Linda Haynes	1993 XJRS Conv. Red	Driven	1st Place - 9.93 Points	D9/XJS	3
Terry Edger	1996 XJS Conv. Champagne	Driven	1st Place - 9.992 Points	D9/XJS	1
Steve & Iris Handler	1994 XJS Conv. Metallic Camel	Driven	2nd Place - 9.972 Points	D9/XJS	2
Joseph & Marina Tarnowski	2001 XK8 Conv. Brown	Driven	1st Place - 9.997 Points	D10/K8	1
Phillip Lodge	2001 XK8 Conv. Green	Driven	2nd Place - 9.94 Points	D10/K8	2
Robert & Judith Delmar	2007 XK Coupe Frost Blue	Driven	2nd Place - 9.994 Points	D11/XK	2
Will Hoehndorf	2007 XK Coupe Frost Blue	Driven	1st Place - 9.996 Points	D11/XK	1
Dan Middleton	2008 XJ8 VDP Frost Blue	Driven	1st Place - 10.00 Points	D12/J8	1
Bill Mc Cormac	2003 XJR Grey	Driven	2nd Place - 9.998 Points	D12/J8	2
Dave & Rose Browne	2011 XJL Dark Red	Driven	1st Place - 9.96 Points	D14/FJ	1



Numerous photos of our Concours and the elegant, fun-filled banquet that followed were published in the March-April edition of the JAGWire.

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More photos may be found and downloaded at:
www.tinyurl.com/jcof2015ConcoursDElegance or www.tinyurl.com/jcof2015ConcoursBanquet

WELL DONE FATHER AND SON!

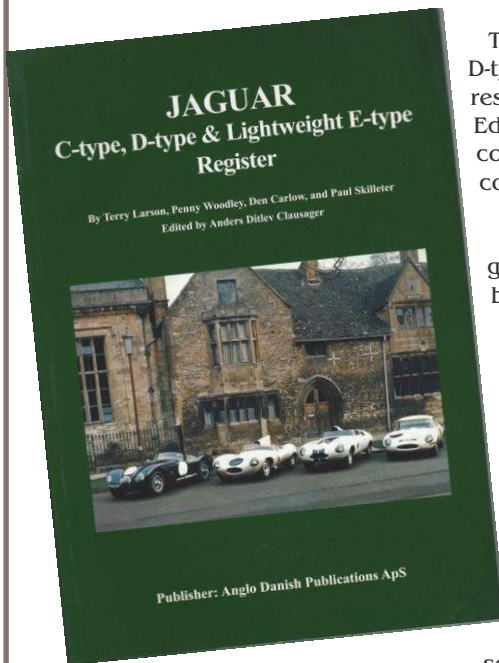


One photo which was left out of the March-April edition of JAGWire shows a father and son accepting the award for their 1958 XK150 S which won Best in Show. Car people love their families first, then their cars (sometimes vice-versa). But in this case the owner of the exquisite XK, Jack Paulsen, shared the limelight and the glory with the Jag's "Chief Detailer," son Carson.



~~~ Book Review ~~~

Jaguar C-type, D-type, Lightweight E-type Register by Terry Larson



This 240 page, 8 3/4 x 11 5/8 inch, softbound book contains a full listing of all C-type, D-type and Lightweight E-type Jaguars by chassis number. It is the result of years of research by compilers Terry Larson, Penny Woodley, Den Carlow and Paul Skilleter. Edited by Anders Clausager, the individual history of each car is recorded in considerable detail including chassis, engine, gearbox and body numbers, original colour, dispatch date, owners, racing career and 'where is it now'.

With over 200 illustrations augmenting the text and tables, many of which will be of great interest, this is a book for the owner and serious enthusiast; it is bound to become the standard reference work on these cars.

It is important that the history of these cars in motoring history is recorded as accurately as possible to protect the marque. This Register has been compiled from an exhaustive amount of research and effort from many dedicated enthusiasts worldwide.

The individual car histories are based on information provided by former or current owners of the individual cars, or as researched by the compilers. Chassis numbers and other identifying information listed in this register have been provided by the car owners or have come from several other sources.

It has been argued that because the D-type cannot function without its body, then the body should have equal claim to the car's identity. This approach has sometimes caused disputes when frame and body have been separated and built into rival claimants to the same identity. However, the facts are quite clear: Jaguar invested the frame with the car's legal identity – as has long been accepted by the motor trade (and now the classic car trade) as being the case with any car with a detachable chassis (see *Brewer v. Mann*, Court of Appeal 2012). That a D-type cannot function without its body is irrelevant; neither can it function without wheels or many other components.

Old cars, especially old racing cars, suffer from age and accident damage, often resulting in the replacement of major components. Provided a car has a proven continuous history from new, then even if frame and body have been replaced with original-specification components, then it is accepted practice within the classic car trade and the enthusiast movement that such a car will continue to carry its original identity.

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Club Business

Jaguar Club of Florida Minutes and Understandings of April 16th, 2015 Meeting Mimi's Café • Orlando FL

Officers Present : Joe Tarnowski (President), Juan Sierra (Vice President), John Falco (Treasurer) Pete Betterman (Secretary).

The President called the meeting to order at 7.45 PM.

The minutes of the February 2015 club meeting were unanimously approved by voice vote.

John Falco gave the treasurers report, the club has a positive balance of \$10,120.50. In accordance with our past commitment, profit from the Concours is split 50/50 with our selected charity, the Michael J Fox foundation. This year we will be able to donate \$1,400.00 to the charity. Additionally, club flowers ordered for a members passing, were not delivered on time resulting in a \$150.00 refund to the club. This refund will also be donated to the Michael J Fox foundation. These donations were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Steve Handler gave the membership report. Current membership is 150, not including spouses.

Jay Hixson gave the rally report. Next rally is planned for the end of May, starting in Oviedo with a drive to Merritt Island and lunch at the Dixie Crossroads cafe. Two other rallies are planned for this year, one in the Deland area and one in St Augustine.

Pete Betterman gave a report on the British Car Breakfast Club show. Successful show with 167 cars on the field, a Jaguar XK 120 took best of show. There is a critical need for volunteers to help run next year's show or the show may not be able to continue as current organizers retire after 20 years or so volunteering.

Tom Wright gave a report on the Jaguar foundation, an organization dedicated to preserving Jaguar heritage in North America. A \$250.00 donation was approved by unanimous voice vote to support the foundation. Tom Wright also gave a report on the JCNA meeting. Two items of note, all concours judges must now be certified and some classes have been combined and renamed.

Dianna and Danny Bogdany generously offered to host the January 2016 holiday party, the club accepted the offer with much enthusiasm.

The Chairman opened the floor for volunteers to organize the 2016 concours, while there were no immediate volunteers , the item is left open for future meetings.

Tom Wright presented four JCNA awards. The photo and Jaguar life awards to Ian Crawford and the 2014 Monte Carlo rally driver and navigator awards to John and Janice Falco. Congratulations to Ian, John and Janice!

The next club meeting is scheduled for 21 May, 2015 at the Mimi's cafe location.

The meeting adjourned at 9.00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Peter Betterman, Secretary/Historian

May Membership Meeting at Tom Curren's and Delilah's

May 21, 2015

With the closing of Mimi's restaurant, Tom Curren and Delilah invited everyone to their home for May's membership meeting. It was anonymously reported that very little business was conducted but libations flowed freely and Emerald enjoyed chatting on the shoulders of several guests. Judging from the photographs, a good time was had by all.





Hi JCOF Members,

Over the last 2 months we have had many new members (38) join us. Please welcome the following New Members. If your name is not included I am very sorry. The delay is due to an overload at JCNA. Please let me know if your name is missing and I'll send an email out with the correction.

Please don't forget to send me the names and Contact information for anyone interested in the Jaguar Club of Florida and I'll get in touch with them. My contact information can be found on page 3 of your JAGWire Newsletter. I can be reached at stevesc3@gmail.com

Cheers,
Steve Handler



WELCOME

New
Members

Name(s)	City	Jaguar(s)
Tara Brevard	Winter Springs	2015 F type R • 2013 XK White
Robert Fasano	Mt Dora	1993 XJS
Rhea Birusingh	Holly in the Hills	2015 XJ
John Dow	Orlando	2009 XF • 2011 XF
Scott Peelen	Winter Park	2015 F type Black
Hari Singh	Orlando	2015 XJL
Catherine & James Mills	Orlando	2015 XK Black
Joseph & Mary Bullock-Bagosy	Cocoa	1997 XK Convertible
John Roth	Orlando	2016 XF 3.0 Portfolio
Diamelin Lopez	Ft Lauderdale	2015 XF
Na Choi	Windermere	2016 F-Type R
Kirk Sawyer	Orlando	2015 F-Type R
Correa Fausto	Windermere	2015 F-Type V8 S Convertible White
Laura Armstrong	Winter Park	2015 XF
Ted Martin	Orlando	2015 F-Type
Jayshree Nathoo	Orlando	2015 XF
Nicholas Poucher	Windermere	2015 XF Sapphire
George & Carolyn Celentano	Orlando	2015 XF S/C White
James Dixon	Winter Park	2015 F-Type R Convertible
Brent Mciver	Oviedo	2015 XF 2.0
Thomas James Vangunien Jr.	Eustis	2016 F-Type 6 Convertible
Brannon Linwood	Howey in the Hills	2015 XF Black
Robert Grubbs	Ormond Beach	2015 XJL Red • 2010 XKR Black
Kamlesh NaNji	Orlando	2015 XF White
James Dixon	Winter Park	2015 F-Type R Convertible
Brent Mciver	Oviedo	2015 XF 2.0
Laura Beth Mededros	Merritt Island	2015 F-Type Convertible
Alvai Seamack	Orlando	2015 XJ Sport
Matthew Clift	Windermere	2016 F-Type R Convertible Black
Yuri Gomez	Orlando	2015 XJL Black
Rajiv & Rita Patel	Longwood	2015 XJL Silver
Rita Huber Lowndes	Winter Park	2015 XJL Red
Alan Schneider	Windermere	2016 F- Type Red
Karrie & Thomas Houlton	Ormond Beach	2007 XK Black
Toni Ann Russell	Tallahassee	2015 XF White

Belated Return to Celebration Exotic Car Show

April 9th-12th, 2015

Article and Photos by Ian Crawford

Unfortunately I missed the JCOF Concours at Celebration and, not wanting to deny the good citizens of that Ville their full automotive fulfillment, I was persuaded to drive the Monza Red XJ220 to the Exotic Car Festival.



Absence makes the heart grow fonder and to this point I had resisted attending for the last few years. It worked! I got to display in the #1 spot, relegating the Ferrari hordes to the side streets and alligator infested lakeside.

The show was packed and an impressive array of Supercars was displayed. For a donation to “Make a Wish Foundation” one could approach a line of Ferrari 288 GTO, F40, F50, McLaren P1, Porsche Carrera GT, and Porsche 958.

“The Fonz” was there in person along with his hotrod! \$100 created your photo opportunity. Oh Happy Day!

Dan Middleton was reflecting on his new mirror-like silver wrapped E Type.

Lloyd Gillespie was vigorously defending his gorgeous 1958 red XK-150 DHC from packs of local dogs taking their owners for a walk. Any male who got within water shooting range was instantly repelled by owner-directed messages. Of course exceptions were made for certain females with or without dogs. It was all worthwhile as both Dan and Lloyd received prizes.



A pretty black E-Type Roadster also won a prize but the owner shall remain incognito for evident reasons:

Larry Heil was there with his Ferrari 550 and regretted changing his XK coupe for an Aston and now a Mercedes. He assures me that he will return to the Jaguar fold in a year or two once the Mercedes has broken. Our revered ex-President, Jay Hixson, arrived perchance with his bicycle, claiming he cycled this way from home every day.



Although this is a Jaguar newsletter, I could not resist throwing in a picture of LaFerrari, and a parting XJ220 shot. Super weather; lots of awesome cars; good food; interesting dog and people watching; – a good time was had by both spectators and owners.















Editor's note:

Ian and Hazel Crawford own not one but two of only 281 Jaguar XJ220s produced from 1992 – 1994. £400,000 was the price in 1992. In 1992 dollars that's approximately \$660,000. The '220' represented the design goal top mph., but because a suitable straight track was not available, the XJ220s topped out at 'only' 213 mph. Typically, a 3% correction is allowed for the curve losses, so one could argue success. Even so, that's a whopping 342 kilometers per hour and earned the title of "Fastest Car in the World" in its day. The XJ220 held the Nürburgring production car record for eight years, 1992 to 2000. Ian hasn't tested top speed of his, noting that the tires are over 22 years old. Besides, he also owns the "Green Rocket," a highly modified XKE coupe which ranks #1 under its previous owner, Dick Murray, and #2 under its present owner, Ian Crawford, in 2014 JCNA national Slalom competitions, so that helps meet his "need for speed".



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JCOF "Rock Shrimp Tour" Fun Rally

May 30th, 2015
Oviedo to Merritt Island in 40 Minutes or Less!



By Danny Bogdany

A fairly impressive multitude of JCOF Members, their families, friends, and even members of one of our neighboring JCCNF Clubs, the Jaguar Club of North Florida, gathered at the civilized hour of 8:30 am, Saturday Morning, May 30th, 2015, at the Townhouse Restaurant, in Oviedo, Florida, for breakfast. Some folks had already driven 2 hours to get to this starting point of the Fun Rally. Having Fun yet? YOU BET!



The Townhouse Restaurant is a local stand-by landmark restaurant, and was already full to capacity and staging hungry patrons who were patiently waiting inside and outside to be seated. Dianna and I, as well as other of our Tour participants, confidently trickled in and walked by all of them. We were seated at a **BIG TABLE** that our very cheerful and competent Rally Master, Mr. Jay Hixson, had reserved for us cats. I'm not saying the locals waiting in line were hostile, but I was ready for trouble, as I was still a bit cranky from not yet having my fill of coffee and grits. OK -- maybe a bit hung-over too from the night before --but none the less ready for trouble. Pretty much everyone got seated at the **BIG TABLE** without incident, and other satellite tables were made available as more of our group arrived.

We enjoyed a hearty country breakfast and then convened in the adjacent shopping center parking lot (in the shade as it was getting pretty warm outside in the sun) to receive instructions, directions, maps and a pep-talk by our very competent and cheerful Rally Master, Jay Hixson. As always, Jay makes these tours easy and lots of fun!



Confident we all knew what we were doing, we took off in an orderly and linear fashion and headed for a wonderful back-road drive through a near-by historical neighborhood fronting a nice lake, then headed west along Hwy 46 towards our next official check point, the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor's Center. No One with a DHC (that is "convertible" for the Yanks) left the parking lot with the top up for this first leg!



Did I mention that Jay and Karen Hixson debuted their brand new F-Type Convertible? Well they did! It is gorgeous and we all wished it was ours. Shortly after picking up speed on Hwy 46 it started to sprinkle a bit, then a bit more, then a bit more. The entire line of cars pulled over on the side of the road to let the DHC's put their tops back up. Soon after all the tops were back up and the line of cars got back up to speed, the skies cleared, rain slowed and stopped. Go figure!

We then headed North on US Hwy 1, found some wide open 4-lane divided highway and, driving our V12 E-Type, I decided I had to have some of that new F-Type that Jay and Karen were driving. We maneuvered the V12 up through the ranks to catch the leader. I pulled up next to them, I kind-of side-eyed them for a second, and then it was on! I'm not saying that we were speeding or anything like that, but I can say that Jay and Karen's F-Type is FAST!!!! It sounds really great too at high RPM. I know because we ended up way behind them!...Nough-Said!



The Cats navigated their way into the Merritt Island National Wildlife Reserve by way of a very long and major entrance road onto NASA Space Center property. This long road afforded the DHC's a great opportunity for the group to pull over and, once again, put the tops down!

I must say this road felt a bit Area-51 ish to me.... until we turned right, away from the barbed-wire, guarded, entrance to NASA's Space Center. We made it to the Visitor's Center, lined up the Cats (and one Dog) for a nice photo-op. We stretched our legs, blew thru the Visitor's Center and headed out to the Black Point Wildlife Drive through very serene -- you guessed it -- wildlife settings. We saw turtles, gators, wild boar, fish jumping, birds-a-plenty, and lots of plants, shrubs, trees, water and open spaces.



This twenty minute coast thru the Black Point Wildlife Drive terminated back out to civilization and in about ten minutes we were at our next check-point, the famous Dixie Crossroads Restaurant in Titusville, Florida, for lunch and libations! Steve Handler wasn't actually there but the prior photo shows that he might not get along too well with wild life.



The Dixie Crossroads Restaurant is another local stand-by landmark, famous for their fresh sea food and especially their rock shrimp. We were all seated without waiting, again, at a VERY BIG TABLE in our own private room that our very capable and cheerful Rally

Master, Jay Hixson, had reserved for us. What a great guy! Did I say there were libations? All settled in for a great lunch. The service was great!

Speaking of great guys, Robert Delmar made everyone feel like rock stars by taking pictures of all of us with his big-ole fancy digital camera. Thanks Robert for all the nice shots!



Dianna and I thoroughly enjoyed this Tour, the friendships fostered with the folks who attended, the places and things we saw, the food we enjoyed, etc. etc., etc.! I encourage everyone to go on the next Tour, wherever it goes. They are always lots and lots of FUN and we always want to go back.

View more photos at: www.tinyurl.com/jcofRockShrimpTour2015

Gold Rush 7 Rally

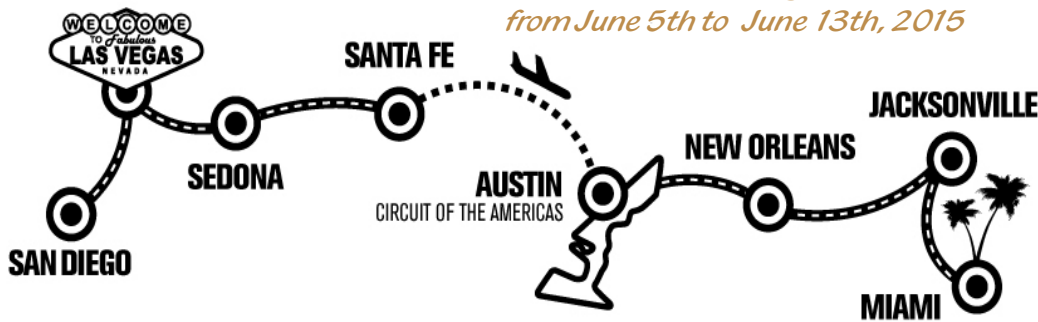
Article & Photos by Robert Delmar



JCOF members know that our esteemed Rally Master, Jay Hixson, always steers us up and down winding, narrow roads to places we might have never found but always want to go back. Jay really shows us what Fun is all about! OR DOES HE? Read on about what has become known as The Premiere International Automotive Lifestyle Rally, the Gold Rush Rally!

On Saturday, June 13th, I left home early to show our XK at Jacksonville's monthly Cars & Coffee. I had almost arrived at the Times-Union parking garage when, at 7:32 a.m., the police pulled me over -- not for any violation (perish the thought) but to allow approximately 75 exotic super cars and their luminary drivers and navigators to pass.

Traveling from San Diego to Miami, with stops in Las Vegas, Sedona, Santa Fe, Austin, New Orleans, and Jacksonville, "Gold Rush 7" Rally participants were on the last leg of an eight day adventure. They had experienced five-star accommodations and VIP entertainment throughout the carefully planned tour, which ran from June 5th to June 13th, 2015



One had to look closely to verify what kind of exotic car was cloaked beneath sometimes outrageous paint, decals and body wraps. Even more exciting were the sounds:

Lambroginis roared like raging bulls! Ferraris thundered like race horses! Mercedes moaned! Bugattis bayed! Maseratis thundered like Zeus! Rolls Royces simply purrrrrred. Above all, of course, could be heard the roaring and growling of the XK and F-Type JAGUARS!

(www.soundcloud.com/jaguarusa/sets/jaguar-car-exhaust-notes).



You might wonder, "What might it cost to participate in such an exciting event?" Welllll, as you may have often heard: "If you have to ask, you probably can't. . .!" Anyway, most of us prefer the fun-filled 4-5 hour and the usually-not-fancy but always-great-food Rallies arranged by Jay Hixson. Check out Jay and Karen in their new F-Type. Jay, assuming that many/most JCOF Rally enthusiasts don't really want to be away from central Florida for eight days (a/k/a cop-out) what's can we look forward to on our next fun-filled Rally?

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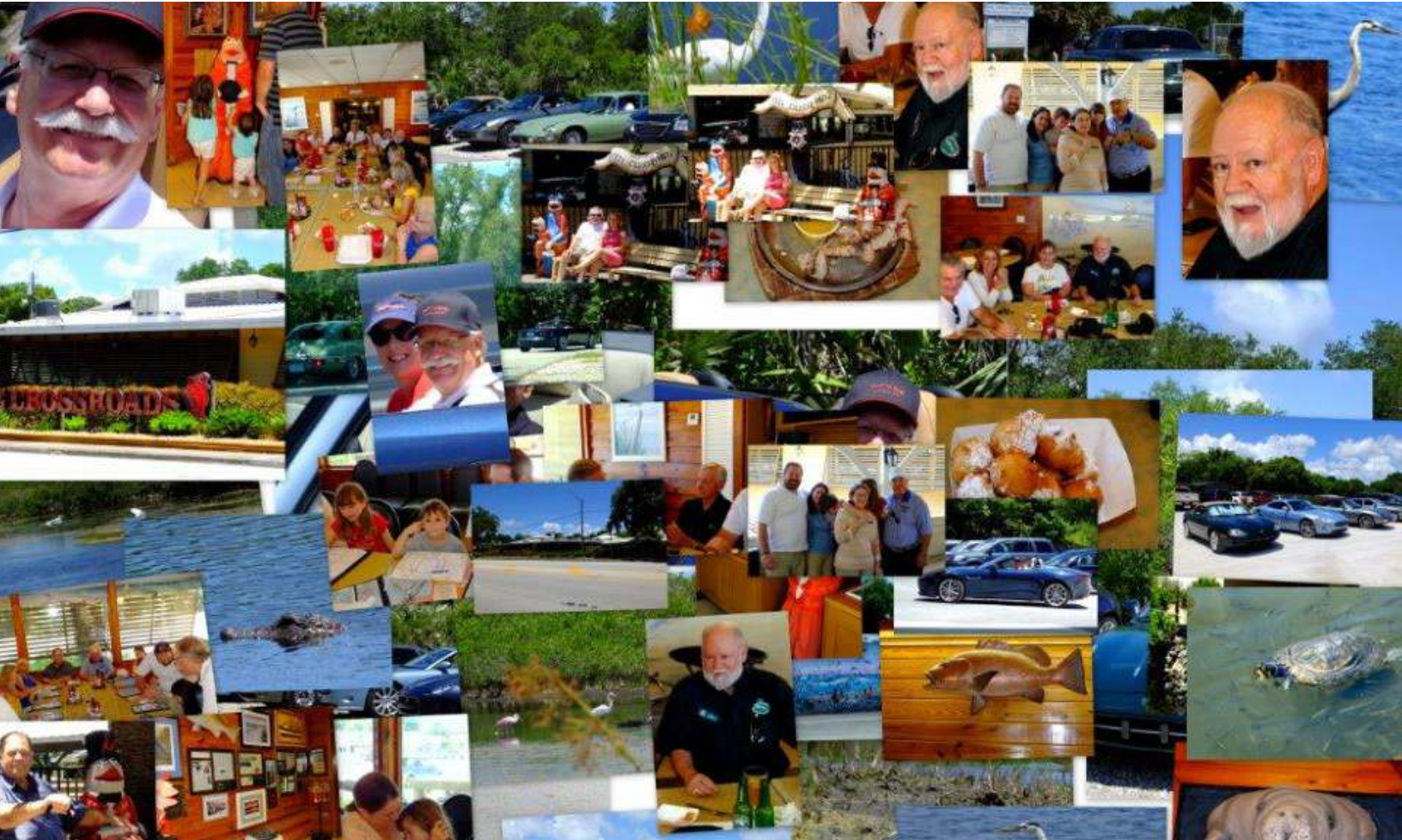
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