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Jaguar Car Club

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Cats On The Prairies

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About The CPJC

The Canadian Prairies Jaguar Club is an automobile club whose purpose is to provide fellowship for Jaguar marque auto enthusiasts. Members will have opportunity to share their interest in Jaguar cars through club events, social occasions, a dedicated website and more.

The CPJC is an affiliate member of (JCNA) Jaguar Clubs of North America. JCNA is dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Jaguar automobiles among it's enthusiasts in America, Canada and Mexico.

CPJC Mission Statement & Club Motto

To provide fellowship for Jaguar marque enthusiasts by providing social opportunities for members to share their enjoyment and gain knowledge of Jaguar motorcars.

Club Website (www.cpjc.ca)

2022 Directors

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CPJC Members Marketplace :

Classified ads, cars wanted, cars for sale, parts for sale or swap, Jaguar memorabilia, merchandise or what have you can be advertised for free in our Cats On The Prairies newsletter.

Ads will be featured in the next edition following the submission. Ads will run for one bi-monthly edition only. They can be re submitted at the members request.

Send ads to vpnewsletter@cpjc.ca (Frank) Mosca

Message From The Club President:

We have come a long way in a very short period of time. Your Executive have been busy behind the scenes getting things organized for the club. January saw the launch of our *Cats On The Prairies* newsletter and our website (www.cpjc.ca). Thanks to Frank Mosca, Chris Hay and C.J. Wallace for their terrific work. C.J. tirelessly built and populated the website for us!

We have published an Events Calendar for 2022 which includes two CPJC hosted Show & Shine events; Jaguar Saskatoon Show & Shine in July and Jaguar Land Rover Royal Oak Show & Shine in August. These two events give us an opportunity to hit the road, meet in person and admire some amazing automobiles.

These should be fun events and we expect they will be well attended by both the local Jaguar enthusiasts and our members. Both events occur alongside another established event in the host city, which makes the thought of an overnight or weekend "Road Trip" all the more enticing. Calendar events are really just an excuse to put our cars on the road anyways. We all know that the drive is as much fun as the event itself!

In April, you will receive a printable membership card for the Canadian Prairies Jaguar Club. Many will have already received your first copy of the JCNA Jaguar Journal and your JCNA membership card. Be sure to let us know if you do not receive these perks in a timely fashion.

I have always maintained that this car club will be what we members make of it. To that end Bob Burnyeat has offered to coordinate the Show & Shine event in Saskatoon in July. Ian Laird will be the Event Coordinator for the Jaguar Land Rover Royal Oak (JLRRO) Show & Shine in August. Bill Marshall will be organizing a photo shoot opportunity for our cars immediately following the JLRRO Show & Shine event. We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate a "Highway 40 Drive" through the Kananaskis Country the following day, perhaps with a lunch or picnic stop along the way? Please let us know if you are able to contribute or help out with coordination of these or any other CPJC events.

We have also established some advertising rates for our Website and Newsletter respectively. We are accepting advertisements and encourage CPJC members to spread the word to potential advertisers about this opportunity. In the works is a Sponsorship package for our events which will include the opportunity for sponsors to be recognized for any Sponsorship-In-Kind.

Your ideas, recommendations and suggestions are welcomed and encouraged. Please send us an e-mail outlining any items you would like to see discussed or come to fruition. Your submissions will be included in the New Business portion of our regular meetings.

As Spring arrives, no doubt we are all looking forward to getting the "Cats" out of hibernation and turning them loose out on the open road. Our Canadian Prairies offer some up some world class motoring opportunities.

It does seem that we finally have the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic firmly in our rear view mirrors. Let us hope it will soon be left permanently behind. I wish you all good health, good motoring and look forward to meeting you in person at one of our CPJC events.

Kind regards,

Doug Uffen, President
Canadian Prairies Jaguar Club

Meetings

CPJC general meetings will take place on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm Mountain Time excepting Statutory Holidays and long weekends.

General meetings will be held via ZOOM

Members are encouraged to submit agenda items, topic recommendations and ideas to president@cpjc.ca

Membership

Thank you and welcome Canadian Prairies Jaguar Club members! Officially we are the newest Jaguar Car Clubs of North America affiliate club. (Officially sanctioned on December 20th, 2021)

NW69 - Northwest Division Club # 69

A car club can only be as good as its membership allows and if your excellent taste in automobiles is an indicator then the CPJC is off to an excellent start. Beyond your appreciation and interest in Jaguar automobiles we thank you for stepping up to the plate with your formal application to JCNA and payment of your membership dues. With a membership of 25 plus members and growing, we are thrilled to have you as a founding member !

For the Canadian Prairies Jaguar Club, the rubber has officially hit the road! 2022 looks to be an exciting year.

Membership benefits entitle participation in all CPJC meetings and events, free classified ads on our website at www.cpjc.ca and in our club newsletter plus an opportunity to share a common interest in all things “Jaguar” with other Jaguar auto enthusiasts. CPJC membership also includes all JCNA benefits such as participation in all sanctioned events, the “Jaguar Journal” magazine, the Tool Loan Program and access to the Jaguar Forums on the JCNA website www.jcna.com

Inquiries through Membership Secretary David Quirt - secretary@cpjc.ca

CPJC Membership:

General Membership: \$85.00 (\$35 CPJC, \$ 50 JCNA)
Affiliate Membership: \$35 (CPJC portion only)

For full membership details and club By-laws please check the website - www.cpjc.ca

Recognitions - Please Notify Us

If you know of any member who is ill, in the hospital, has a special anniversary, is celebrating a milestone event or you would like to recognize in some way, please contact:

Website Coordinator (Chris Hay) - vpit@cpjc.ca

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JLR/Dealer Events

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Family Fun

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Participation/Awards

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 2. Click on "CLUB LIST." Choose a local club near you. Or, fill in a Club Locator form.
- If you're not near a club you may join as a Member at Large to keep abreast of club concours, rallies, etc.,

For more information or assistance, contact:
 Jaguar Clubs of North America
 500 Westover Dr. #8354
 Sanford NC 27330
 888-CLUBJAG (888-258-2524)
 OR

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Driving Into The Future



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Enhance Your Jaguar Experience
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Canadian Prairies Jaguar Club Advertising Rates

Newsletter

Full Page Ad \$10 / issue or \$50 / year for 6 issues

1/2 Page Ad \$5 / issue or \$25 / year for 6 issues

Business Card \$10 / year for 6 issues

Website

Small Advertisement \$100 / year

Large Advertisement \$200 / year

Inquiries at www.cpjca.ca

2022 CPJC Calendar of Events

The 2022 calendar of events features a list of events organized by the CPJC as well some notable events hosted by other car clubs in Western Canada.

CPJC organized events are shown in **green text**. Events organized by other clubs are shown in **blue text**. Where possible event coordinator information is provided. Club members who wish to attend an event are asked to contact the event coordinator to register their vehicles. The Event Calendar is published to provide club members the opportunity to select and plan for events they may wish to attend.

Members will note that some of our club organized events have been “piggybacked” with events offered by other clubs. For instance the Jaguar Saskatoon Show & Shine event is held the day before the Brits By The Bess event also held in Saskatoon. The Jaguar Edmonton Show & Shine is held the day before the All Alberta British Car Club Field Meet in Edmonton and so on. This gives members the opportunity to meet up in Calgary, Edmonton or Saskatoon and possibly attend multiple events over a weekend.

Also note that various events are labelled as **Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3** events. Tier 1 events are premiere events offered by the CPJC, JCNA or other car clubs. Tier 2 events are events held within our jurisdiction of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Eastern British Columbia. Tier 3 events are less formal events that could be organized on an impromptu basis. Examples of a Tier 3 event might be an afternoon drive, a pub night, car wash or local Show & Shine. These events could be posted to our Facebook page by any CPJC member.

For 2022 the CPJC will not be offering a Tier 1 organized event. We are planning two Tier 2 events that will be “piggybacked” to established events offered by other car clubs.

Saturday May 21st (Vancouver) Tier 1

- *Van Dusen Gardens Road Trip (Vancouver, Saturday May 21st)*
To join the convoy from Saskatchewan

Saturday June 11th (Edmonton) Tier 2

- *All Alberta British Car Club in Edmonton (Saturday June 11th)*
Register with Michael Leedham (michaeljleedham@gmail.com) 780-446-0639

Saturday July 2nd (Vancouver) Tier 1

- *Season 8 Formula E Prix Race (Saturday July 2nd)*
Cheer on the Jaguar TCS Racing Team
Contact Shaun Sinclair, Canadian XK Register (shaun_sinclair@bcit.ca)

Saturday July 9th (Wetaskiwin) Tier 2

- *Reynolds Car Museum Show & Shine (Saturday July 9th)*
Contact Melissa Daoust (melissa.Daoust@gov.ab.ca) Phone: 780-312-2069

Saturday July 16th & Sunday July 17th (Saskatoon) Tier 2

- **Jaguar Saskatoon Show & Shine (Saturday July 16th)**

Jared Bond (jaredb@wyantgroup.com) and Abdul Basharahil (abdul@wyantgroup.com) of Land Rover / Jaguar / Volvo Saskatoon are key contacts. Abdul 303-880-1477 c
Bob Burnyeat is our CPJC organizer; bob.burnyeat@gmail.com

- *Brits By The Bess Show & Shine (Sunday July 17th) Saskatoon Tier 2*
Contact Bob Burnyeat ; bob.burnyeat@gmail.com

Friday, Saturday, Sunday July 22nd-24th (Victoria, B.C.) Tier 1

- *Jaguars On The Island (JOTI) - July 22 - 24 Victoria*
Hosted by the Jaguar Car Club of Victoria, a JCNA affiliate club.
Contact; Paul Seguna (segunart@gmail.com)

Saturday July 23rd European Classic (Classic) Tier 2

- *Contact; Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary*

Saturday August 13th & Sunday August 14th (Calgary) Tier 2

- **Jaguar Land Rover Royal Oak Show & Shine (Saturday August 13th)**
Contact: Ian Laird, (ian_laird@hotmail.com)
- Photo Shoot of club cars at a Calgary location (to be determined)
- Highway 40, Kananaskis Drive, Highwood Pass (Sunday August 14th)

Saturday August 20th, Heritage Classic (Vancouver, B.C.) Tier 2

- *Staged by the Canadian XK Register*

Saturday September 17th, Radium B.C. Tier 2

- *Radium Classic (Saturday September 17th, Radium B.C.)*
Contact; Bernie Raven (bernieraven@gmail.com)
Contact: Doug Uffen (doug@reflectionpeak.com) 403-669-9238

Rock N' August (August 2nd - 6th) St. Albert, Alberta Tier 2

River City Classic (September 24th) High River Alberta Tier 2



The CPJC is looking for volunteers Events organization & support. Advertising coordi-

Kananskis Country Highway 40 Drive - August 14th

Volunteer support is needed to organize the proposed Highway 40 drive through K Country and the Highwood Pass. The drive is proposed as a concluding event to the Jaguar Land Rover Royal Oak Show & Shine happening the previous day Saturday August 13th.

Ian Laird has stepped up to organize the show & shine event at JLRRO. This event was very well attended last year and participant feedback suggested that a scenic drive would be the icing on the cake of a much anticipated event.

The drive can be a loosely coordinated event with perhaps a picnic or lunch stop somewhere along the route path.

Volunteers can reach out to any of the Directors, via the CPJC website or on our Facebook page.

Advertising Coordinator is needed !

This volunteer role is important as advertising on our website or in the *Cats on the Prairies* newsletter will contribute in a financial way to the clubs bottom line.

As a fledgling club we have very limited funds that we can allocate to hosting events or social activities. As we grow and gain momentum we can look forward to an ever busier or varied events calendar.

This volunteer position will work alongside the club VP position (Bill Marshall).

Put your inner Mad Men advertising agent fantasies to rest and volunteer!!



CPJC Proposed Activity Ideas

The CPJC is an inclusive and safe place for Jaguar enthusiasts to share our passion and interest in these wonderful automobiles. We are a social organization that wishes to promote fellowship, communication, education and event participation.

Members are encouraged to submit any ideas or recommendations on events or social activities that are of interest. Big or small. Not every event needs to be an epic road trip. Any excuse to get together and admire each others cars is good opportunity!

*All dates are subject to change and COVID-19 restrictions or requirements. Please visit the club website www.cpjc.ca or the **CPJC Facebook** page for updates as we move closer to event dates.*



Newsletter Submissions

This is your club newsletter so all CPJC Members are welcomed and encouraged to submit articles, photos, special interests, custom projects, restorations, road trip stories, photos, technical, mechanical inquiries, maintenance tips or anything Jaguar related that members wish to share or see included in the newsletter.

This newsletter is and will continue to be a work in progress. Our goal is to publish quarterly as we gain traction as a functional car club.

Your feedback is important to our success. Please offer recommendations, suggestions and even constructive criticism and send them to vpnewsletter@cpjc.ca for consideration. Thanks!

Jaguar's Racing History and Now the ABB FIA Formula E Racing Circuit

Contributor: Doug Uffen

Jaguar's Racing History

It all started back in 1948 when Jaguar came out with the XK-120, the fastest production motorcar in the world. The XK-120 took the checkered flag at Silverstone in 1949. Malcolm Sayer, an aircraft engineer, joined Jaguar and the C-Type (XK-120C) was created. The streamlined design and powerful engine proved itself at Le Mans with victories in 1951 and 1953.

In 1954 the D Type was introduced and recorded a new track record of 170 miles per hour at Le Mans. Due to bad weather however Jaguar did not win the 1954 race. Jaguar and the D Type would win at Le Mans the following three years, The Jaguar Cars Ltd. team taking the checkered flag in 1955 before temporarily retiring from racing. Team Ecurie Ecosse and it's D-Type winning the 1956 and 1957 races. The 1957 race would see Jaguar capture five of the six top placings and thus Jaguar's racing history was born.

An XK-120 in racing form



In the 1950's and 1960's Jaguar proved it didn't need a purpose-built sports car to win races. Touring car racing of everyday road cars became quite popular. Private teams raced the Jaguar Mark 1 and Mark 2 Sedans during those early years with much success making the small sedan a racing icon.



XJ-13 What if ?

The next iteration of Jaguar's racing story would have been the V 12 mid engine XJ-13 however the 502 horsepower prototype suffered a horrific crash in January of 1971 and the wreckage was placed in storage.



The Jaguar E-Type, despite its design popularity even to this day had limited racing success. The sultry E-Type's biggest moment in motorsport history came in 1975 when the American Group 44 racing team won the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) B Class Championship with a Series III V12 XKE piloted by Bob Tullius. Tullius went on to win the Driver's Championship with a race-prepped XJ-S in 1977 and in 1978 Jaguar won the Manufacturer's Championship.

In 1982 British racing driver Tom Walkinshaw, under the banner of TWR won several races on the European Touring car Championship (ETCC) circuit with a team of V12 XJS cars. He went on to win the championship again in 1984.

This period of the 1970's and early 1980's re-established the brand on many racing circuits however it was not until 1988 that Jaguar reclaimed its renown for racing enthusiasts, as it had done in the 1950's. The V-12 XJR proved to be very formidable in the world's long distance races, winning at Le Mans in 1988 and 1990. The TWR developed prototypes captured the World Sports-car Championship in 1987, 1988 and 1991. Jaguar's brand was re-asserted and racing glory reclaimed.

The formidable Silk Cut XJR



Jaguar's third initiative into racing came in June of 1999 when Ford purchased Jackie Stewart's *Stewart Grand Prix Formula 1 Racing Team* in an effort to re-capture the spotlight once again. The team was re-named *Jaguar Racing*. Despite the rebranding of the team Ford Cosworth engines were used and little to no Jaguar engineering was involved. With little success after 5 years on the circuit Ford ceased team funding at the end of the 2004 season.

Jaguar continues its racing history in what is now the brand's fourth campaign chasing racing glory. With Terry Bolloré's announcement that Jaguar is going fully electric by 2025, success on the Formula E electric racing circuit may be more important than ever.

The ABB FIA Formula E Circuit

In 2016 Jaguar Racing, in conjunction with Tata Consulting Services (Jaguar TCS Racing) entered the ABB FIA Formula E Circuit at the beginning of the Season 3 of the newly established Electric Car racing circuit. For its inaugural season, Jaguar Racing signed drivers Adam Carroll and Mitch Evans to the team and fielded the I-Type cars.

The team finished back of the pack in its first year accruing just 27 points over the 12 races on the circuit. In their second year the team added driver Nelson Piquet to join Evans on the circuit. The team finished sixth overall, gaining momentum but lacking any break through moments or race victories. During the 2018 /19 season Evans claimed victory with an emotional win in Rome. Despite this motivational win Jaguar would not claim another victory that season.

Replacing Piquet, James Calado would partner with Mitch Evans to race on the circuit for its 4th season. Evans took the pole at the Julius Baer Race in Santiago and followed that up with a victory in Mexico City. A poor showing in Berlin resulted in the team finishing seventh overall in the six (6) race circuit.

For the 2020 / 2021 season James Bird joined Evans on the circuit and Jaguar launched its I-Type 5 racing car which featured a new powertrain and revised suspension. The Generation 2 Lithium-ion battery in the I-Type car is housed in a carbon fibre safety cell and has the energy equivalent of 5000 cell phones when fully charged. The Rechargeable Energy Storage System (RESS) converts energy back to the battery when the vehicle is braking. The I-Type inverter takes the direct current from the battery pack and turns it into alternating current to feed the motor. Another feature of the II-Type car is the new FIA Halo head protection device. When the lighting on the Halo strip is blue it indicates the car and driver are in "Attack Mode". The Halo turns magenta when the driver has activated Fan Boost mode. This allows race fans to easily identify and follow what the driver is doing strategically during the race.

Evans Bird with the I-Type 5 Race Car



Jaguar TCS Racing finished second overall in the 2020 / 2021 season only four (4) points behind Mercedes, eclipsing their performances in previous seasons. Evans finished fourth in the driver's championship while Bird finished in sixth position.

The season 8 race calendar started in Diriyah, Saudi Arabia with two races on January 28th and 29th, 2022. Mexico City hosted race number 3 on February 12th with the circuit moving to Rome Italy for two races on April 9th and April 10th.

Most exciting for Canadian Jaguar racing fans is the fact that Vancouver will be hosting the 10th race of the sixteen (16) race season on July 2nd, 2022. Vancouver hosted one race at the end of the 2017 season but it has been 5 years since Vancouver last hosted a Formula E race. The course will be a street race on a False Creek Track Course layout.

The Canadian XK Jaguar Register (JCNA Affiliated Club) of Vancouver will be well represented with over 40 members planning on attending the race. Tickets are available online should Jaguar enthusiasts wish to attend. If there is sufficient interest a JCNA Meet & Greet function could be a side event at this sure to be exciting race.

So if there is any evidence to prove that racing improves the breed, then Jaguar, with a string of historic wins to its name surely deserves to be recognized. There have been a few bumps along the way to be sure including some dismal Formula 1 years resulting in the team being sold off to Ford with nary a victory to show for it. However we are reminded of the 7 outright Lemans wins, the later XJR programs with its V-12 racers reaching insane speeds in excess of 240 mph !!

As Jaguar races and competes in Formula E it looks to translate its racing heritage into success on the newest circuit in racing. The soundtrack of a Formula E race may not have the nostalgic roar of motorsports halcyon days but no doubt the racing will be as exciting as ever.

Significant Jaguar Racing Cars



XK 120

Date: 1948 - 1954

Top Speed: 200.5 kmh / 124.6mph

Engine: 3,442 cc / 201 ci

Power: 160 bhp

Fact: The XK 120 is the world's fastest production car at launch



C-Type

Date: 1951-1953

Top Speed: 260 kmh / 144 mph

Engine: 3,442 cc / 210 ci

Power: 207 bhp

Fact: C-Type Disc brakes become an automotive standard.



D-Type

Date: 1954 - 1957

Top Speed; 260.7 kmh / 162 mph

Engine: 3,442 cc / 210 ci

Power: 250bhp

Fact: The D-Type won at the Le Mans in 1955, 56 & 57



XJS

Date: 1975 - 1996

Top Speed: 246.2 kmh / 153 mph

Engine ; 4,233 cc / 285 bhp

Fact: The XJS won at Spa 24 hrs 1983



XJR

Date: 1983 - 1991

Top Speed: 368.5 kmh / 229 mph

Engine: 6,995 cc / 426 ci

Fact: The XJR 12 won first and second places at Le-Mans1990



Formula E I-Type 2

Date: 2017 - 2018

Top Speed: Restricted to 225.3 kmh / 140 mph

Engine: N/A

Power: 200 kW / 270 bhp

Fact: Jaguar scored its first podium and pole positions with the I-Type 2 in Season 4, 2017 / 2018

I-Type 4

2019 - 2021 - Formula E

The Jaguar I-Type 4 featured the lightest and most efficient powertrain that Jaguar Racing had ever produced, with a top speed of 174 mph. It took a dominant victory in Mexico City and Pole Position in Santiago.

Jaguar Racing finished strong with P7 in the teams' standings of the championship.





Alberta All British Field Meet

Saturday June 11th 2022

Victoria Park Oval, River Valley Road

Come for the cars - stay for the people



Celebrating their 60th Anniversaries Triumph TR4 - MGB - Lotus Elan

The Triumph, MG and Lotus are super heroes of a different kind cars designed for enjoying the time it takes to get somewhere

All your favourite British vehicles will be there, restoration projects plus some surprises.

Courtyard Cafe: Featuring Food Trucks with tables and chairs adjacent to the food vendors to give friends & acquaintances a place to connect.

Saturday June 11th 2022
11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Victoria Park Oval, River Valley Road

Online Registration, details & sponsor packages Visit: www.albertaabms.ca
info@albertaallbritishmotoringociety.ca

This event takes place in Edmonton Alberta

Spring Fever's In The Air!!

Yes indeed! With our long Canadian prairie winter slowly fading away the anticipation of bright sunny days and clear open roads gets one giddy with excitement. After all the best thing about having a Jaguar is the thrill of driving it.

Whether your Jag spends the winter in hibernation or plows it's way through the slog of winter driving there's nothing like giving it a little TLC. Spring is essential time for car maintenance.

If your car has been driven through winter the road salt, cold temperatures and fluctuating moisture have been punishing your vehicle. Spring motoring features rain, pollen, bugs and road gravel!

A good spring cleaning should be part of your Jaguar's regular maintenance.

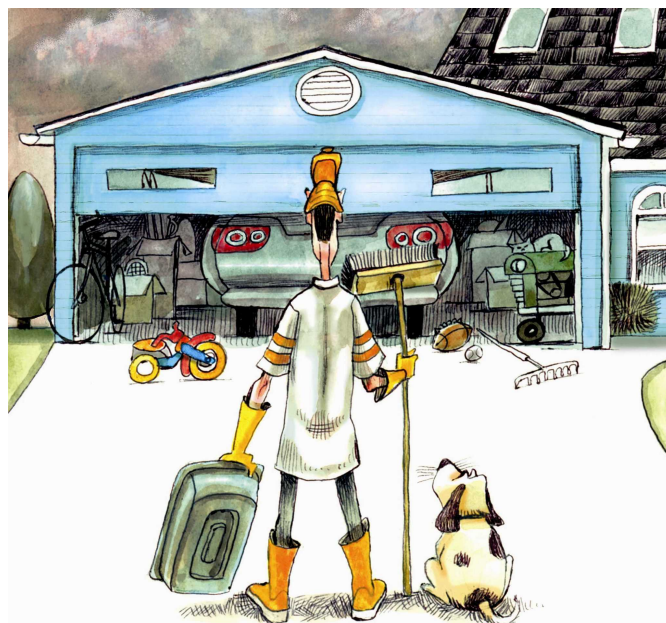


Wash & Wax - Spring is a great time for a thorough wash and wax job. Flush away road sludge, especially the under-bits and inside wheel wells where accumulated salts can take their toll. A fresh coat of wax will bead away rain, prevent sun damage and make your car look great.

Oil Change - Cold temperatures thicken up engine oil. Spring is the best time to flush out any possible engine residue with new oil.

Check Fluids - Make sure brake and transmission fluids are topped up. Coolant should have good colour and be visible in the reservoir.

Charged Up - Batteries can drain out over the winter so it's best to ensure a full charge before taking off on a spring road trip.



Check the Tires - temperature changes can affect tire pressure. Incorrect tire pressures will affect vehicle performance, handling and fuel consumption. Best to make sure tires have the correct pressure. While you're at it check the treads as well.

Replace the Wiper Blades - Spring is sure to bring rains and put your wipers to the test. Winter and cold temperatures harden up the rubber compounds on wiper blades making them less effective at clearing your windshield. Spring is a great time to replace those wipers.

Clean up that Interior - Dust and grit accumulate over the winter and get tracked into the garage and eventually into our cars interior. Vacuuming, brushing up and wiping down the vehicles interior never fails to give your vehicle that new car look. Floor mats, vents and the interior glass seem to get especially dirty over the winter months and may take a little effort to clean but definitely adds that finished touch.

Professional Detailing - It's a great feeling when you spring clean your car. it's satisfying as well however most of us don't have the tools, skills or workspace to really get a pro level clean up done. If you truly want that new car look it's hard to beat a professional detailing. These shops can clean everything from the engine bay to the interior and even fix up minor paint blemishes and scratches.

Passionate Owners & Their Jaguars

Steve McQueen's Jaguar XKSS - Chassis 713

Jaguar built the XKSS in 1957 as a bit of an afterthought and as a way to use up some leftover D-Type chassis when the company pulled out of factory supported racing in 1956. Straight Le Mans victories in 1955, 1956 and 1957 cemented Jaguar and its D-Type as an undisputed racing champion.

Company founder William Lyons decided that with some modifications the 16 now surplus D-Types could be sold as the ultimate street & road cars. Lyons new Americans loved fast European sports cars and he fancied the idea of having Jaguars cruising the likes of Route 66, Sunset Blvd and Mulholland Drive.

XKSS 713 was built on D-Type chassis XKD 569 and sent of to the USA in April of 1957 where it was delivered to Jaguar Cars North America and sold to James Peterson, a California building contractor. Peterson is known to have driven the car at Riverside Raceway in August of 1957 where he posted the second fastest time of the day at the San Fernando Drag Strip meet. Peterson sold the car in 1958 to game show host Bill Leyden who routinely parked the eye catching 713 on Sunset Boulevard. It was there that the car was spotted by a young Steve McQueen who was just coming into his own as actor and star of the television series 'Wanted: Dead Or Alive'. McQueen, already a man of great style, famously had a love for both fast cars and beautiful women.

It wasn't long before McQueen purchased the stunning XKSS for a then princely sum of \$5,000.00 - today's equivalent around \$40,000.00 - Originally an off white car with a red interior the convertible's colour combination just didn't do it for McQueen. The car was taken to a Sherman Oaks hot rod shop where it underwent the transformation to British Racing Green c/w all black leather interior.



McQueen dubbed his new Jaguar the “Green Rat” and was locally famous for racing around the Hollywood Hills with little to no regard for local speed limits or the L.A. cops. He outran the cops so many times that the Sheriff of the LAPD offered up a steak dinner at “Lawry’s” for whoever could nab the SOB !

McQueen owned and drove the car for eleven years when he sold the car to gambling tycoon William Harrah. The understanding was that the XKSS would not be sold or driven and would be displayed as part of the Automobile Collection at Harrah’s in Reno Nevada.



McQueen reportedly missed the car so much that he tried repurchasing the car in 1976 without success. Eventually though he was able to convince Harrah's that the car deserved to be driven and in 1978 McQueen took ownership of the Green Rat for the second time. After a mechanical refresh Steve McQueen drove the XKSS until his death at age 50 from lung cancer in 1980.

The car remained in the McQueen estate until 1984 when it was sold by the family to McQueen’s friend and neighbour Richard Freshman for \$148,000.00. Freshman had the car sent to England for a thorough and proper restoration. He kept the car until 1999, selling it to the Peterson Automotive Museum on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles, California where it resides and can be viewed today.

It has been estimated that should the car ever go up for auction at Barrett-Jackson or the like the car would fetch in the neighbourhood of \$20 to \$30 million !! Amazing!

For an in depth look at this famous Jaguar be sure to check out the feature episode on Jay Leno’s Garage where Leno crowns the car “one of the most exciting cars in the history of the automobile”.

Leno has seen, driven and indeed owns many of the finest cars ever to put rubber to road and he seems in complete awe of the car and his time behind the wheel. He gushes about the car’s handling and stability at speed saying that many modern cars just don’t feel as roadworthy as the vintage Jaguar does.

At 250 horsepower the XKSS even now remains a formidable performance car. One can only imagine the impact such a car made in 1957.

