

# The Cat Tale



### The Official Publication of the Jaguar Club of Tulsa

### 1st Saturday Socks & Underwear Meet Up!

Pandemic be damned! We found a way to get together and have a little fun on what is usually scheduled to be our First Saturday Breakfast.

The club members were once again donating socks and underwear to give to the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless but, there was this problem of how would we gather all those packs of undies up so Santa's Elf could deliver them?

**Rupy Rupateau**, Sales Manager at our local Jaguar dealer came to the rescue and let the club meet in the parking lot in front of the dealers showroom on Saturday morning.



Who is that masked man? None other than Roger Hanes who was among the first to arrive and start filling up the "sleigh" with donations.

We were lucky that this first Saturday was a beautiful sunny day. A little chilly,

yes, but if you stood in the sun it was quite pleasant and then there was the hot coffee and fresh donuts that added to the experience.

**Joan Neidell** found a sunny spot that was perfect for enjoying a chocolate covered donut.

This has been an especially hard year for social service organizations that have been stretched to the limit by the crisis' of the Covid 19 pandemic and the crashing economy with millions losing their jobs. The number one most requested item by these organizations is socks. It seems like such a simple thing but to those in need it can seem like a wonderful gift.



This year our club gave a total of 188 pairs of socks, 94 pairs of underwear and 23 T-shirts to the Day Center for the Homeless. That is probably only a drop in the bucket of the number of these items that they go through in a year but there is no doubt they are appreciated and they go to someone who is truly in need.

The fact that we were able to use this Christmas giving drive to get together for a couple of hours made it even better.



We arrived at the dealership at 9:00 am and the plan was to be done by 11:00 am, the same as we would on one of our First Saturday breakfasts and it worked out well. Some members came and stayed a while, others just drove in long enough to drop off their donation.



Robert Triffo came by in his spotless 2004 XKR Portfolio and dropped off his 2021 dues. Have you paid your dues yet? More on that later ...

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Yes, the Elf was there and watching carefully to make sure everything got loaded properly in the sleigh. (talk about a deer in the headlights!)

Todd and MaryBeth Coady drove daughter Megan's XKE. This car is Megan's graduation gift. I am not sure Another "drive-through" customer was **Gary Grover** stopping by leave his donation.

Georgia Snoke arrived sans Ken, who was occupied that morning with the Rotary's annual "Shop with a Cop" event escorting kids to do some Christmas shopping.



if it was for high school or college, but Megan is now a practicing veterinarian.

ian.
Todd has
been
working
on the

car for a long time. Now the car is beautiful and purrs like a Jaguar should and Megan has driven it on a visit to Tulsa. Some things are just worth waiting for.



Club President -Stephen Flach and Glenn Larson -Board member.

Carol Larson, MaryBeth Coady And Clark Frayser







Clark Frayser checking to make sure weight distribution is ok for take off. I want to say a special THANK YOU to Berneal Flach who took many of the photos accompanying this article.

The club also wants to say **THANK YOU** to Rupy and the Jaguar- Land Rover dealership for allowing us to have this event in front of their beautiful showroom.



### **DUES ARE DUE!**

Listen Up! It's time to get those due in! The club treasurer has to submit a new roster and a check for our memberships in the national organization, JCNA, by the first of February. That means if you haven't paid your 2021 dues yet, you need to do it today.

The dues, which have not been raised since 2013, are still \$55 for membership in the local club and the national Jaguar Clubs of North America.

There is a membership form on the back page of this newsletter for you to fill out and send in with your check. This is important as this is how we make sure we have your correct address, phone and e-mail, so please do it, then send it to **PO Box 471134, Tulsa, OK 74147**.

IMPORTANT! If you joined the club after July 1st, 2020, you do not owe any dues for 2021.

### **NEW MEMBER**

Actually, we can't really call **Richard Roberts** a NEW member anymore as he has attended a couple of events now and is becoming well acquainted with club members. What is NEW is we finally got to see his Jaguar.

The car finally arrived from Florida and Richard drove it to our "First Saturday Socks and Underwear Meet" It is a BRG 2003 XK8. Richard has really been enjoying driving the car exploring all the great winding roads in Arkansas where he now lives. This is Richards first Jaguar but he has owned other sports cars and he says there is nothing quite like driving a Jaguar and he will be driving one from now on.



## THE GATHERING AT THE ROC By Les Neidell

I suspect the HOT ROD garage in Sand Springs is relatively unknown to Jaguar owners. Based on my experience they are a superior body shop whose paint work is unparalleled and whose fabrication is world class. I became acquainted with them after my 1933 Plymouth tangled with a Road America guard rail. As a past customer I was invited to their first ever sponsored drive and show, which occurred Friday, October 30, and Saturday, Oct 31. As one would suspect from their name their specialty is Hot Rods, but a wide variety of entrants and spectators' cars provided an engaging couple of days. A few Jag Club members attended: I saw Clark Frayser Friday afternoon at the Hot Rod Garage. Earlier in Bartlesville Rich Roberts and Charlie Segrees stopped to see me while I was trying to warm myself.

Jason Smith, Hot Rod Garage owner, obviously wanted me to drive the Plymouth, which, under a summer sky, I certainly would have done. But sitting high in an open car with no weather protection in Oklahoma's late Fall season was not something I would contemplate. But there were about a hundred hot-rodders

who had no such conviction with their open cars.

I opted to drive the 1959 Kellison J-5 roadster, which in some ways could be more punishing than the Plymouth. But it

sits low and has a wrap - around wind screen, promising a more accommodating ride. And since it has no bulk-head insulation the engine heat which can be debilitating when racing in Oklahoma's August temperature, could prove to be beneficial. And it was, considering that Friday



morning's temperature when I set out to Bartlesville was 32 degrees!

Friday's event was an approximately 110 mile drive from Bartlesville through Oklahoma hinterlands, ending at the Sand Springs garage. I was amazed when I arrived at the staging area, the Hilton Garden Inn, where several hundred hot rods blocked all entrances to the Hilton.



A quick check-in and I received a map of the drive. It was self-paced, with a number of interesting stops. I always enjoy Pawhuska's Pioneer Woman. One of the issues with touring rural Oklahoma roads are the cattle guards that endanger all low slung cars. Most of the rods had no difficulty (although they moved very carefully) but the Kellison was "swallowed up" by a couple. No lasting damage though. I estimated about 200 cars began the ride. Amazingly, only two breakdowns during the ride, none of which was serious enough to warrant a tow.

On Friday I drove 187 miles, and refueled three times. I can't use ethanol enhanced fuel in the Kellison so looking for nonethanol gas became an adventure. What I could buy wasn't to the Kellison's liking. Normal diet is 112 octane leaded, and dic-

tates the timing; 91 octane unleaded didn't digest smoothly.

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Saturday, October 31, was the Woolaroc show. 248 cars pre-registered, and were spread randomly in parking areas and on lawns. I arrived just after a large contingent from Bartlesville and found it difficult tomaneuver, especially as the Kellison began to overheat. After all it IS a racecar and the 91 octane certainly didn't help matters. At the first opening I dove down a hill, coming to rest beside a restored 1956 Bel-Air wagon.



### It's a wagon, but not the Bel-Aire

As I walked through the show I was amazed at the basic similarity among the cars. Almost all seemed to order from the same catalog of bodies, dash boards and fenders. The more opportunistic (or perhaps wealthier) builders experimented with modern engines, and while finishing touches differed (BUT an overwhelming majority of Black cars) there was, for me,a disconcerting sameness. Many builders invested upwards of \$100,000 with outwardly (in my novice judgment) little to distinguish their construction.

The furthest entrant was from South Carolina. I don't know if he drove or trailered. (Trailers were not allowed at



Woolaroc, but I noted a few, unexplained, exceptions.) Of the driven cars the most two extraordinary escapades were: (1) three aficionados from Ohio crammed three across in an open roadster, who, after arriving camped out in a state park for the duration. I was told they taped their vinyl raincoats to the roadster's sides. (remember – it was below freezing & snowing in Ohio the days before the show;) (2) one attendee drove from Nebraska (same snow and ice) in a closed coupe, but on SLICKS!

My return drive to Tulsa was uneventful, except that I was forced to detour to the Skiatook Osage Casino for fuel.

Overall it was a great event and I anticipate that Jason is alreadyplanning the 2021 event. Plan on participating!

Editors' Note: This information on Jaguar design changes was sent to us by **Justin Haralson** who manages the advertising and publicity for the Don Thornton AutoGroup that includes our local Jaguar dealer.



# FROM Motor1.com Jaguar Design Boss Wants To Make The Cars Look 'Wonderful Again'

By: Angel Sergeev

"I'm savoring the thought of helping my Jaguar colleagues to bring Jaguar back to the position it deserves. It's a unique brand with incredible pedigree and a lot of potential. If it could be developed in a way that freed it from some of the constraints it has had in the past, I think it could be wonderful again," McGovern told *Automotive News* in a recent interview.

We can't say that modern Jaguars look bad or lack passion. In general, the British automaker is still making great-looking cars with an individual twist. Jaguar is even taking an untraditional approach with the next-generation XJ for which the company says is going to be "stunning." But JLR's new design boss wants to take things even further. Gerry McGovern, the automaker's new chief creative officer overseeing Jaguar design boss Julian Thomson and Land Rover design head Massimo Frascella, has recently admitted to the media he wants to make Jaguar cars look great again. Hopefully, this doesn't only include the brand's crossovers.

Last year, Jaguar appointed Julian Thomson as a design chief after Ian Callum's retirement from the company. Thomson previously said he wants to make "more glamorous" Jags and the brand's new design center in Gaydon, United Kingdom, should definitely help with that task. The new facility has computer-aided graphics workstations and clay model platforms that showcase up to 30 state-of-theart milling machines, as opposed to the two platforms in Jaguar's old facility.

Meanwhile, McGovern is also eyeing the nextgeneration Land Rover Range Rover which is scheduled for a debut next year. "The current generation moved the game on significantly and this next one will, too," he told the online publication, without going into further details.



# C-X75 It Would be Ian Callum's Dream Come True. By Chris Bruce

A good idea never dies, and a new report from *Autocar* suggests that Jaguar might use the jaguar c-x75mid-engined supercar concept as the styling inspiration for the next-generation F-Type. The plan was allegedly among the final acts of former design boss Ian Callum before leaving the company.

"We could get quite close [to the C-X75]," Callum told *Auto-car*. "There's still a formula within Jaguar for a front-mid-engined car. I have a preference for mid-engined cars. It's certainly something I would like to see."

### **Could It Look Like This?**



Jaguar is still deciding whether the next-gen F-Type should use a mid-engined, hybrid-assisted combustion engine or become a fully electric vehicle. Callum indicates that a C-X75-inspired design could work with either layout.

Jaguar still has some time to decide because spy shots show the company developing a refreshed F-Type. The images and videos indicate that the performance model has a significant styling change at the front including narrow, slit-like headlights and possibly larger inlets in the corners of the fascia. The changes at the back seem more minor, like revisions to the bumper and diffuser design.

Premiering at the 2010 Paris Motor Show, the C-X75 was supposed to be Jaguar's next-gen supercar. The original concept used two turbine engines to generate electricity for four, 195-horsepower (145-kilowatt) motors. A later evolution in 2013 packed a turbocharged and supercharged 1.6-liter four-cylinder along with two electric motors for a total output of over 850 hp (634 kW) and 1,000 Newton-meters (737 pound-feet) of torque. Shortly after announcing his retirement from Jaguar, Callum expressed regret online about the C-X75 not going into production.

This report suggests that he might still get his wish of seeing it on the road.

Source: Autocar

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