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A long and proud history since 1969

Jaguar Drivers' Club (Auckland) Inc - was founded in 1969 by 19-year-old Murray Higgins, of Blockhouse Bay. The owner of a 1948 Mk IV, Murray placed an advertisement in the Public Notices section of the New Zealand Herald inviting Jaguar owners and enthusiasts to a meeting. The result on April 16 1969, was the formation of what is now known as the Jaguar Drivers' Club (Auckland) Inc.

The first event, on June 9 1969, was a fun rally and gymkhana, followed by lunch at the Puhoi Hotel (for the princely sum of \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children) and an evening "get together" in the Architects' Clubrooms on Symonds Street.

The Club has grown steadily since its humble beginnings and is now one of the largest single marque car clubs in Auckland. The Club's main aim is to foster interest in and promote owning, driving, maintaining and restoring Jaguar cars. To this end, a wide range of events are arranged on a monthly basis. Although some events are competitive, all are social and family and friends of members are welcome to join in.

Another important person in the Club's (and Jaguar's) history was Lofty England. Lofty, who managed Jaguar's successful competitions department in the 50's, was the Club's Patron until his death in 1995. Norm Dewis (Jaguar's chief test engineer 1952 to 1985) was Patron until his passing in 2019. The position of Patron is now being filled by Ian Callum (CBE). Ian was Jaguar's Design Director for 20 years and was instrumental in a full transformation of the saloons and sports cars, the launch of the SUVs, and the revolutionary I-Pace.

The Club's financial year is from August 1st to July 31st and the AGM is held on the 9th November 2025. New members will receive a copy of the current magazine which will give them a list of office holders (who are elected at each AGM). A copy of the Club's constitution can be found on the website: www.jaguardriversclub.co.nz.

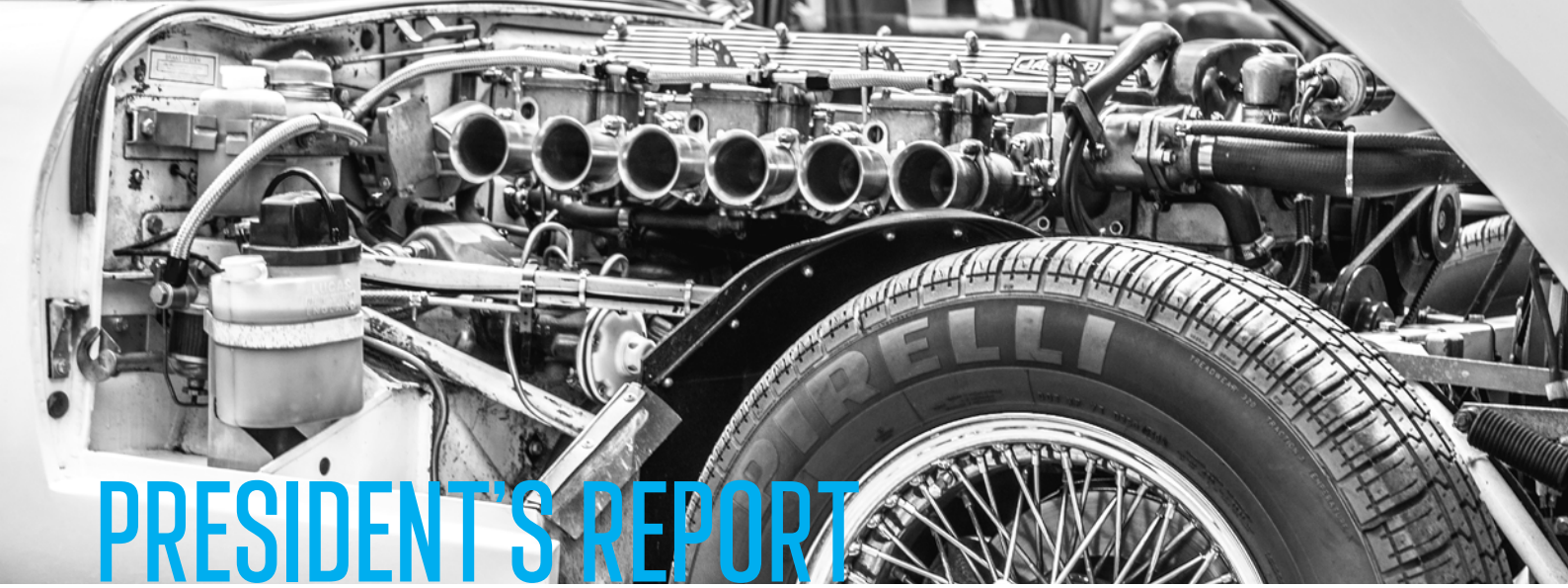
Each major centre in NZ now has its own independent Jaguar car club, around 14 in all, ranging from the small with a dozen members up to Auckland with over 300.

Life members - for service to the club.

Bill Crook, Robin O'Connor, Rex Day,
Mark and David Shorter, Steve and Denise Ward.

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Cover image: AJDC member - Martin Rees, Regency Red, 1958 Jaguar XK150 Credit: Image by Xynarah



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's always great to see new members coming to our events. The recent Hunting Lodge event was no exception bringing out over 40 members. The rally road course to Waimauku was arranged by Martin Rees, who did an exceptional job with the planning. Many tight windy roads made the driving experience plenty of fun!

For once Christy and I didn't get lost or have a disagreement! (Thanks Martin)

The Auckland Jaguar Drivers Club AGM is fast approaching on Sunday the 9th November

I am very lucky to have a great team of committee members who all do so much for your club. Remember their work is all voluntary for all our enjoyment!

Your committee for the coming year 2025-2026 will remain. You would have received an e-mail from our Club Secretary with the agenda, along with supporting, financial accounts, and our updated constitution under the new government regulations.

It's important that we have as many members as possible in attendance. The Remuera Club will have a wonderful buffet for us after the AGM.

This year we will be handing out AJDC Cups and awards to members who have excelled in the last 12 months. Make sure you attend as you may be one of the winners!

Please register your attendance on the website. Lunch will be payable on the day.

The list of recent events has been plentiful. Pump House, Hamilton Museum Bugatti, Jolly Farmer to name a few.

We have many more events until the end of 2025 including our club's Christmas Function.

This year, to be held at Settlers Country Manor. This will be spectacular. (This is a Themed Dress event check the website for details) Limited places available Book Now!!

If you haven't been to an event for some time please come along, as you are missing out on plenty of fun!

We have a new advertiser - welcome to Andy Finline Auto & Marine Trimmers.

Many times, I am asked who is best to take my car to for the hood liner or leather work. Andy has worked on many Jaguars and comes highly recommended. In the New Year we plan to have a fun run out to Finline's operation in Runciman to see the master at work!



Make sure you support all our advertisers, as they support us. Christy and I look forward to seeing you at our next event. Until then drive safe and Enjoy your beautiful Jaguar.

Dean Wright
Club President

This e-magazine contains many links and hyperlinks. Click on them and explore the world of Jaguar."

THE EDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Kia Ora, Hello everyone,

I trust that you are well and enjoying your Jaguars. As our seasons emerge from hibernation and the early Springtime show of pink peach blossoms and hosts of golden daffodils hint of a long summer ahead, such is our warm welcome to you with our AJDC Sept/Oct Fangzine #58. Blazing hot off the internet in time for your early summer reading entertainment.



By the time this edition is available, the 75th Happy Anniversary of the Jaguar MkVII will have already been held in the South Island city of Christchurch-and we trust that all those who were fortunate to attend, have made many memories and friends whilst having an exclusive Jaguar Mk VII time.

We have a fantastic set of drives and events to reflect upon in these pages, so let's take a look at the highlights.

First up, we had a brilliant drive down the southern motorway to visit the Hamilton Classics Museum. The buzz was all about seeing the legendary "La Voiture Noire" and the other magnificent Bugattis on display. To see such automotive art up close was a real treat for all us petrol-heads! Following the feast for the eyes, we enjoyed a superb luncheon at Zenders Cafe. It was the perfect spot to discuss the breath-taking cars we'd just seen and, of course, admire the carpark lineup of beautiful classic Jaguars our members had driven down. A truly memorable day out!

On a more relaxed midweek note, the drive to The Jolly Farmer for a luncheon was a lovely, casual affair. It's always great to get the cars out for a spin and gather in the relaxed setting of Murphy's Bar for some good food and even better company. These midweek events are a fantastic way to break up the working week and share our common passion.

Our next Sunday Drive took us on a gorgeous scenic run through the back country roads of the Rodney District - just the kind of roads Jaguars were made for! The route was a delight, offering fantastic views before we arrived at The Hunting Lodge for lunch. The casual country style setting was stunning, the food excellent, and conversations flowed as freely as the wine. It's always a pleasure to see the collective shine of our member's cars parked together in such a picturesque location.

Another Midweek Marvel was the exclusive invitation to visit Matchbox. An impressive new concept for storing and maintaining priceless and exotic automobiles. Our hosts, Zlatko and Hugo, were superb, showcasing some truly precious classics. You can view a full narrative with images of this visit and our subsequent excellent luncheon at Windross Farm Ardmore as you explore further into this AJDC e-magazine.

A Chrome Showcase weekend at the Showgrounds that wasn't on our events calendar, and yet, our Club stalwart Paul Marchant had been flying the AJDC banner with pride recently. Were all as delighted as he is, that his immaculate Jaguar XJR 300 was chosen for public display in the main showroom.

Also, there was high octane altruism at Hampton Downs where the Ride 4 Life Day was held to make dreams of going fast around Hampton Downs Racetrack come true for some very special patients, with their families and caregivers and some of our members were involved in such a worthy event.

Before I sign off, I would like to thank our hard working committee members very much for your exceptional teamwork which is greatly appreciated. Please remember to keep a close eye on the Club website and, most importantly, book early for some awesome upcoming events, especially our always-popular Christmas party with a mid 20th century "dress to the nines" theme! These events fill up fast, and you don't want to miss out on the fun.

Finally, and most importantly please remember to show your support for our valued advertisers – as they play a vital role in helping to make our Fangtastic Fangzine possible.

See you on the road. Ka kite anō, **Larry Raynor Olive** Editor



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BUGATTI BLACK BEAUTY ADVENTURE

Article: Irene Kingsford | Photos: Larry Raynor Olive

The scent of spring was in the air on the 24th August as members of the Auckland Jaguar club gathered together for another adventurous day. The route was planned well by the committee starting with a convoy of over 20 cars and their proud owners heading to see the Bugattis at the Classic Car Museum in Hamilton. The route notes were detailed as we departed from the BP in Drury. It is always a pleasure to be part of such friendly people of the Auckland Jaguar Club as they present opportunities to visit many exciting places of interest that you would otherwise not know about or make an effort to see.

The Bugatti classic car display is one such place of interest. A \$20 entry fee allows you to pass by statues of Betty Boop and Elvis Presley and the opportunity to view classic cars of all decades presented in impeccable condition. The abundance of memorabilia is outstanding from miniature toy cars to gasoline containers to military vehicles restored with passion and commitment. There are numerous cars displayed with history notes to read such as the Bugatti selection was very interesting. From Morris Minors to single seater race cars and numerous motor bikes. The display of Parkards, corvettes, Pontiacs, a 39 Chevy to a Buick Skylark. We could have spent all day mesmerised by the collection available to view.

The next stop on our outing was the booking into Zenders cafe a short drive from the classic car museum. As always with my navigation skills and my husband's ability to take



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Article: Irene Kingsford

Photos: Larry Olive & Xynoula Cezarova



BUGATTI BLACK BEAUTY ADVENTURE

the longest route anywhere we arrived late to lunch at Zender's cafe. A quaint homestyle feeling greeted you with a rustic wheelbarrow and an old concrete well and water pump outside the entry. Zenders was first started by three sisters who wanted to honour their parents' journey from Holland to New Zealand as immigrants and we were delighted to be served by one of the sisters. The menu was extensive and the plated meal and wine were delicious. A good glass is always welcome, inside the cafe on the wall was a collection of silver spoons in a display cabinet and a cuckoo clock. It was a pleasant place to visit and relax and enjoy a delightful meal with excellent company.



BUGATTIS LA VOITURE NOIRE



Photos: Larry Raynor Olive and Xynarah Cezanne

Hamilton's Classics Museum owner, Tom Andrews, has recreated what many car enthusiasts consider to be the most beautiful and rare car ever made: the Bugatti Type 57S Atlantic Coupe. Only four of the original coupes were ever produced, and one of them, a black car known as "La Voiture Noire," disappeared in 1939. In December 2014, Andrews purchased a 1937 Type 57 Bugatti with a Ventoux body at an auction in Paris. The car was found in a barn and was part of a large collection of rare vehicles. Andrews' initial plan was to use the car as a base for his Atlantic recreation, but when he saw the Ventoux, he decided it deserved a full restoration of its own.

The Atlantic Project

Andrews' recreation is believed to be the only faithful replica of the missing "La Voiture Noire". The project took ten years and an estimated 18,000 collective hours to complete.

To ensure accuracy, Andrews and his team, including workshop manager Greg McDell, meticulously researched and sourced parts. They traveled to the Mullin Automotive Museum in America to study one of the three surviving Atlantics and took many photos for reference. For the build, they used period-correct parts or created 100% accurate reproductions.

Key components were difficult to find:

The wooden frame for the body was made from timber from the same forest as the original.

Andrews and his wife, Diane, traveled to Europe to find original headlights and a complete set of correct gauges.

It took two years to locate an original front axle, gear-box, steering box, and rear axle from Type 57 Bugattis of the same era.



BUGATTIS LA VOITURE NOIRE

An almost complete original Type 57 engine was found in a wooden box in an old barn on a farm after a two-year worldwide search.

Crafting the car's body was a significant challenge. Simon Tippens hand-formed the body over a timber structure, a task that took two years of man-hours. He also had to hand-squeeze each of the 1,000 rivets for the "dorsal fin" on the roof, a difficult job that required precise placement based on photos of the surviving cars.

For the interior, which had few reference photos, Andrews' team copied the interior of a different Atlantic owned by Ralph Lauren. Gordon White, a key member of the Classics Museum team, provided invaluable carpentry, mechanical, and engineering expertise for both the Atlantic build and the Ventoux restoration.

Both the newly restored Ventoux and the Atlantic recreation are on permanent display at the Classics Museum. While the Atlantic won't be road-registered, Andrews and McDell have test-driven it.



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Ryders Restaurant: Lunch and Movie

Coordinator: Robin O'Connor

Ryders Restaurant and Movie theatre - Avondale, Auckland
This is a 'joint venture' with the MG Car Club, to enjoy lunch with your friends in the MG Club then be entertained by the comedy movie 'Waking Ned Devine'.

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Venue: Remuera Club, Remuera
Contact Secretary Allison Ingram

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Ayrlies Garden & 'The Stables'

Venue: 'The Stables' Historic Pub,
Whitford Village
Facilitator Martin Rees

A lovely wander through the gardens followed by lunch. Catch up with friends and meet new ones.
See the website for details and to Register

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Christmas Party for the Jaguar Drivers Club

Venue: Settlers Country Manor,
Waimauku

Enjoy lunch and a few glasses of Christmas cheer. Join in the fun and 'Dress to Impress' with some formal period costume from the 1950's to 1970's
See the website for details and to Register

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CLASSIC COVER

ELLERSLIE CAR SHOW

& INTERMARQUE CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Attention all Members

Entries for all the concours events are now open and in particular the 30-40-50 competition and to attract still younger entrants into the classic car hobby, the Little Legends competition for classic pedal cars!

Do keep an eye out for more updates from the ECS Committee and remember to save that date – 8th February 2026!

For more information please click the following link:

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MIDWEEK LUNCH

Article and Photos: Editor

JOLLY FARMER/MURPHYS BAR

The atmosphere was thick with a familiar mix of nostalgia and the faint aroma of Guinness as members of the Auckland Jaguar Drivers Club gathered at the Jolly Farmer Tavern. We met in the cozy confines of the Murphy's Law Irish Bar for a final farewell lunch, a tribute to a place known as The Jolly Farmer, and will soon be just a memory. The tavern, an old soul on the Great South Road, is about to close its doors for good. 'Twas here we gathered to pay homage to "Ye Olde Grog Shop" and savour that one last "pint of Gat" and drink a toast to St. Patrick, grateful that we had the pleasure to visit this iconic Tavern once again. As time goes by, The Jolly would soon exist only in our minds and hopefully those unique cherished memories of Saturday night drives to our country Inn will linger just a little longer..

The two tables of eight were an intimate affair, creating a perfect space for Jaguar enthusiasts to share stories and savour the moment. Plates of hearty Beef and Guinness pie and mash were served, accompanied by a pint of the dark stout, while others enjoyed pan-fried fish with a crisp Sauvignon Blanc. Through the window, we watched an impeccable condition Black Metallic Jaguar XJR Executive pull into the carpark. To our pleasant surprise, it was long-time member Richard Travis, who proclaimed he lived nearby and couldn't resist attending his first midweek club event at the iconic country Tavern. It was a perfect addition to our small, special gathering.

The familiar purr of a Silicon Silver F-Type announced the arrival of Alwyn and his daughter Vanessa, while Bernie Wood with his unique Carmen Red colour Jaguar E-Type drew admiring glances. Bernie has owned the car for many decades,



MIDWEEK LUNCH JOLLY FARMER/MURPHYS BAR

a wild beast of a machine, a testament to his belief that such a classic Jaguar e-Type such as his one should be driven, and not confined to a garage.

The tavern was bustling with its regular patrons mostly wearing navy overalls- workers shedding their muddy boots at the door, and queuing for midday refreshments as sizzling roast meat platters steamed past us from the grill direct to the Sports Bar. Amid the chatter and clatter, it wasn't hard to imagine the Jolly Farmer and Murphy's Law Bars in their hey-day, a popular stop for traveling salesmen like the gentleman seated nearby who was dining with etiquette manners, and a welcome escape for city couples on a Saturday night.

As our lunch drew to a close, there was a shared sense of appreciation for the moment, a quiet acceptance that this is simply how the world works. As we drove away, we carried with us the image of the sun setting one last time on The Jolly old Farmer. We were grateful to have been there for its final chapter, a fitting farewell to a place that held so many memories, and a place that will always be a part of our history.



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PAUL MARCHANT'S XJR300 SHINES AT THE CHROME SHOWCASE



Photos: Paul Marchant

The Chrome Showcase car show, held over the weekend of September 27th and 28th, featured three main categories, with only a select few entries chosen for display. Paul Marchant's glistening Quartz Grey Jaguar XJR 300 was one of just 50 high-calibre cars selected for the Showcase category, a segment for often-driven show cars, and proudly represented Auckland Jaguar Drivers Club.

Paul's affinity and dedication to car shows was evident as he was the only AJDC member to display a vehicle and personally set up his exhibit on Friday night, complete with the club's flags and display boards collected from storage and remained on duty during the weekend to respond to any questions. His stunning Jaguar XJR300, a beautiful example

of the Pace-Grace-Space profile, garnered significant public interest as the sole Jaguar at the event.

The show was a dynamic and busy weekend, with concurrent events outside the main hall (drift cars and trucks) and loud engine starts inside (including drag cars and a particularly deafening quad-rotor Mazda). Overall, the event was a success, with organizers promising an even larger show over the next three years. Paul hopes this will encourage more AJDC members to enter their cars and attend the Chrome Showcase next year and to admire the fabulous vehicles on display for everyone.

Congratulations Paul, what a fantastic effort and great representation for the Club.



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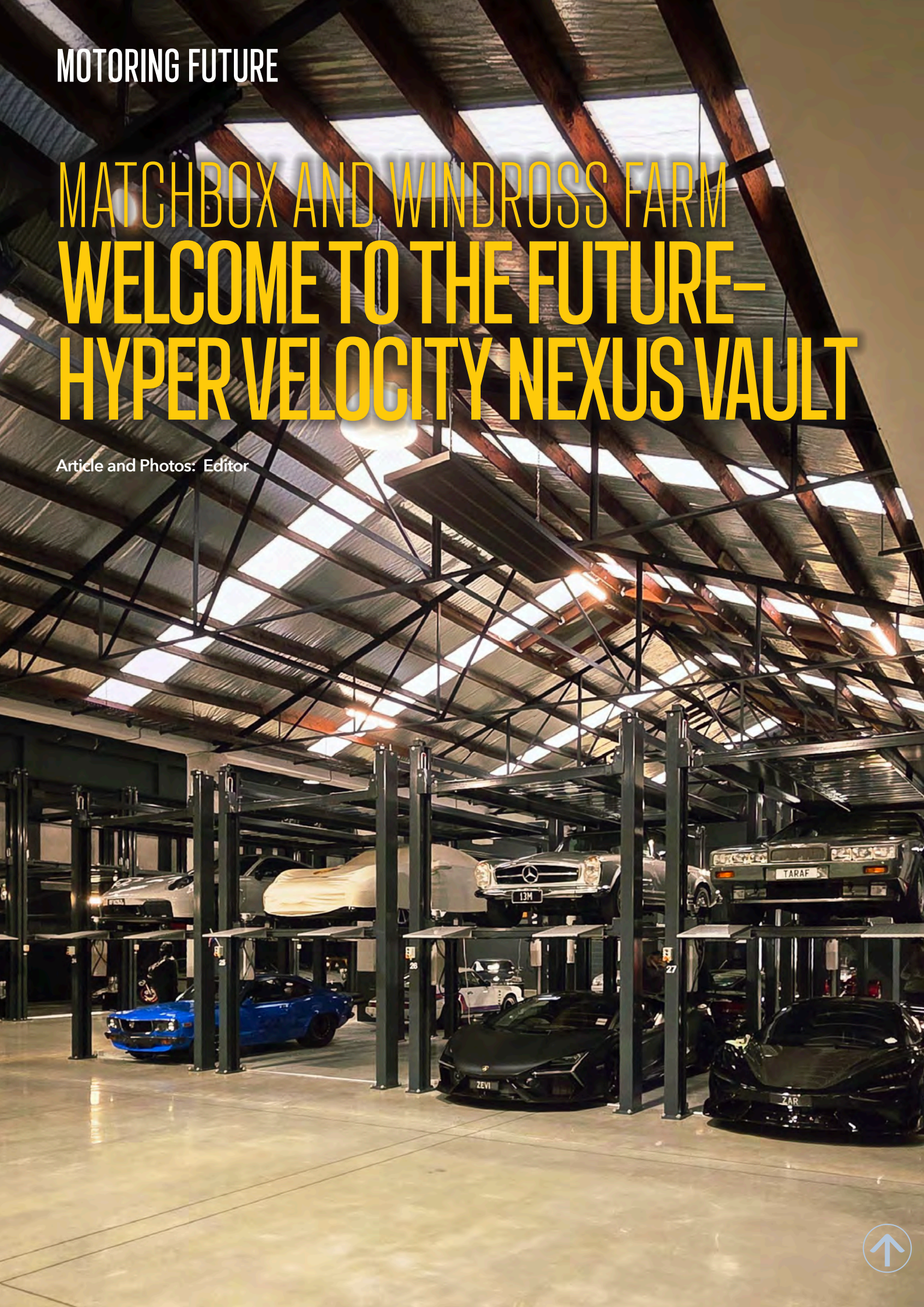
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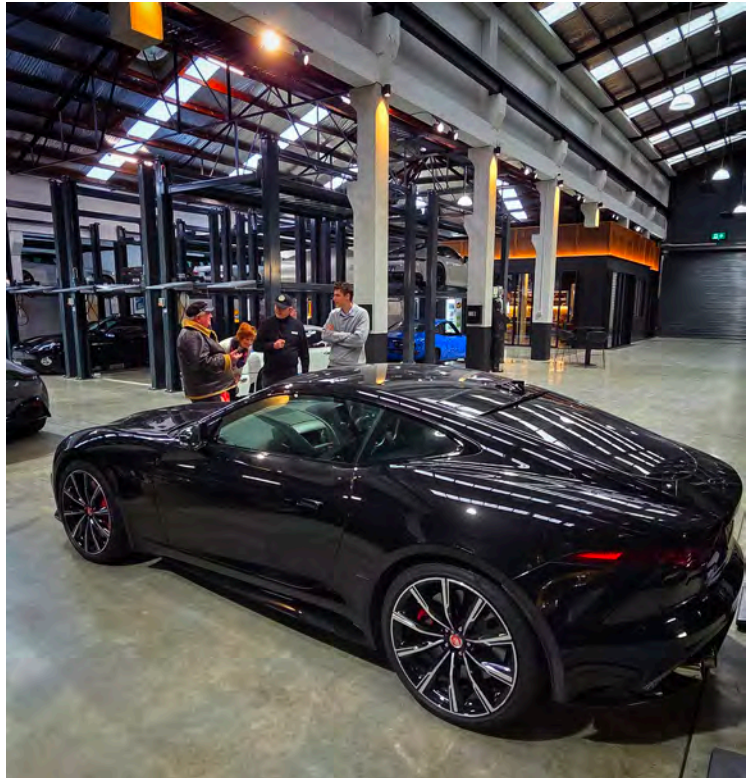
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MATCHBOX AND WINDROSS FARM

We now come to a special midweek event: our club's exclusive invitation to visit Matchbox. This new concept for storing valuable automobiles, plus providing meticulous maintenance services for the discerning owners' precious vehicles, is described as resembling a futuristic Hyper-Velocity-Nexus-Vault for discerning collectors full size Dinky-Di Matchbox toys. Our hosts, Zlatko and Hugo, were most welcoming and eager to show us around their unique climate controlled-high tech security-VIP car storage facility.

As a special treat, they even pulled an elegant Xenon Grey Aston Martin and a Black Panther-like Jaguar F-Type out of their protective car-coon enclosure for us to get a closer look. The highlight for many, however, was seeing an original Jaguar Racing Green E-Type with an incredibly low 12 thousand miles on the clock—a pristine piece of history! There was also focused admiration for an immaculate Indigo Blue Jaguar XJS Convertible. We departed with the promise to return again soon in much larger numbers. Thank you, Zlatko

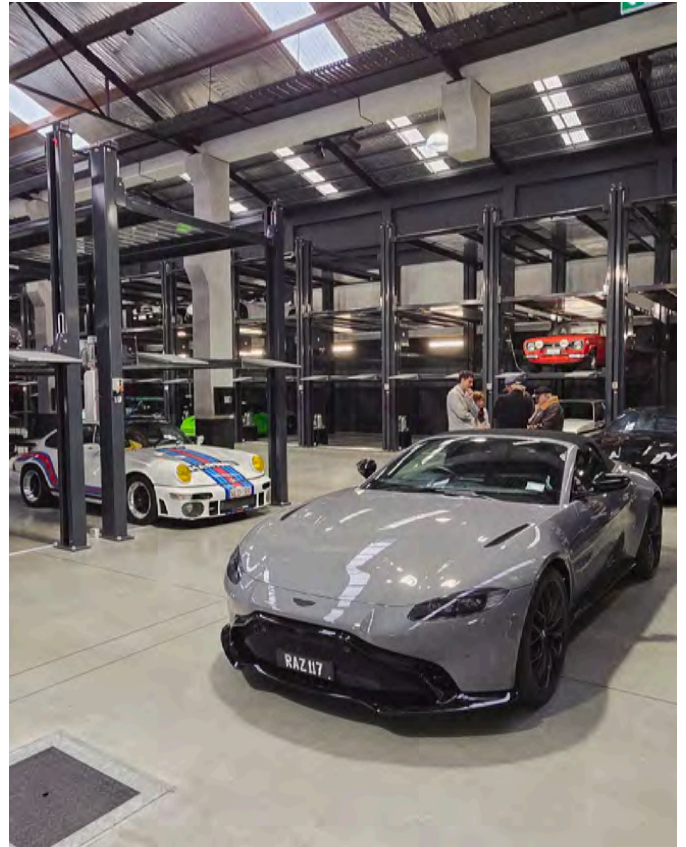


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and Hugo, for a genuinely unique experience, your hospitality on par with the incomparable Matchbox mission statement to provide the highest quality customer service for priceless automobiles.

Onwards from Matchbox, we headed for lunch at Windross Farm Ardmore. Chatting and admiring the beautiful golf course seemed like peering from within a goldfish tank with panorama views to dine for. We enjoyed watching the occasional group of golfers strolling towards the putting green and we were "twitching" with admiration watching a lone Karearea Hawk (NZ Bird of the Year- 25) hovering, then swooping up high to circle around again above the manuka shrubs on the far side of the course, (which reminded me that I best be heading west very soon to avoid peak hour traffic!). A beautiful end to a stunning morning.



SUNDAY DRIVE THE HUNTING LODGE

Article & Photos: Editor

Jaguaristas go on Safari:

"Hi there Jaguaristas, remember to spring forward our clocks for daylight saving—oh, by the way, the group luncheon has been brought forward half an hour also", such was the reminder from Martin, "The Field Ranger". Apparently, even for the famously sleek and timeless Jaguar there was "No Escape" from the tyranny of the clock.

Undeterred by the earlier start and the spring morning's crazy, hazy skies and misty valleys, our eager pride of AJDC members sprang into action and met at Dairy Flat BP at 9:30 AM for the briefing, coffees, or a much-needed "Hunger-buster" steak pie—a fuel stop equally important for the drivers (and passengers) as the cars. You know it's a dedicated crew when Stu and Michelle, who practically live next to our luncheon venue, made the effort to drive the round trip over the Greenhithe bridge just to enjoy the "The Quest" with us. It's not about the destination, folks; it's about prowling in a finely tuned Jaguar.

We were delighted to discover that our journey's "Long and Winding Road" had all of us steering throughout a scenic drive "Where No Man Had Been Before". Unfolding before our very eyes, a spectacular "Kaleidoscope" of wide-open spaces through the backcountry of Dairy Flat, flying past the North Shore Airfield. Each weaving "Chicane" and every hairpin turn was past ancient pine forests or through tunnels formed by nature's treetops, the feeling was exhilarating, enhanced by the vista ahead of powerful, exotic and rare classics complimented the weaving column of magnificent beasts exploring "Further Along the Pathway Less Traveled", and the following cars, fox tailing as they popped in and out of "Perspective" in the rear view mirrors.

The dream sequences of ever changing scenery was a "Whole New World" of magnificent "Jumanji" jungle resembling the far North in one instant, then nek minik, long rows of enormous oak trees sprouting new spring foliage all throughout Waitoki, then onwards past hectares of undulating, treeless hills and valley floors carpeted with forestry slash, seemingly reminiscent of the Tunguska comet strike to



the Siberian forest. Just as the column of classic car-nivors hit its rhythm on a stretch of open road, we surprised a peloton of dedicated bicycle riders. These "Road Warriors", showing great courtesy and patience, waited by the roadside and waved as our "Caravan" of "Big Cats" slipstreamed around them like a giant "Anaconda" focused on his next meal. It was a fleeting, delightful moment of two-wheeled and four-wheeled enthusiasts sharing the open road, before the Jaguars stretched their legs again. Respectfully passing by a billboard-sized sign in the middle of a paddock with an omnipresent, down-to-earth phrase—"God Save New Zealand"—briefly gave us food for thought before we even reached lunchtime. We cruised the Waikoukou Valley, where two young boys wearing gumboots waited patiently by a single-lane bridge, "Mesmerised" by the formation of almost every model of Jag stealthily cruising past. Onwards, dear friends, seemed to be the positive vibe, like the sparsely scattered flowering Clematis clinging high up in the Kanuka trees heralding that "A Long Hot Summer" is just around the corner.



SUNDAY DRIVE THE HUNTING LODGE



Arriving at Waimauku with our "Eyes Wide Open", it was "A Whole New World", a feeling almost akin to "The Diamond Hunters" finding a precious green gemstone, as we were now in the valley of "The Hunting Lodge". A warm greeting from the Duty Manager and friendly staff was appreciated and the Al Fresco seating area just perfect for our famished but fearless "Game Keepers" who were by now, as "Hungry as the Sea", and we were sheltered from the weather yet exposed to the views of "Where a Falcon Flies" high above "The Blue Horizon". Then a flurry of activity as the salmon pizzas, buffalo burgers with baby snake fries, and "Serengeti" Caesar salads were sufficiently complimented with locally brewed beers and chilled Pinot Gris.

This culinary bliss made us feel in our hearts how worthwhile it is to be alive and happy, sharing the passion of our very special "On Safari" expedition with our dear "Friends of the Jungle", and the "Call of the Wild" beckoned all that roars.

In the "Eye of the Tiger", "What a Wonderful Day", indeed!

*** There are over "Thirty" book titles within this report - did you "Spot" them? ***



RIDE 4 LIFE

WHERE JAGUARS MEET PHAETONS AT HAMPTON DOWNS



RIDE 4 LIFE WHERE JAGUARS MEET PHAETONS AT HAMPTON DOWNS

After a few hints by Martin Rees - the gentleman whose personality is only exceeded by his excellent taste in classic automobiles - the word about the "Ride 4 Life" Charity Day finally got out. The mission? To descend upon the glorious Hampton Downs racetrack in Drury and provide special hospital patients, their families, and caregivers with the exhilarating thrill of motorsport in a powerful car on a racetrack, chauffeured by a mix of genuine professionals and enthusiastic "wannabes" like myself.

The grand rally date was Tuesday, 30th Sept. I arrived promptly at 10:00 am on that glorious, sunny spring morning, and immediately prioritized my pre-race nutrition: a highly essential and complimentary egg burger paired with a cup of hot chocolate, thank you very much Kirsty. Fuelled and focused, I thought that I had absorbed the track rules at the briefing, which for a car club event, surprisingly involved keeping the pointy end of the car facing forward, and most importantly- "Thou shalt not-overtake the Pace Car"! However, my reptilian brain was asleep during that briefing moment in time, as it was after I had already fanged a few sprints around the circuit, when the most friendly and charming Start Flag Marshall, Racing Ray Williams (New Zealand Land Speed Record Holder - with a Porsche 930 turbo called The Ivory Beast at 316 kph in 1996) bailed me up and most politely, yet humorously reminded me again of that Motor Sport First Commandment chiseled in granite, and with a slap on the wrist- my foot hit the floor.

My mighty steed for the day was my Artic White Jaguar XJR Supercharged 5L V8—a car built for rapidly delivering important people and their groceries, but today tasked with delivering pure, unadulterated joy by pressing the throttle and remembering to turn the steering wheel left and right before I reach the corner. I had the distinct pleasure of taking numerous, highly excited families and caregivers for a few exhilarating laps, giving them a glimpse of real Jaguar V8 supercharged torque mingled with time-warping accelera-



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tion, which to my surprise, most of the passengers like young Konan requested, "lets do the Time Warp Again"! The grins were definitely worth the tire wear and a full tank of NPD 100 octane.

Meanwhile, Martin was busy delivering many happy volunteers along the scenic country roads in his magnificent antique industrial machine named Eleanor, a Ford Model A - 35B Phaeton. Another high-point, however, was our celebrity swap: I had the honour of riding in the backseat of the "Grande Dame Eleanor" like a 1930s gangster surveying his turf, then I reciprocated by strapping Martin into the passenger seat of my "White Lightning". Just a quick turnaround led to quite a few extra hot-wheels laps on the fast track alongside the Mustangs, Porsches, Ferraris, Police cars, Fire Trucks and even a Tesla, all "driving like travellers with white-line fever, in a stream of consciousness". Which definitely put some high-definition colour into both of our complexions. In my heart my knees were shakin' I must confess, but they were definitely not stirred.

It was without a doubt, a day of High-Octane Altruism, with free Chopper rides in the air or along the country roads on a Trike or maybe a few laps aboard the handsome Big Mac truck, the numerous choices hopefully making everyone's dream come true for loved ones. Huge Kudos to the event organizers and the small army of volunteers who orchestrated the whole shebang, coordinating everything with the precision of a well-oiled V16 Bugatti Veyron. So let's rally the AJDC pride for a Quantum Leap-er attendance of stunning Jaguars when next year's Ride 4 Life at Hampton Downs comes screamin' round the corner in 2026!



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Jaguar F-Pace 90th Anniversary Edition quick review: not with a bang

Article By David Linklater - Driven Car Website



You'd hardly accuse the Jaguar F-Pace of going out with a whimper; it's basically been carrying the brand for a while now and will be the last combustion-engined model sporting the Growler to remain on sale until the maker pauses, then transitions to a radically different new generation of EVs from 2026.

But you'd hardly call it a bang, either. Jaguar quietly stopped selling new vehicles at home in the UK in late-2024; the F-Pace has simply carried on for many export markets, including ours.

The F-Pace will soon make room for the new generation, in a literal sense. The Solihull plant that's made it for a decade will be home to three new Jaguar EVs to be built on the Jaguar Electrified Architecture (JEA) platform and the Range Rover Electric.

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What Does The Future Hold For Jaguar?

Article By Ben Higgins - Car Buzz Website

Jaguar has always been a brand that can never quite seem to get it together. Its cycle of making well-appointed, well-loved, enthusiast products that are always seen as more charming but flawed vehicles compared to German rivals, just to hemorrhage money and be bought out or go bankrupt, is all too common now. With its halt of production and subsequent relaunch, where is the future of this once esteemed brand going, and what products will the brand launch with when it returns? In this article, we will look at Jaguar's last ten years, and how its slow but predictable fall from 2010s success spawned this re-launch. We will also look at future Jaguar models, and see if the brand has got enough left in its tank to weather the storm of its controversial launch.



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Want A Reliable Jaguar? These 10 Models Have Proven Themselves

Article By Thomas Gillett - Top Speed Website

When we think of British cars, brands like Bentley, Rolls-Royce, Lotus, and McLaren are likely the first to spring to mind, but one that has always been there and given us some incredibly sultry, performance-orientated, and plush models is Jaguar. Perhaps one of their most famous and celebrated creations is the illustrious E-Type Jaguar, but they have also given us a whole range of beautiful sports cars that combine performance kudos and luxury touring that is hard to replicate.

In recent years, though, they have faced some woes and are struggling to maintain pace in a changing auto market, even



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pulling out of selling in the UK until 2026, but more concerning for the British marque is its reputation for being less-than-reliable. According to Repair Pal, they have a reliability rating of just 2.5 out of 5, placing them 29th out of 32 automakers for dependability, which doesn't spell good news for new or used buyers.

But, there is a silver lining in the form of a select few Jag models that are actually reliable to run. We are taking a look at the ten most reliable Jaguar models that have proven themselves to their owners that you can buy used and have brought you information about their reliability ratings, performance credentials, and how much you can buy them for.



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