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Cape Jaguar Times

The Newsletter of the Cape Jaguar Club

FROM THE CHAIR

The AGM held on 23 March at the Parrow Clubhouse was an uneventful affair. My report for the 2024 year was accepted without much discussions, and the treasurer's report did not create any waves either – thank you Roger Manton.

What was a very happy event was the stepping forward of members for committee positions. A huge thank you to Erich Scholtz (treasurer), Bruce Thompson (events coordinator), Wikus Lourens (membership secretary) and Jean Theron (club publicist). Another breakthrough was Erich's suggestion of setting up a club WhatsApp group, to be established by Jean Theron. This was up and running promptly and efficiently – thank you Jean.

Our new club flyers were circulated at the meeting and have got off to a 'flying' start (pun intended), with Wikus 'on the pole position' for adding our first new members via the flyer. Erich is next on the honours roll as he was able to add two new Jaguar families to our register by 'tapping a friend' on the shoulder (see *From the Chair*, Feb 2025).

Our last event, the outrun and lunch at Cucina di Giovanni at Laborie Estate in Paarl was a great success with a record turnout (photos and report elsewhere in this issue) – first strike to Bruce. For once, the 'classic' Jaguars outnumbered the 'moderns'.

I have often wondered about reverting to our original name; The Cape Jaguar Drivers Club. This was again brought up by discussions surrounding regalia and badging. What do members think?... let me know.

Reading some of our past (2002) 'Jaguar Journals', a query from a past member, Bob Platt, queried why our 'past history' has not been updated on our website. This I have undertaken to do. As I have all the past written records and photographs (slides). Terone, our website designer, will then do the necessary.

I hope all our members had a happy and safe April, with all the public holidays therein.

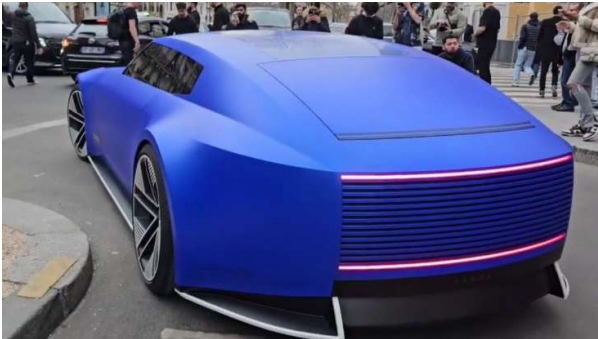
Cheers,

Tony Kings

NEWS

JAGUAR TYPE 00

The controversial Jaguar Type 00 made its public debut at the Paris Fashion Week.



As a reminder on its statement of intent, the Type 00 embodies Jaguar's return to its 'Copy Nothing' ethos, first championed by founder Sir William Lyons. Wearing a flat French Ultramarine paint—created through a collaboration between Jaguar's materiality team and in-house paint specialists—draws inspiration from the rich history of ultramarine blue in French art and culture. Jaguar has added that this hue has been prized since the Renaissance for its rarity and prestige and in the case of the Type 00 manifests as a satin-like, metallic-infused finish that 'enhances its fearless, minimalist form'.

At the same time, Jaguar's leaders shared crucial details about their upcoming all-electric four-door GT, ready for release in late 2025. Rawdon Glover, Jaguar's Managing Director, confirmed that the production model will stick to the concept's distinctive styling. Apparently,

the car will have a long hood, sleek LED headlights, a sloping roofline, and a wide stance.

Jaguar is promising craftsmanship and a driver-centric experience when it comes to the interior. Rather than overwhelming the driver with technology, the company wants to focus on luxury and comfort. The technology will be present, but designed to enhance, not dominate, the driving experience.

FUTURE EVENTS

OUTRUN TO THE BISTRO RESTAURANT – WEBERSBURG BOUTIQUE WINE ESTATE - STELLENBOSCH SUNDAY 18 MAY



Webersburg is a historic Cape Dutch homestead and boutique winery nestled on the slopes of the Helderberg Mountains in Stellenbosch. Enjoy seasonally inspired dishes and daily specials at the Bistro Restaurant while looking at beautiful views of the mountains, vineyard and dam. Booking essential. Contact **Events Coordinator** - Bruce Thompson. WhatsApp 083 226 8572 or email events@capejaguarclub.co.za

EDEN CLASSIC CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW 06 JULY 2025

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CLASSIC CAR &
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SHOW**

SUNDAY 6 JULY 2025 10h00 - 16h00
SCARAB ARTS & CRAFTS VILLAGE (Off the N2 west of Sedgefield)

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The second Eden Classic Car and Motorcycle Show will be held at the Scarab Arts and Craft Village in Sedgefield on Sunday, July 6.

Click on this link for an overview of the 2024 motor show:

https://youtu.be/2VQQgXRK734?si=McvORc_wd72Uyl4A

“We are spreading the net far and wide to attract owners of interesting and rare classic cars and motorcycles to exhibit at the 2025 show. The main focus on the car side will again be on sports and super cars. Early indications are that we will have an even better display than last year, going from vintage and veteran models to later model classics with a good selection of supercars and motorcycles. Last year we had 180 cars and 50 motorcycles on show and more than 2 000 adults came through the gates.” Enthusiasts who would like their cars and motorcycles to be considered for the show should contact:

Peter Pretorius, the Chief Organiser, email peterpretorius6@gmail.com or telephone: 082 321 4724.

See email sent to all CJC members on 28 April regarding the show for further details, including accommodation.

THE 2025 AFRICA CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE, NAIROBI, KENYA **28 SEPTEMBER 2025**



As recommended by Roger, who saw a previous year's show on TV and said it was amazing.

PAST EVENTS

VETTOER TOUR ORGANIZED BY THE SOUTHERN CAPE OLD CAR CLUB AND THE GEORGE CAR SHOW 08 FEBRUARY 2025

by Darryl Simpson



I was privileged to be, yet again, invited to attend the George Car Show, along with the Vettoer from Cape Town, in a 1928, Model A Ford, belonging to Peter Truter. It all starts with a group of enthusiastic Model T owners from the George Car Club, driving with their cars from George area to Cape Town, to

join the annual Veteran Run from Crankhandle Clubhouse in Wynberg to Simonstown the weekend before.

Peter and my tour started with a casual drive from Cape Town to a Robertson farm called Riverton, owned by the family of Peter, which has a long history of Truter and Barry going back to the early 1800s. Most interesting!



The following day we travelled to Gourits National Park, on the coast off the N2 from Albertinia. This is where we met up with the Cape Town and other tour entrants for the actual start of the Vettoer to George. We were some 40 cars and 80 enthusiasts/wives. The tour is ably organized by Philip Kuschke. We met for dinner and an introduction to tour activities for the next day.

After a wholesome breakfast we all set off in a variety of cars including three Bentleys, a few Rolls Royces, some eight Model Ts, 1914 Rover Colonial, Bull Nose Morris and a number of other interesting and old surviving kit! Very impressive! Our lunch stop being Jakkalsvlei Winery on the back roads of the Albertinia region. By this time the heat had really come through, reaching temperatures of just below 40 degrees!!! All survived with lots of water drinking by, not only drivers and navigators, but also the cars! Next was the drive through to George for the night, along mostly back roads. Here we checked into our accommodation being varied from Protea & Loerie Hotels to B&Bs of your choice or school "Koshuis". First port of call after checking in, was the very welcomed Pool!



That evening we were invited to the Scribante & Mercedes Club of George, for a spit braai at their very pleasant clubhouse.

Early Saturday saw the start of the Show and the rumble of some 1,000 vehicles of all kinds and sizes entering the school sports field for the event. A truly wonderful cross section of machinery of all shapes and sizes to suit every need. The weather was kind to us, with a cool overcast day. For the first time the show organizers agreed to keep the show just to the one day, being Saturday, which proved to be a good move for both visitors and entrants, giving Sunday time to pack up and start making our way home, especially for those needing to get to work on Monday.

Peter and I decided to take two days to get home in the Model A, so as not to rush things, as we can only cruise at around 40mph, without stressing the car or ourselves.

A great few days of touring and ending up at the George Car Show, was had by all.

Happy Motoring.

Darryl

OUTRUN TO AVONTUUR ESTATE RESTAURANT –HELDERBERG **SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY**



A modest group of members enjoyed a lovely lunch sitting on the veranda with splendid views of Table Mountain, False Bay, and the paddocks filled with horses. Although somewhat blowy at times, it at least

kept us from over-heating on an otherwise hot and sunny day. Avontuur offered something for everybody with their reasonable priced menu and we all enjoyed the variety of different meals we ordered. We all heard Roger and Angela arriving in their Mark 2 as it was masquerading as a tank! Tony has offered to educate Roger into how to make it purr again, instead of the very nasty growl it has developed. We will hear on the next run how the tweakments went...

KEITH HELFET PRESENTATION AT LAUDE CLASSIC CARS **FRIDAY 21 MARCH**

by Paul Dobson



About 40 Jaguar enthusiasts gathered at Laude Classic Cars premises in Cape Town to see a slide presentation and hear a talk given by Keith Helfet, a South African born, automotive designer. Born in 1946 he grew up in Pinelands Cape Town. Keith wanted to design cars, so he built a car on the chassis of

an old Triumph Spitfire using foam offcuts and 700 pounds of plaster of Paris. After completing an engineering degree at UCT, as his passion was design, he did a postgraduate at the Royal College of Art in London.



Keith then became the Principal Stylist at Jaguar where his work was admired by Sir William Lyons who had shaped the character of design at Jaguar for decades. During his time at Jaguar Keith designed the Jaguar XJ-220, XK-180 and the F-Type Concept Car. In 2006 Keith was involved with the design of The Duel, South Africa's electric car. Due to under-funding the vehicle never reached production. Keith has been described as a visionary in automotive design, so we felt privileged that he took time during his regular visits to South Africa to come and present to us his life's work.



At the end of the presentation several questions were put to Keith including, of course, what he thought about the current Jaguar design philosophy. His answer was "No comment". Further discussions took place on current design philosophy inviting his thoughts on electric vehicles. At this stage Clinton chimed in "Don't mention the E word here." He wasn't of course referring to E-Type Jaguars.

Keith was then presented with a fine bottle of single-malt whisky and a framed certificate confirming his Life and Honorary Membership of the Cape Jaguar Club. Our sincere thanks must go to Clinton Laurens for affording us the use of his immaculate premises and providing us with liquid refreshment.



*Info sources Wikipedia and The Daily Maverick.
Images courtesy of John-Henry Smith and Laude Classics*

OUTRUN TO CUCINA DI GIOVANNI AT LABORIE ESTATE – PAARL SUNDAY 13 APRIL

By Erich Scholtz



This was my first experience of a Jaguar get together and I was interested and even slightly apprehensive given the few members present at the AGM.

My 1968 Jaguar 420 had undergone extensive repairs recently, so I was quite keen to take the old lady for a long outrun. I decided to invite a friend and colleague, Dr Bradley Cerff and his wife Cindy, as well as my partner Elmarie.

The trip to Paarl was uneventful and we arrived to find Tony in the parking area with his Land Rover. In light of the earlier rains, he had decided not to bring the XKR S. We were soon joined by Roger with his Mark 2. Seven couples arrived, significantly more than originally booked, which resulted in our table being extended twice. True to the marketing brochures Cucina Di Giovanni does have a very cosy colonial appeal, sporting yellow wood furniture within an overall Cape Dutch setting. I thought the food was good and the menu and wine list extensive. At our table the conversation was energetic, with myself and Elmarie, Bradley and Cindy and Rudy and Thea, all being newbies with Darryl in charge to oversee the 'kid's' table. I was appointed as purse administrator, in Bruce's absence, but a final reconciliation resulted in a significant amount out of pocket, however on closer reconciliation most of the difference was from our own bill. I ended up sponsoring a bottle wine and a drink for someone. Good luck with this one Bruce...

The conversations continued long after the meal was done and new friendships made. We are looking forward to the next events. (Jean Pick, to try to arrange a run at the Franschhoek Motor Museum track.)

REPORT WRITERS WANTED

The Cape Jaguar Club newsletter is for Cape Jaguar Club members, written by Cape Jaguar Club members. All contributions are gratefully received, whether it's just a comment on an event or car show which you have attended or a whole article. Please also supply photographs if you can, remembering to reduce the size before sending them to Janet.

NAME BADGES



We have a new design for our name badges. If you would like a new badge, they can be ordered through Wikus at a cost of R100 for each badge. Your badge can be collected from Wikus on the next outrun you both attend or it can be couriered to your home for an additional R130.

NEW MEMBERS

The Cape Jaguar Club is very pleased to welcome the following new members:

Guy MacLeod who has a Jaguar XJ8

Mark Barendse from Knysna who has an E Type

Tony Halket who would like to buy an F Type Jaguar

Bruce and Hanie Thompson who have a 2014 XKR-S 5ltr V8

Rudy and Thea Theron who have an S-Type 3.0 V6

Robert Wollfs and Nadene Rolston who have a Jaguar I-Pace and an F-Type

ADVERTISING in the Newsletter

Want to sell or buy a Jaguar or spare parts? Members may place free, personal adverts in the Cape Jaguar Club Newsletter. Commercial adverts may also be accepted, for a fee of R200 per issue. Please contact Janet for all advertising queries and requests.

DIRECTORY OF USEFUL SUPPLIERS

Please find as follows a list of companies that offer parts and/or services for Jaguar owners, as recommended by CJC members. Please give Janet the contact details for any other company that you recommend for members so that it can appear in future newsletters.

Jaguar Constantiберг – Tokai, Cape Town - 021 710 0900

Deep South Motors – Wetton, Cape Town - 021 705 0645

Mace Auto Group – Retreat, Cape Town - 021 701 4816

Jagman's Spares – Gerald Williams in Strand - 083 325 3752

jagman@vodamail.co.za

Jeff's Jags – Geoff Connor in Johannesburg – 072 934 6966 -

geoffconnor@rocketmail.com

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