



Jaguar Drivers Club of Natal

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From the desk of the editor

Hi Jag enthusiasts

Please, for those who have not paid the subs for 2011, remember to pay it as the end of the year is approaching. For those of you who have paid for the Christmas event, do not forget that it is taking place next Sunday at the Westville Country Club. We have already started collecting articles for the January edition of the Newsletter. Thank you Ken, your article on the Woodies and 14 cars we will never see again will be a prominent feature in the next issue of the newsletter.

We have some exciting news to announce!! Weather permitting; we plan to have another mid week run!! For those who are interested, please let me know ASAP if you want to join in on the run. Details will follow shortly.

Once again, apologies for this bland newsletter – we are having problems with our internet and are having difficulties downloading any photographs that are sent to us. We will try to rectify this problem before we send out the next newsletter.

Member's Contribution

We would like to thank Peter Culling for his contribution to the magazine

Jaguar XKR-S is '2011 Sports Car of the Year'

The Jaguar XKR-S has been awarded the title of '2011 Sports Car of the Year' by the respected German motoring magazine, Auto Bild Sportscars, following a poll of more than 70,000 of its readers. The XKR-S – the most powerful production car Jaguar has built – competed in the 'Production Sports Car Coupes' category, where it took 14.3 per cent of all votes, ahead of the Mercedes C63 AMG and Audi RS5 in their home market.

The XKR-S Coupe was recently tested by Auto Bild on the famous Nürburgring Nordshleife, which it lapped in just 7-minutes 51-seconds; its 5.0-litre supercharged V8 engine produces 550PS and 680Nm, enabling it to sprint to 60mph in just 4.2-seconds before going on to reach an electronically limited top speed of 186mph (300km/h). To ensure minimal lift and maximum stability at such high speeds the XKR-S has a bespoke aerodynamic pack.

Competing for the 10th 'Auto Bild Sports Car of the Year' awards were a total of 173 cars in 17 categories, including modified and low-volume cars. In its category the Jaguar XKR-S finished ahead of 14 respected competitors. The awards were presented on Friday 25th November at the Essen Motor Show, Germany.

"Winning the first prize in a segment dominated by premium German competitors makes us particularly proud", said Mike Wright, Executive Director Jaguar Land Rover. "The vote for the XKR-S proves that Jaguar's desire to build powerful but beautiful cars resonates extremely well with those who have a passion for sports and performance cars."

The XKR-S has been developed at the Jaguar Test and Engineering Centre at the Nürburgring. It epitomises the attributes key to all Jaguar's GT cars: explosive power, inspiring handling, relaxed comfort and discrete luxury.

The XKR-S Convertible was also recently revealed at the Los Angeles Auto show. It boasts the same performance credentials as the Coupe, including suspension and electronics changes designed to increase both agility and driver reward.

The XKR-S Convertible is expected to replicate the sales success of its Coupe sibling where the volume of customer orders has far exceeded original expectations in major markets around the world.

We would like to thank Ken Wilson for his contribution to the magazine

Classic car industry is on the up says FBHVC – Silverpop

The classic car hobby continued to grow in the UK even when the economy was plunged into the teeth of a recession. Its worth to the economy – both internally and through exports – and the number of people it directly employs have never been greater. Those were the main findings as the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs revealed its latest research into the size and scale of the movement at the Houses of Parliament last night.

The title of the research document (below) – A £4 billion Hobby – sums up the rude health of the movement which, though growth slowed noticeably over the past five years, has on the whole escaped the ravages of the global recession. Even then, the Federation warns that all its figures are conservative and the £4.3 billion generated a year may only be the tip of the iceberg.

Key findings of the report were:

- The historic vehicle movement generates £4.3 billion a year – up a billion on the 2006 figure – nearly £1 billion of it in exports.
- A total of 28,000 people earn a living directly from the classic car industry, up 1000 on five years ago.
- 41% of businesses expects to recruit more staff soon.

The survey also revealed a younger, more down to earth hobby than has been previously assumed. Plus, though more than 850,000 vehicles made before 1981 still survive, their environmental impact is minimal, with 82% of them used no more than twice a month and the entire hobby contributing only 0.24% of the UK's annual mileage. The myth of classic cars as an exclusively wealthy hobby was also debunked, with 31% of historic vehicle owners having a total household income of under £25,000 and, despite the news headlines driven by megabucks classics, a mammoth 68% of classics being valued at under £10,000.

The Federation's research, masterminded by FBHVC vice president, Geoff Smith, was conducted in the summer, focusing on four groups: traders, its 500-plus member clubs, museums and individuals. There were more than 11,000 responses in total.

Some more interesting stats:

- More than £3.3 billion of the hobby's turnover is through 3800 specialist traders.
- Museums and clubs generate turnover of £90 million British enthusiasts spend £3 billion a year on the hobby, or £2900 each.
- More than £505 million worth of classic car sales take place in Britain every year. Only 3% of these were over £50,000.
- 35% of historic vehicles have changed hands in the past five years.
- The total value of historic vehicles in the UK is approximately £7.4 billion, an average of £8250 per vehicle.
- 57% of people earning a living from the classic car industry are under 45.
- 55% of all historic vehicle owners are aged under 60.
- Half of all historic vehicles cover fewer than 500 miles a year.

Get well soon!

Our thoughts and prayers are with John King and his family during his difficult time. Unfortunately, on his journey of life, he has run into a serious pothole causing major damage. We hope that he soon gets his COR.

Events

Then Midlands Jag club has invited us to the following event

Baynesfield Open Day

This is our official and last event for 2011.

Sunday, 11 December 2011 from 09h00 onwards.

Get in by 10h00 in a Jaguar/Daimler/any Classic Car/Bakkie and display at the old car area and entrance is free for 2 persons per car.

GOOD QUALITY AND UNIQUE GIFTS

TOURS THROUGH BAYNE'S HOUSE

VINTAGE TRACTORS AND MACHINERY

STEAM DRIVEN ENGINES

FRESHLY GROUND MAIZE MEAL

CLASSIC + VINTAGE VEHICLES

WOOD CRAFTERS AND BLACKSMITHS

DELICIOUS FOOD, FRESH VEG, PLANTS
DAIRY PRODUCTS

JOIN US FOR THE DAY –

YOU WILL BE SO GLAD YOU DID

VCC bonnets up will be taking place on Sunday the 1st of January 2012. We hope to see you all there!

Please remember to continue to send through your contributions, comments and ideas for events

Kind regards

Steve