



Jaguar Drivers Club of Natal

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Hi Jag enthusiasts

It seems as if I always start this newsletter with the same note – the petrol price is due to increase yet again! I am just here to remind you to still take your classic beauty onto the road ... even if it is going to cost you an extra few Rands to fill up the old girl. Don't be discouraged by the increase in price – PLEASE continue to drive you old cars!

Do not forget to submit your information with regards to the cars in the park. So far, we have had very little response to the last email that we sent out. This information is important as you will not be allowed to enter the show grounds with your car if the information is not submitted prior to the show day. We need to be well represented at the event as it is one of the few days where we get to show off our beauties.

In addition, we have received a invitation to accompany the Durban Early Car Club, on their Free State Prowl. Details will be supplied in the forthcoming events section of this newsletter.

Members contribution

The Following member contribution was sent to us, by various members. Thank you to all who sent the following article to us.

Jaguar announces new sports car: the F-TYPE

Today Jaguar confirms that it will bring an all-new sports car to production; the F-TYPE.

Speaking at the New York auto show Adrian Hallmark, Global Brand Director, Jaguar Cars, confirmed: "We showed the C-X16 concept in September 2011, and the reaction to it has been so positive that we've accelerated our development of an all-new Jaguar sports car.

"That car will be called the F-TYPE, and it will be unveiled in production form later this year. The core appeal of Jaguar's cars is their sporting heart, and that heart will beat stronger than ever before in the F-TYPE. Its development is a vivid representation of the confidence and ambition of the Jaguar brand, and the desire amongst our engineers and design team to produce a world-leader in a market segment that we have been absent from for too long. But no longer – the F-TYPE is coming."

Utilising Jaguar's industry-leading knowledge of all-aluminium construction, the F-TYPE will launch as a convertible, and a strict two-seater with the focus uncompromisingly on delivering driver reward. A range of petrol engines will be available – including a new powerplant family – and all will deliver stunning sports car performance.

Today also marks the point that the F-TYPE's rigorous development schedule moves to final on-road testing, with engineering prototypes now leaving Jaguar's Castle Bromwich plant – the same plant at which the production cars will be built.

Ian Hoban, Jaguar's Vehicle Line Director said: "The engineering development of the F-TYPE has focused on delivering a heightened level of dynamic driving reward. We are excited about our progress to date and are looking forward to soon being able to demonstrate what we have achieved."

Ian Callum, Director of Design, said: "A true sports car needs to be pure in both its purpose and its form; to have the opportunity to produce such a car for Jaguar has been a privilege both for myself and for my team. The C-type, D-type and E-type Jaguars were all sports cars that held true to this principle in their era, and the F-TYPE will hold true to that same principle in its time, a time that is soon to arrive."

The F-TYPE will join Jaguar's existing range of cars – the XF saloon and Sportbrake, XJ saloon and XK coupe/convertible. Full F-TYPE technical and range details will be announced later in 2012. It will go on sale in mid 2013.

Member's Contribution

Peter Culling was visiting the UK during the course of last month and he took some pictures of the Heritage Museum @ Browns Lane before it closed.



Forthcoming Events

The Durban Early Car Club has organised a prowl to a mystery destination in the Free State. The prowl is due to start on the 09th of August up to the 12th of August. It is the Women's day long weekend in August. The hotel has informed the DECC that they have made 4 more rooms available to them, to use for the weekend. The rooms of course, are double rooms which will suit all couples that want to join in on the prowl fun!

These rooms have now been allocated to the car clubs in the area on a first come first serve basis and it will be fun if we can send a few of our members to the prowl. Elsabe and myself as well as Jack and Lyne are already on the guest list, which means there are still four rooms available.

The price of the prowl is – R 2050 per person sharing which means for a couple – R 4100 – which includes all meals. For a single person travelling the price will be R 2350 per person which includes the room and all of the meals.

If any of our members are interested, please contact the chairman of the DECC, Jack Kalil at his email address jakalil@telkomsa.net for further information.

The only proviso that the DECC insist upon, is that all members attending must use a classic car for the entirety of the trip.

The VCC Bonnet's up will take place on Sunday the 29th of April 2012.



More from the Heritage Museum @ Browns Lane

Important notice for Cars in the Park

Will those members of the Jag Club intending to take their cars to CARS IN THE PARK in Pietermaritzburg on Sunday the 20th of May 2012, please note that you will be required to forward the following information to Jack Clough at Jack@testcor.co.za or **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRY.**

Make:

MODEL:

YEAR:

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:

REGISTRATION NO.

TYPE I.E. ORIGINAL/ STREET ROD/ MODIFIED

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

Once this information has been forwarded, the VSCC will supply stickers and paperwork for the nominated car to allow entry. Please note, if your car does not have the official sticker, it will not be allowed entry and you will have to park in the ordinary car park and pay the normal admission fee. Please note that these are new municipal rules and regulations known as "outdoor gatherings Act", designed to have more control of the number of vehicles and persons entering the park, and NOT the club's rules.

We believe this will have a positive effect on proceedings, so please get your information in as soon as possible.

Please remember to continue sending in your contributions, suggestions and comments and keep driving your classics.

Kind Regards

Steve