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Annual WMJR Christmas Party December 2 at Spice Bistro

The WMJR Christmas Party tradition was held this year at a new venue: Spice Bistro, 6121 S. Highland Drive in Holladay.

The turn out was good though a bit down from last year, probably due to scheduling conflicts with other holiday events.

The food was varied, tasty and conveniently arrayed in two buffets — appetizer and main course / dessert.

Cocktail service was well utilized, though some expressed puzzlement at what wines pair well with *tikka marsala*.

Prior to the gift exchange we held a group dramatic reading of the beloved carol



“The twelve Daze of a Jaguar Christmas”, purloined from the New Mexico Jaguar Club newsletter (see p. 4).

We then continued the tradition of exchanging gifts of

modest luxury, and several novel items were selected including at least one recognized as a prior year “regift”.

Attending were Linda Gardner, Marvin and Connie May, Barbara McQuaid, Barry and Allison Hanover, Tim and Beth Furner, Barbara Smithen, Milou Botttrill, John and Liz Green, Ken and JoAnn Borg, Craig and Janine Call, Alisha

and Joey Rogers, Jim and Hermione Klekas, organizers Duane and LeAnn Allred, and Your Obedient Scribe, Gary Lindstrom.

Christmas Party Scenes



The 12 Days of a Jaguar Christmas by Mona Shuman

*On the first day of Christmas Santa gave to me
An XKE under the Christmas tree*

*On the 2nd day of Christmas Santa gave to me
2 bucket seats, and an XKE under the Christmas tree
On the 3rd day of Christmas Santa gave to me*

*3 Lucas Prince of Darkness gauges, 2 bucket seats, and
an XKE under the Christmas tree*

*On the 4th day of Christmas Santa gave to me
4 wire wheels, 3 Lucas Prince of Darkness gauges,
2 bucket seats, and an XKE under the Christmas tree*

*On the 5th day of Christmas Santa gave to me
5 certified mechanics, 4 wire wheels, 3 Lucas Prince of Darkness gauges, 2 bucket seats, and an XKE under the Christmas tree*

*On the 6th day of Christmas Santa gave to me
6 Weber carburetors, 5 certified mechanics, 4 wire wheels,
3 Lucas Prince of Darkness gauges, 2 bucket seats, and an
XKE under the Christmas tree*

*On the 7th day of Christmas Santa gave to me
7 quarts of oil, 6 Weber carburetors, 5 certified mechanics, 4 wire wheels, 3 Lucas Prince of Darkness gauges, 2 bucket seats, and an XKE under the Christmas tree*

*On the 8th day of Christmas Santa gave to me
8 King Dick wrenches, 7 quarts of oil, 6 Weber carburetors,
5 certified mechanics, 4 wire wheels, 3 Lucas Prince of Darkness
gauges, 2 bucket seats, and an XKE under the Christmas tree*

*On the 9th day of Christmas Santa gave to me
9 successful road trips, 8 King Dick wrenches, 7 quarts of oil, 6 Weber carburetors, 5 certified mechanics, 4 wire wheels, 3 Lucas Prince of Darkness gauges, 2 bucket seats, and an XKE under the Christmas tree*

On the 10th day of Christmas Santa gave to me 10 California Dusters, 9 successful road trips, 8 King Dick wrenches, 7 quarts of oil, 6 Weber carburetors, 5 certified mechanics, 4 wire wheels, 3 Lucas Prince of Darkness gauges, 2 bucket seats, and an XKE under the Christmas tree

On the 11th day of Christmas Santa gave to me 11 quarts of antifreeze, 10 California Dusters, 9 successful road trips, 8 King Dick wrenches, 7 quarts of oil, 6 Weber carburetors, 5 certified mechanics, 4 wire wheels, 3 Lucas Prince of Darkness gauges, 2 bucket seats, and an XKE under the Christmas tree

On the 12th day of Christmas Santa gave to me A shiny 12 cylinder engine, 11 quarts of antifreeze, 10 California Dusters, 9 successful road trips, 8 King Dick wrenches, 7 quarts of oil, 6 Weber carburetors, 5 certified mechanics, 4 wire wheels, 3 Lucas Prince of Darkness gauges, 2 bucket seats, and an XKE under the Christmas tree

Some Assembly Required



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Only The Brits Department Off Road Racing In Vintage Cars By Jodi Lai, driving.ca

What's the best thing to do with rare and priceless pre-war classic cars? Keep them pristine and bring them to pretentious concours events judged by mustachioed men with dainty straw hats?

Not even close.

One club of British drivers has taken classic car ownership to a new extreme — they thrash their classics and get them as muddy as possible in some of the dirtiest off-road trails in the country.

The best part of this off-roading is how the drivers and their co-drivers get traction in dicey terrain. Because many of these rare old cars, a Bentley and a Lea-



in the rear of the car. So to solve this, drivers have their buddies sit in the back and bounce up and down in tandem, trying to put some extra weight on the rear wheels. If that's not enough, everyone gets out and pushes!

I think it's just hilarious to see old men in jaunty caps bouncing up and down with so much enthusiasm — it reminds me of the bouncing hydraulic cars in hip hop videos except with old dudes.

Francis to name a couple, are rear-wheel-drive and front engined, they struggle to get traction in deep mud or steep inclines because there isn't enough weight

Click <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycmnlWZXXKc> to see the video.

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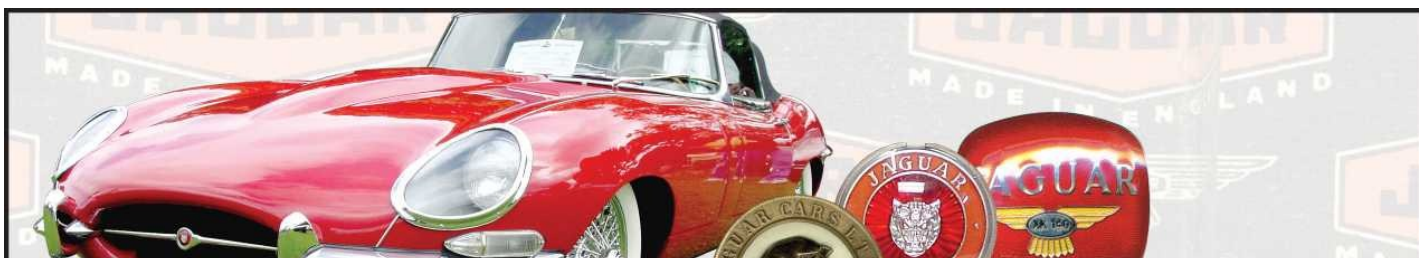
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The Jaguar, *Panthera Onca* From www.arkive.org

Gather 'round children for today's biology lesson—the nature and status of our namesake animal, the Jaguar. —*Editor*

Description

The jaguar (*Panthera onca*) is the largest cat of the Americas and a formidable predator. Its common name comes from the native Indian name 'yaguara', meaning 'a beast that kills its prey with one bound', and its power is clearly displayed by its muscular build, deep chest, large head, broad muzzle, and strong jaws. This remarkable cat possesses a visually striking coat of large black rosettes, mostly enclosing dark spots, set against golden brown to yellow fur, which pales to white on the cheeks, throat and underside. Melanistic forms are also relatively common, often called 'black panthers' in the Americas. Jaguars vary considerably in size in different regions, but genetic studies indicate that there are no subspecies. Jaguars found in the dense forested areas of the Amazon Basin are generally smaller and darker in colour than those found in more open terrain.

Biology

Jaguars are solitary animals that occupy shifting territories, males

Rabinowitz estimated that few jaguars in Belize lived more than 11 years. In captivity jaguars have lived as long as 25 years, and one female reached 32 years.

Although the jaguar has been characterized as nocturnal, it is more often crepuscular (being active around dawn and dusk), with peak activity periods dependent on local prey habits. Like



Jaguars courting

and females only coming together in order to mate. Mating occurs throughout the year, but young are reportedly more likely to be born in the wet season when prey is more abundant. The female gives birth to a litter size of one to four cubs after a gestation period of 91 to 111 days. Young are dependent on their mother for up to two years, after which time they disperse to find their own territory. Jaguars reach sexual maturity at two to three years for females, three to four years for males. Life span in the wild is not known, but jaguar specialist Alan

most cats, jaguars are opportunistic hunters, and more than 85 species have been recorded in their diet, ranging in size from domestic cattle down to various species of peccary, reptiles and fish. Relative to their size, they have the most powerful bite of the 'big cats' and are the only big cat to regularly kill by piercing the skull.

Range

Jaguars were once found across the Americas as far north as California, Arizona, New Mexico and

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The Jaguar, *Panthera Onca*, cont'd from [p. 7](#)

Texas in the United States. In recent years they have been seen and photographed in southern Arizona but otherwise survive only in Central and South America, ranging from Mexico to north Argentina. Their population is small and highly fragmented in Mexico. The highest population densities of up to one per 15 square kilometers are found in the lowland rainforests of the Amazon Basin. Although this refuge is of sufficient size to conserve the species for the foreseeable future, jaguar populations are considered to be declining in most other habitats.

Habitat

The jaguar is found in a variety of habitats across its range, from dense rainforest to seasonally flooded swamp areas, scrubland and savannas, but always near water. Primarily occupying lowlands of below 1,000 meters, sightings of jaguars have been reported as high as 3,800 meters.

Status

The jaguar is classified as Near Threatened (NT) on the [IUCN Red List](#), and listed under Appen-



Jaguars showing melanistic and non-melanistic forms

dix I of CITES.

Threats

Sadly, human activities have generated the principle threat to the survival of the jaguar. Commercial hunting for their pelts was responsible for the death of 18,000 jaguars a year in the 1960s and 1970s. Fortunately, this toll has declined dramatically since the mid-1970s as a result of anti-fur campaigns and CITES controls, which progressively shut down international markets. Due to their predation on domestic livestock, the killing of jaguars by cattle-ranchers is also an ongoing problem. One of the

primary threats today comes from deforestation, which is having a drastic impact on the jaguar's prey base, as well as fragmenting the cat's population into more isolated

pockets, making them more vulnerable to the predations of man.

Conservation

Although the jaguar is fully protected over much of its range, hunting is allowed for "problem animals" in Brazil, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico and Peru, trophy hunting is still permitted in Bolivia and there is no legal protection in Ecuador and Guyana. Where protective legislation exists, it is often ignored and unenforced and even in 'controlled reserves' jaguars are frequently shot. If we are to ensure the survival of this magnificent species it

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The Jaguar, *Panthera Onca*, cont'd from p. 8

is vital that we enforce legislation, obtain the cooperation of local people, and maintain large tracts of contiguous habitat. The Belize government, prompted by the US-based Wildlife Conservation Society, has set aside 150 square kilometers of rain forest in the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Preserve as a protected environment for around 200 jaguars. Additionally, the Brazilian government is planning to establish a National Centre for Research, Management and Conservation of Pred-



Jaguar skins from illegal hunting
ators, to address livestock-predator problems. Thus, conservation efforts are being made,

but illegal activity urgently needs to be addressed, as it continues to make the future of the jaguar uncertain.

<i>Kingdom</i>	Animalia
<i>Phylum</i>	Chordata
<i>Class</i>	Mammalia
<i>Order</i>	Carnivora
<i>Family</i>	Felidae
<i>Genus</i>	Panthera

Spanish: *Otorongo, Tigre Americano, Tigre Real, Yaguar, Yaguarete.*

Size: head-body length: 112 - 241 cm, shoulder height: 45 - 75 cm, male weight: 54 - 158 kg, female weight: 36 - 85 kg



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Jaguar Buys World's Largest Collection Of British Cars —from www.autoblog.com July 27, 2014



Whether you're looking at Bertone going bankrupt or Spyker facing (and subsequently resolving) a large tax bill, it's saddening to see an automaker having to sell off its factory collection. That's why we're glad to report that there are still some acquiring historic vehicles from their pasts. Like Jaguar, which has just bought the largest private collection of classic British cars in the world.

The collection of 543 cars was painstakingly assembled by one James Hull, a British dentist with some 50 dental clinics to his name across the UK and who was keen to find the right buyer to take possession of his life's work and preserve it for years to come.

Of those 543 cars, the majority are of British origin, including over 130 Jaguars. The collection includes seven XK120s, several C- and D-Types, a rare XKSS, eight E-Types, thirty Mark-series Jaguar sedans, nineteen XJS coupes and convertibles, some twenty XJ sedans as well as some pre-war SS models and Swallow sidecars and coachbuilt specials from the company's early days. Among the many noteworthy examples are a rare SS100, an alloy-bodied XK120 and an MK X owned by company founder Sir William Lyons himself, as well as Winston Churchill's Austin, Elton

John's Bentley, and racing driver and motorcycle rider Mike Hailwood's E-Type.

The collection was acquired by Jaguar Land Rover through its new Special Operations division – the same unit responsible for the F-Type Project 7 and which now incorporates Jaguar Heritage. It will be housed at a new facility at Jaguar's historic home at Browns Lane in Coventry, the cars to be used at future events to promote the brand and highlight its history.

Although most of the cars were made by other manufacturers, Jaguar spokesman Dan Connell confirmed in correspondence with Autoblog that "the collection will stay together for the foreseeable future." As for the final price, neither party is saying, but while it was reportedly listed for sale at £100 million (\$170m), we're told that wasn't the price which JLR paid for the collection. As Hull put it in the press release below, "My primary motivation was not to get the maximum price but rather to secure the future of the collection in this country with the right custodian." Evidently Jaguar was deemed to be "the right custodian."

Event Calendar

2015

March 20-21, 2015

JCNA Annual General Meeting
Philadelphia, PA

September 17-20, 2015

JCNA Challenge Championship
Elkhart Lake, WI

At Crossroads
Don't Trust To Luck
The Other Car
May Be A Truck

—*Burma Shave, 1939*

