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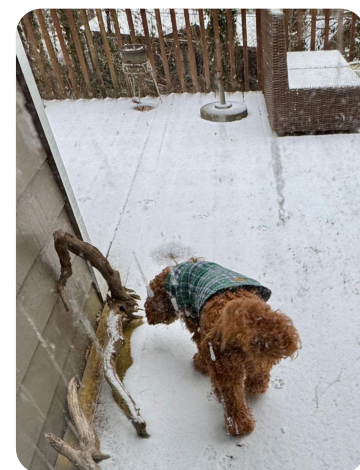


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Happy New Year and welcome back (or welcome) to another FUNTASTIC year with JCOF! Winter has been unusually wintery for Floridians so far this season. Many members saw subfreezing temperatures for many nights and some even saw snow! Guinness and I got snowed-in at our mountain house, but thankfully we had plenty of firewood for the stove to keep us warm! It would be nice to think the cold is all behind us, but Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on Ground Hog Day, thus predicting six more weeks of winter.



JANUARY MEETING



Jaguar Club of Florida Lunch, Drive and Museum

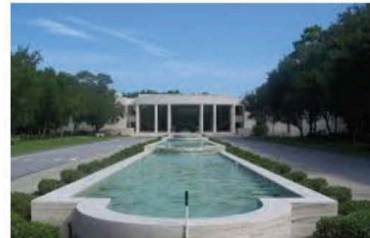
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Schedule

- 11:00 Meet at Eaton's Beach Sandbar and Grill, 15790 SE 134th Ave, Weirsdale, FL
- 11:00 Lunch and Membership meeting
- 12:20 depart for 35 minute drive on country roads
- 1:00 Arrive at Appleton Museum of Art, 4333 E Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL
- 1:00 Self guided tour of museum

➤ Times are approximate, total distance is 25 miles.

\$15 per person, includes entrance fee to museum. lunch is "Dutch Treat"



JCOF started the New Year off in high gear! The January Monthly Meeting included lakeside lunch at [Eaton's Beach Sandbar & Grill](#), in Weirsdale, a country-road drive through old Florida, and a tour of the little-known [Appleton Museum of Art](#) in Ocala. Seventeen members in nine beautiful Jaguars attended the meeting, held on the third Saturday. The weather was a bit chilly, but a few hardy members managed topdown driving as they followed President Jay Hixson on the after-lunch caravan from Weirsdale to Ocala.

Weirsdale is a small town in Marion County, Florida, probably unheard of by many JCOF members, although it was established in the 1880's. Weirsdale has been dubbed one of Florida's "Best Kept Secrets." Centered around beautiful Lake Weir, everything in this small town is about lake life. Residents of this tight-knit community are friendly and laid back, with a love for boating, fishing, and water sports. One of the most popular spots in Weirsdale is Eaton's Beach Bar & Grill, on Lake Weir, where JCOF members met for lunch. Eaton's Beach is known for its delicious waterfront dining cuisine and experience. Weirsdale has other "hidden gems," as well. [Dragon Flower Winery](#) is one such gem, producing handcrafted wines and meads in a rural setting. For those who want to plan more than a day trip and are looking



for a place to stay...consider [The Grand Oaks Resort](#). In addition to their lodging and bistro, they host equine events, car shows, Murder Mystery dinners, and live music from world-famous performers, like "ELVIS!"



JCOF's President, Jay Hixson, has a long history of planning events and drives to places we "might not have been to before but surely will want to go to again!" Weirsdale is most definitely one such place!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JCOF President: Jay Hixson

Dear JCOF Members,

The year is moving fast and we are continuing to try to put together events that you enjoy and want to participate in. Our January membership meeting was a nice success named "Lunch, Drive, and Museum". We met at a restaurant on Lake Weir for a quick membership meeting, then took a beautiful drive on country roads to end up at the Appleton Museum of Art. When you receive this JAGWire Jr, we will have just finished a get together to watch the first Florida Mille Miglia event as it traverses Central Florida with 120 beautiful classic cars.

And, we are within a month of our annual Concours d'Elegance on 21-22 March. This is our largest and most important event for the club and I hope you won't miss it. Friday night is a social Meet-and-Greet and Saturday is the judged Concours and Awards Banquet. I guarantee you will have a good time. More information can be found on our website jaguarclubfl.com.

In April, we are planning a nice road trip to a unique venue, but I have not finalized the details yet - however, please mark your calendar for 19 April.

A club as active as JCOF needs lots of help from volunteers to keep it going strong. We are currently looking for a club historian/ photographer to take pictures of club events and put them in context. We could also use a volunteer to set up Zoom at our membership meetings for those who can not be there in person. We are also in need of help with parking and organizing at our [Concours](#) event. Please just let me, or any of our other club officers, know if you would like to step up and help. You will get out more than you will put in!

I will end by saying: this is your club and we are always open for ideas to make it better.

I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely and with Warm Regards,

Jay Hixson
JCOF President



37th Annual Concours d'Elegance

Alaqua Golf & Country
Club Longwood, Florida



A limited number of rooms have been reserved for \$179 per night at the Marriott Orlando Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary, FL.

Call 1-800-380-7724 or click [HERE](#) to book online.

Reservations must be made by 28 February to receive our special rate.

[FIND YOUR COMPETITION CLASS HERE](#)

March 21-22, 2025

Meet & Greet
Friday Evening
5:15 @ Pickles Deli

1891 West SR 434 Longwood, FL
32779

Concours d'Elegance

Alaqua Country Club
2091 Alaqua Drive
Longwood, FL 32779

Saturday Morning

- 08:00 > Sign-In
- 09:30 > Owners Meeting
- 09:45 > Judges Meeting
- 10:00 > Rags Down

Saturday Evening

- 6:30 > Awards Banquet
- Epicurean Buffet

Register Online via PayPal (preferred) -
OR-
Mail Concours Registration & Check to:

JAGUAR CLUB OF FLORIDA
1760 20th STREET ORANGE
CITY, FL 32763

MAKE CHECK TO:
JAGUAR CLUB OF FLORIDA

Late Fee: \$20.00 after
March 17, 2025

Click here to REGISTER
Choose: Online/PayPal
or Print and Mail

CLASSIFIEDS

Have a Jaguar to sell? Place your ad in JCOF's JagWire Jr. We have readers around the corner and around the country!

Robert Delmar sold his beautiful '07 XK within hours of posting *his* ad!



1999 Jaguar XK8, roadster.....\$8,000 USD.....133,700 miles.....clean title... pictures follow on next page

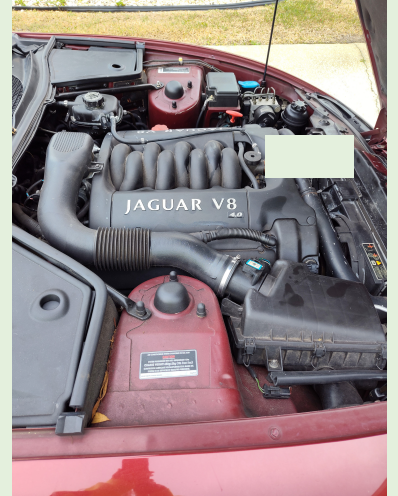
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CLASSIFIEDS



NAME TAGS

Good day to all JCOF Members!

There has been a significant uptick in JCOF name tag requests. The club leadership team noted this increase during the membership renewal process. The membership renewal form stated "Have Name Tag" or "Need Name Tag." The response from both new and renewing members, was an implied request for a name tag.

The purpose of this note is to clarify the JCOF name tag process:

1. Name tags are provided to new members joining the club, at no cost.

2. Replacement or additional name tags may be purchased through the JCOF website by clicking the "[Merchandise](#)" tab.

The ordering process is straight forward, allowing members to purchase replacement name tags thru the JCOF PayPal portal for \$10.00.

FEBRUARY MEETING

1000 MIGLIA EXPERIENCE USA FLORIDA

On the first leg (February 23rd, Sunday), the 1000 Miglia Experience Florida will depart from Miami and will pass through the Everglades, U.S. Route 41 and the Big Cypress Nature Reserve to reach Naples on Florida's west coast. From Naples the Experience will reach Tampa via Sanibel Island, Fort Myers, Venice, Sarasota and St. Petersburg.

On the second leg (February 24th, Monday) from Tampa, the caravan will cross Florida to reach the east coast via Brooksville, Orlando and Cape Canaveral, before reaching West Palm Beach via the iconic A1A.

The Experience will end in Miami (February 25th, Tuesday), where the caravan will pass through iconic Miami Beach, Key Biscayne and Coral Gables.



The February meeting was quite possibly a once-in-a-lifetime event! Our resourceful JCOF President, Jay Hixson, tracked down the "secret" route of the 1000 Florida Miglia drivers and set up a picnic along the path so our members and friends could catch a glimpse of the automobiles participating in the "most beautiful race in the world."

Monday's watch party had 17 people, lots of food, including pulled pork, and a park with a pavilion. "Outside of the pesky rain, it was a great event," said Juan Sierra who attended with wife Genie. Barry Ratchford also braved the wet weather for the event and had this to say, "It was a great experience. Jay found us the perfect spot to watch and interact with the drivers as they passed."

February's meeting is a prime example of the value that membership in JCOF brings. If you didn't have fun at this event, it's only because you weren't there! Don't miss the next one - keep an eye on your inbox and visit our [Events Calendar](#) often!





The Mille Miglia (pronounced mil'-lay mil'-ee-uh) — 1000 Miles — was an idea formed in Milan, Italy, in 1926, by its four co-founders: Giovanni Canestrini, Franco Mazzotti, Aymo Maggi, and Renzo Castagneto.

By 1927, their dream was transformed to reality, in the town of Brescia. The race was held annually from 1927 -1957. In 1987, after thirty years of intermittent rallyes and races, the Miglia, a.k.a. Red Arrow returned for good. By the mid-1990's the Red Arrow had branched out and formed Miglia Clubs on three other continents, including North America, with the start of the California Miglia Club. Today, the Red Arrow has grown from its one-race roots to six iconic events. One of these six is the 1000 Miglia Experience. This 1000-mile race has now been hosted with regularity by Japan, China, and the United Arab Emirates, in addition to Italy. The "1000 Miglia Experience is not only an expression of the main pillars of the 1000 Miglia, such as innovation and technological development, but also an opportunity dedicated to modern supercars and hypercars to race alongside the most prestigious classic and vintage cars." Now, for the first time ever, the 1000 Miglia has crossed the Atlantic, and traversed Florida with the unforgettable 1000 Miglia Experience Florida.

source: website <https://1000miglia.it/en/>

CAT TALES

MEMBER STORIES

JAGUAR XF

After taking care of personal business in Pittsburgh, and after a couple of stops along the way, I ended up in Wilmington, DE. I planned the arrival in order to attend the Philadelphia Concours D'Elegance on Sunday, June 23rd [2024], at the [Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum](#). I have wanted to visit this museum, and the timing worked out. It was a good show with many nice Jaguars. Unfortunately, several of the spots marked for special Jaguars were empty. My total round trip was 2,800 miles. A very comfortable traveling car.

Ron Redpath



Car Buzz



Jaguar's 10-Year-Old V8-Powered Mercedes SL Rival Is A Bargain In 2025

When it comes to powerful, luxurious coupes, the Germans are hard to beat. They've given us models like the Mercedes-Benz SL-Class, the BMW 8 Series, and the Audi S5, among several others in various size categories. But this particular type of vehicle has hailed from many nations. Japan gave us the Lexus LC and RC F, and the Infiniti Q60 Red Sport 400 wasn't half bad, either. The Brits have had a particular penchant for this; just look at Aston Martin. But if you want a true Mercedes-Benz SL rival at a bargain price, you may want to look in the direction of Jaguar. No, not the new Jaguar, and none of the brand's current models. An older one that still gives you the experience you're after and can be had for relative peanuts. The model in question is the [Jaguar XK](#), Jag's grand tourer that saw production from 1996 to 2014. However, our focus is

the facelifted second generation XKR variant, produced from 2011 to the end of the XK's production run. It boasts plenty of luxurious amenities, loads of power, and a very agreeable price tag on the used market, all of which help put the equivalent Mercedes-Benz SL to shame.

Quick Facts About The Jaguar XKR X150

- Currently boasts an average used price of \$31,341
- Produces 503 horsepower from a supercharged V8
- Shares its platform with the Jaguar XJ X351

For some reason, despite the Jaguar XK being hard to miss in a crowd, it's largely forgotten about when it comes to powerful grand tourers and luxury coupes. Of course, Jaguar's unfortunate reputation stemming from a period of poor build quality plays a hand in that, but it still doesn't fully explain the XK's relative obscurity. Especially when you consider the XKR, a 500-something horsepower fire-breather that wears a two-piece suit. The second-gen XKR is a beautiful thing to look at, with a perfect blend of swooping curves and sharp lines. Its wide hips and E-Type-inspired front grille don't hurt, either. Inside, the XKR X150 boasts an interior fully trimmed in leather, along with amenities like a touchscreen

infotainment system and Jag's JaguarDrive rotary gear selector that rises out of the center console for use. You could even have a headliner made out of something called Poltrona Frau leather.

Current Market Pricing

The facelifted Jaguar XKR X150 currently runs an average used price of \$31,341, based on AutoTrader averages. Below, we'll break down the XKR's used pricing by year and compare it to the Mercedes-Benz SL, specifically the SL 63 AMG.

	Jaguar XKR	Mercedes-Benz SL 63 AMG
2011	\$30,225	\$33,325
2012	\$35,430	\$39,898
2013	\$28,274	\$51,000
2014	\$31,435	\$52,486
Cumulative Average	\$31,341	\$44,177

Specs And Features

On top of its 503-horsepower, supercharged engine, the secondgen XKR had several other aces up its sleeve. Its power is handled by a ZF 6HP28 six-speed transmission, a slight upgrade over the normal XK's ZF 6HP26. Like its sibling, the XJ, the XKR features an

all-aluminum body. Thanks to this, it was approximately 200 pounds lighter than the previous XK generation, the X100. The X150 XKR received a fully independent suspension setup tuned for handling, along with a set of upgraded brakes. One to look out for is a model offered with what Jag called

the "Speed Pack". The Speed Pack added an attractive and functional aero kit to the XKR's exterior and raised the speed limiter from the standard 155 mph to 174 mph. A "Black Pack" was also offered, although it was solely an appearance package, replacing some chrome trim with black trim, and giving the XKR a set of black wheels. Features As a luxury car, Jaguar needed to offer enough standard kit to entice buyers who expected some refinement with their fire-breathing V8s. Things like heated seats and steering wheel were optional, along with rainsensing wipers and navigation. Nearly all standard options are also shared with the normal Jaguar XK, save for a pair of adaptive headlights, which follow the path of the vehicle via

Engine	5.0-Liter Supercharged AJ133S V8
Horsepower	503 hp @ 6,000–6,500 rpm
Torque	461 lb-ft @ 2,500–5,500 rpm
0-60 MPH Time	4.5 Seconds
1/4 Mile Time @ MPH	13.0 Seconds @ 109.0 mph
Top Speed	155 mph (Limited)
Curb Weight	3,968/4,079 lbs (Coupe/Convertible)



steering input. But the standard specification was mighty generous, with the full list including:

- Bluetooth Wireless Technology
- Cruise Control
- Remote Keyless Entry with Proximity Sensing
- Keyless Entry
- Push-Button Engine Start
- Touchscreen Navigation System
- iPod Connector
- Satellite Radio
- Remote Control Liftgate/Trunk Release
- Heated Mirrors
- Heated Steering Wheel
- Integrated Garage Door Opener
- Leather Seats and Steering Wheel
- Dual Power Front Seats
- Power Windows
- Adaptive Headlights

How It Stacks Up To Its Competition

As we alluded to at the beginning of this write-up, the Jaguar XKR was a bit of an underdog in its segment, not to mention it wasn't as trusted as something like the Mercedes-Benz SL-Class or the BMW 6 Series. In essence, the XKR had an uphill battle to climb, and

just based on the figures, it did a pretty good job at it.

2011 Mercedes-Benz SL 63 AMG



One of the most impressive luxury sports coupes during the early 2010s was the [Mercedes-Benz SL 63](#) AMG, and it also happens to be the car we compare our XKR to in this write-up. The Merc takes advantage of a 6.2liter V8 coupled with a seven-speed Multi-Clutch Technology automatic transmission. Its suspension was tuned, and owners could take advantage of the AMG DRIVE UNIT, which offered a Race Start function, or launch control, as it's more commonly known.



If you're still not convinced, all you need to do is look at the thing. It's, arguably, one of the prettiest cars to come out of Jaguar for decades, and it perfectly blends classical styling with plenty of modern flair. Its power numbers speak for themselves, and it can keep up with the Mercedes we looked at earlier, for a much smaller price tag. Not to mention, the Jag will turn heads, whereas the Mercedes won't get nearly as many second glances. Of course, we have to provide the caveat that this wasn't Jag's finest period for reliability and build quality, so a used example may have a few flaws that need looking after. But if you're after an experience that differs from the mainstream alternatives of the time, the XKR is something that can't be beaten.

article credit: Matt Nelson, Car Buzz

SISTER CLUBS

Next only to JCOF's annual Concours d'Elegance, Carolina Jaguar Club's "Come to the Mountains" Concours in the summer is arguably "second best" in the JCNA Southeast Region.

Be sure to open and read CJC's JCNA Award Winning Newsletter, with special attention to Page 6!

- *Robert Delmar*

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