

## Desert Jaguar

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My first Jaguar was a car I bought and sold when I was in the service stationed in England, but that is another story. Claire and my involvement in the world of Jaguar began several years after we married. In 1985, Claire reminded me of how I had wanted to buy a new car a couple of years earlier, but she wasn't keen on the idea and so it was dropped. At that time we had a 20 year old Chevy and a 1978 Datsun pick-up.

She told me that she was ready for a new car and that she knew just what she wanted, but she wouldn't tell me what car it was and insisted that she show me. She drove me to the local Jaguar dealer and told me that she wanted a Jag. I resisted, saying that they were known to be unreliable, but she had done her homework and laid out all the improvements that had been made in the new Jags, and so we bought a brand new XJ6 Vanden Plas, which I might add cost more than the house we were living in at the time. That was the beginning of our love affair with Jags.



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#### President's Message

March turned out to be a busy month for the JCSA. We had a very successful picnic drive to Picacho Peak in which 20 cars participated. We also had the DM Classic Car Show where we partnered with the TCBR and the Porsche Club. However the jewel of the month was the Western States Meet a

the month was the Western States Meet and AGM held right next door in Chandler.

If you could not make it to Chandler for the JCNA Western States Meeting you missed out on a lot of fun. This was a weeklong event in which the national club sponsored rallies, slaloms, gala dinners and a 105 car Concours d'Elegance. The weather was great and the cars were beautiful. Several of our members proudly competed with their cars against some very stiff competition.

If you have not heard our Maggie Secker was awarded a trophy at the AGM for creating our superb website. Congratulations and thank you Maggie!

There were several issues decided by the clubs at the Annual General Meeting that you should be aware of. I discuss this elsewhere in this newsletter so please take some time to review as some of the issues have a direct effect on JCSA.

In April we will have the Boyce Thompson Arboretum drive and a High Performance Driver Education (HPDE) at Pinal Park. The Boyce Thompson drive will take you through some beautiful areas of Arizona that most of us down here in southern Arizona do not travel very often.

The second event for the month is our HPDE which is always fun. Prior to the Sunday's event we will have a cocktail hour and dinner on Saturday evening. In addition if you like, you can stay at Pinal Airpark for the evening in one of their motel rooms or in a

house that we have reserved. On Sunday we will hold the HPDE at the Airpark starting at 10:00AM. If you want to come and just watch the fun on Sunday there is no charge. I am hoping to see many of you there, either Saturday for the drinks and dinner or on Sunday when the actual training is performed.

Marianne Fortunato has graciously agreed to put together something new, a dinner in June and a brunch in July. I am looking forward to these and to see if this is something you would enjoy. If you do we will offer more of these going forward.

I am working to enhance and find new events for your enjoyment. Please feel free to bring your ideas to me, the Board or the Chair of the Event Committee, Chuck Zimmerman. However beware, we may ask you to help out with the event which, all kidding aside, can be a lot of fun.

Remember, we get together for drinks and dinner at Ric's Café at Craycroft and River Road at around 5:00 pm the first Wednesday of each month. Please join us if you can and bring your Jaguar for all to admire.

Stay safe and have fun.

Doug Dechant



A Very Warm Welcome to New Members Skip and Lori Bailey and their 2009 XK Coupe

#### JCNA Website Excellence Award



I am very proud to announce that at the Jaguar Club of North America Annual General Meeting held in Phoenix this past weekend, our JCSA Webmaster Maggie Secker received the 2011 JCNA Club Website Excellence Award. This is something of which our club can be very proud.

Please join me in honoring Maggie for her hard work that has elevated our club's website to one of the best in the JCNA. If you have not yet visited the website please click the link below and explore the beautifully presented content that Maggie has crafted. ....Doug....



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#### Picacho Peak or Bust

Sunday morning found the sun rising into a clear blue sky and the temperature very mild, signaling a beautiful day ahead of us. It is as if the gods were smiling down on our pride of cats and promising a perfect day for a picnic. And so the pride was gathering at our jumping off location for a great drive through the Sonoran Desert. The pride consisted of a great variety of Jaguars from Claire and my XK140 to Chuck and Dolores' XKR, from Rich Mandziak's XJS convertible to Andy and Carol's XK8 convertible. Also amongst the pride were Dan and Cathy's S-Type and Bob and Flo's XJ8 sedans. Not to be left out was the iconic E-Type, with one of each series represented, Rich and Rita's series 1 ½ OTS, Fred and Maggie's series 2 Coup and Bill Badger's series 3 V12 Coup. All in all, a great line up of a fabulous Marque. We cruised up state highway 77 to state highway 79 and then on a lesser known but a beautiful driving road, East Park Link Dr. where the roadway was lined with beautiful blue Lupines in full bloom. We continued on to the state park at Picachio Peak

where Chuck had reserved us a lovely ramada where we quickly spread out our table cloths and opened our picnic baskets. Our ramada had 3 tables where the 18 of us spread out for a lovely picnic lunch and a lot of chit chat. Everyone had a great time socializing and enjoying the perfect After lunch some decided to picnic weather. explore the park, with their cats and check out the road where Fred has, in previous years, held his hill climb for pre-World War II cars. And then it was time for our trip home, most of us using the quicker, but not scenic I-10 back to Tucson. A better day could not have been asked for, the weather was perfect, the scenery and flowers gorgeous, and the cars marvelous. All the cats made the trip without problems with the exception of Fred's E-Type starter not working, so it was park on a hill for a roll start or get a push to start, but that was a known problem before the drive. And so, it was Picachio Peak and a great picnic and forget the bust.

Herbie Hampton



Click this link for a slideshow of the Picacho Peak Picnic:-

http://secure.smilebox.com/ecom/openTheBox?sendevent=4d7a41304e7a41784e7a6b3d0d0a&sb=1



#### JCNA AGM & Western States Meet

The Jaguar Clubs of North America 54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) combined with the Western States Meet was held in Chandler, Arizona March 7<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Jaguar Club of Central Arizona hosted both the AGM and Western States Meet and did a really great job. The weeklong event included a Grand Canyon tour, slalom, rally, various gala dinners and a 105 car Concours d'Elegance.

Shirley and I drove up on Saturday as I was slated to attend the AGM as your delegate on Saturday. The most important issue to the local clubs was an increase in our dues to JCNA. There has not been an increase in our dues to JCNA for many years. As a result the JCNA has found itself in a negative cash flow situation. As such, JCNA recommended that the yearly dues be increase from \$22 to \$30 per member.

At the JCSA March Board meeting prior to the AGM we discussed the proposed increase at length. After much discussion the majority vote was for the JCSA to oppose the JCNA requested increase. Therefore at the AGM I voted no as directed by the Board, however the proposal did pass by a fairly wide margin.

As you know, for 2012 our dues increased from \$60 to \$65 per member. As a result we will absorb the JCNA dues increase and our dues will remain at \$65.

On Sunday I was an entrant, along with several other JCSA club members in the Concours. My XK8 was entered into the Driven division and did I

receive an education. It is hard work getting your car ready for a Concours, especially after that windy and dusty drive up on Friday. I am sure that if you were at the hotel on Saturday afternoon you would have gotten a kick out of seeing many of us, washing our cars in the parking lot, using our hotel room trash cans to hold water! More than one passerby got a chuckle from this. As a result I have asked Fred Secker to ensure all of our out of town entrants at our Concours know where the closest self serve car wash is to St. Phillips Plaza.

At this writing I do not have the results of my or any of our member's results at the Concours, but as soon as they are available (possibly before you read this) I will publish them.

Finally, and as is noted elsewhere in this newsletter, our Maggie Secker was awarded a trophy for crafting one of the best websites in JCNA. Unfortunately, I was unaware that she was going to win this award so I was not at the dinner to receive it for her. However our Rita Skillman was in attendance representing JCSA and graciously accepted the award for Maggie.

It has been a long time that the JCSA sent a delegate to the AGM. Therefore I made it a point to meet as many of the JCNA officers as I could, in addition to other local club officers. As a direct result I believe we now have more positive recognition within JCNA, which can only help us going forward.

....Doug Dechant....



#### Sunday April 1 - Drive to Boyce Thompson Arboretum

Our drive will take us North of Tucson through Mammoth and Winkleman before heading to the hills and driving through some spectacular mining country on our way to the old town of Superior where we will have lunch at the Buckboard Café. The Boyce Thompson Arboretum is a State Park dedicated to the display of desert plants of the world and we will have a private guided tour taking about one hour. Our route home will be via Florence on Highway 79. Route directions will be handed out at the meeting point.

#### Timing:

0930 Meet at the Chevron Gas Station on the corner of Oracle & Magee

1000 Leave gas station in convoy

1215 Arrive Superior

1230 Lunch at Buckboard Café

1330 Leave Superior

1400 Guided tour of Arboretum Website :- http://arboretum.ag.arizona.edu

1530 Leave Arboretum

1700 Arrive Tucson

Tour leader is Fred Secker. Please let him know if you will be joining this tour as numbers are needed for the lunch and guided tour <a href="mailto:fred@secker.uk.net">fred@secker.uk.net</a> 520 574 3042.

#### Minutes of Board Meeting on March 3rd, 2012

Members present:- Doug Dechant, Bill Badger, Herb And Claire Hampton, Daryl Anderson, Rich Mandziak, Fred Secker.

- Meeting was called to order at 2 pm.
- Last meetings minutes were approved.
- ♦ Treasurers Report, Balance at end February \$2,810.51.
- It was agreed that a Membership Drive should take place at the Concours in October. A desk with sign-up sheets will be manned by Claire Hampton.
- A free drink will be offered to prospective new members at Ric's Cafe

#### Events

- The planned extended tour to California in July is cancelled and will be replaced by another event.
- Details of future events are in the calendar on the website. Event organizers should supply the webmaster with info on future events as soon as it becomes available in order that the latest info is available.
- Chuck Zimmerman was recognized as overall events Chair.
- ◆ The Secretary is responsible for sending out two eblasts telling of the next event. He will contact the event organizer and ask for an article to send out.
- Bill Badger will contact Davis Monthan to finalize security arrangements for the car show on March 31.
- ◆ The Easter Sunday drive to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum will include a private guided tour.

It was pointed out that the editor of the JCNA Journal printed the wrong photos in the report of our last Concours.

The board voted to oppose the JCNA request for an \$8 increase in their annual dues.

It was agreed that Royal Jaguar would not be billed for their advertisement in the newsletter in recognition of their support for our club.

The meeting adjourned at 4pm.

Submitted by Rich Mandziak for Secretary Jake Jacob who was absent from the meeting.



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#### Sunday April 22 - High Performance Driver Education at Pinal Airpark



High Performance Drivers' Education is a new program launched by JCNA to address the needs of Jaguar Club Members who want to drive their cars at higher speeds in a safe and

controlled environment. It is not racing or taking chances but finding you and your car's limits in a safe, controlled, & legal environment. This year's HPDE will take place on April 22, 2011 at Pinal Air Park (exit 232 off I - 10 North of Tucson). Evergreen Maintenance Center leases Pinal Air Park and they have strict security. In order to get by security at the entrance to Pinal Air Park you have to be on a roster, provided ahead of time by the JCSA. You also need personal ID.

This event is not limited to Jaguars or Jaguar Club members. The cost to enter is \$40 if you are a Jaguar Club member. If you do not have a JCNA number it will cost you \$5.00 more or \$45 because you have to pay \$5.00 for liability insurance. You must fill out the registration form below and make a check out to JCSA as soon as possible, but no later than April 18, 2012. Mail the registration form and check to: Bill Badger, 5615 N. Pontatoc Rd., Tucson AZ 85718. If you have any questions, you can contact Bill at 520 577-3246 or e-mail: badgerbd@aol.com

In order to get past security at the entrance to Pinal Air Park, you must have registered so that your name is on their roster to be admitted, and be at the entrance to Pinal Air Park between 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM on April 22, 2011.

If you want to stay overnight at the Evergreen Maintenance Center, the JCSA has arrangements with Evergreen Air Center to rent rooms and a hospitality room for the night of April 21, 2012. The cost of a motel room is \$39.93, including tax. We have also reserved two houses, one with three bedrooms and the other with 4 bedrooms. The cost of a bedroom in a house is \$35.00. To reserve a room, contact Norma at 520 616-5275. The JCSA is going to have a social event on the evening of April 21st. Those from the Tucson area that want to go out at the same time on Saturday, April 21st will meet at the "Jack In The Box" on the North side of Ina, just east of the I-10 entrance at 3:00 PM. That group will arrive at the security gate at Pinal Air Park at 3:40 PM. If you just want to meet with that group at Pinal Air Park on April 21st, be at the entrance at 3:40 PM. The main gate security will have an envelope with your name on it and the key to your room. Be sure to pick up your envelope. Bring a bottle of wine or some beer and some food to share for the social event which will be from 4 to 5PM. Everyone will go to dinner at the Western ARNG Aviation Training Site mess hall at 5PM and come back and continue the social event. Breakfast and lunch will also be at the WAATS mess hall. It is good food and very reasonable.

We have the Track leased for all day on April 22nd, but we generally finish up about 3:00 PM.

....Bill Badger....

#### **HPDE Registration Form**

Print this page, complete the form and send to Bill or call him and give this info.

Name (car owner)		JCNA #
Address		
City, State, Zip_		
Home Club Affiliation	on	
Phone # Home		Cell
Email Address		
Car 1 Year_	Make	Model_
Car 2 – Year	Make	Model
Bring car registratio	n and proof of in	surance
Entry fee = $$40.00$ pc	er car	
\$5.00 additional fee f	for non-Jaguar (	Club members for JCNA insurance
Signature_		Date
Send the Registration	n and check to:	Bill Badger, 5615 N. Pontatoc Rd,
Tucson, AZ 58718 no	ot later than Apr	il 18, 2012. Phone # 520 577-3246

Yes No Will stay overnight at Evergreen Motel on April 21st



#### Driving Committee - April Meeting

Our April meeting will be Monday the 16th at 11:30 am. The location is Shooter's Restaurant 3115 E. Prince. All are welcome. We're looking for new members. We're a small group at present and we would like new, fresh ideas to add to the clubs' enjoyment. The Driving Committee is extending an invitation to all club members. We are looking for at least one new member who's interests lie in 'Short Drives'. This is a fun position. The whole committee is involved in our drives. Helping each other comes naturally so no one person is burdened with an extra load. Our short drives are just that, short half day drives at most. The point person would select a route to a certain location using fun roads then select a location for a 'separate checks' lunch. He would also send an article to the newsletter editor announcing the drive in advance. Some of these drives are already set up but haven't been used in a couple of years thus there's not a huge amount of work to do. If you're interested in being part of an enthusiastic group call me and we'll get started. My number is 520-907-1060. .....Chuck Zimmerman....







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#### 2012 Calendar

Feb 19 Wine tasting tour to Elgin & Lunch in Sonoita

March 4 Picacho Peak Picnic Drive

March 6-14 JCNA AGM & Western States Meet in Phoenix

March 31 Davis Monthan Car Show

April 1 Drive to Boyce Thompson Arboretum.

April 21 or 22 High Performance Driver Education at Pinal Airpark.
May 12/13 Dramamine Lite. Drive to the White Mountains.
May 19 Jaguars at the Zoo. Visit the Jaguar Enclosure

June 2 President's Pancake Breakfast at Agua Caliente Park.

June 17 Evening Dinner Drive to Luna Bella.

July 4 Independence Day Party at Lois Bloom's place.

July 27-30 Extended Tour to California Wine Country.

August Skyline Country Club Dinner. Date TBA.

Sept 29/30 Jaguars in Jerome.

Oct 14 High Performance Driver Education at Pinal Airpark.

Oct 26/27 Concours D'Elegance at St. Philip's Plaza.

Nov 18 Slalom at Marana Airport.

November Drive to Gammon's Gulch followed by Lunch

December 8 Holiday Party.

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#### Harsh Transmission Shifts

Some Jaguar owners of the below model years may experience harsh transmission shifting. The reason is the adaptive shift strategy can drift over time causing higher than normal clutch pressures.

The Jaguars affected by this are the following models: S-Type 2003–5, XJ 2004–5, XK8 2003-5

The fix for this is for a qualified technician (don't try this at home) perform an adaption clearing procedure, re-configure the TCM and reset the adaption's. This will improve the transmission shift quality over time as the transmission adapts to your driving requirements.

There are no parts necessary, this is accomplished entirely via a software patch. Most independent foreign car garages and Royal Jaguar can perform this repair. The cost of this repair is estimated at \$210 The actual price may be different at various repair shops.

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