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Holiday Party

Sunday, December 13 at 5:00pm

Come celebrate the holidays at the home of Monica and Jim Hart. Great food, great fun and still just \$35 per person. We'll have a gourmet buffet with beer, wine and soda included.

RSVP as soon as possible to the Harts by email to mhart125@gmail.com or 520-760-5667.

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(Center Village Drive has a monument sign Sunrise Presidio Village on it) The driveway is a sharp, uphill right. Carpooling is encouraged. There is limited on street parking on the south side of the road.

The Prez Sez

The holiday season is upon us so it is not easy to guess that our next event is the club Holiday Party held at Jim & Monica Hart's lovely home. See the notice above for all the details. Come and enjoy a superb buffet and the festive company of good friends. At the party we will ask for a vote on the slate of club directors for 2016.



The triumvirate of ladies who organized and led the road trip to Silver City did an outstanding job. What a great tour. See pages 3 & 4.

Just remains for me to wish you all Happy Holidays.

Fred

Upcoming Events	December 13	Holiday Party
	January 24	Mystery Drive & Tanque Verde Lunch
	February	St Valentines Day Drive
First Wednesday Social Dinner every month		

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Silver City Double Overnighter

By Carol Anderson

If you missed the JCSA trip to Silver City, NM, or "Cats on the Trail of the Mountain Spirits", you missed what I view as one of the best trips sponsored by the club. The drive to Silver City started with the first part of the Dramamine Lite route Herbie Hampton and Chuck Zimmerman scouted. One member described the second part of the drive as five star. It had something for everyone. There were lots of twists and turns that challenged our race car drivers and some more gentle turns as we returned to the Bear Mountain Lodge. The weather was sunny and warm for the second weekend in November. But best of all, the members who participated were so flexible and so much fun. They made the trip such a wonderful experience and I would travel with them anywhere!

When you have a chance to go, stay at the Bear Mountain Lodge. The setting is beautiful and the management is committed to making your stay the best it can be. Breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings was delicious, varied, and filling. You can find the recipe for their granola on their website. I am hoping to get the recipe for the spinach, squash strata we enjoyed Sunday morning. Having eaten "egg-bakes" in the mid-west often, I found this particular dish to be a cut above the usual offering. Our rooms were nice and there is a trail you can follow that offers a hike of a few miles. Because we booked all of the rooms at the Lodge, we were able to gather each evening in the great room for a cocktail party and not worry about being too noisy. I had a chance to spend time getting to know several members I recognized only because they wore name-tags. Saturday evening we dined at the Lodge. The service was good and the meal was excellent. I can see why the Tucson Museum of Art and groups from Saddlebrook return each year. I can't wait to go back.

Friday's dinner was at Tre Rosat in Silver City. It was not my original choice because the dining room can be noisy but it turned out to be a fantastic selection. The restaurant was closed for the first 90 minutes of the evening to accommodate our group. My meal was delicious. I would recommend the restaurant to anyone going to Silver City.

The Gila Cliff Dwellings are worth the hike. Rita Garcia, the volunteer coordinator, told us a bit about what we were going to see as we finished the lunch prepared by Diane's Bakery. I think all of us enjoyed her comments about the tarantula's month of love and how to avoid getting bit by snakes. Molly, our guide, gave us a sense of what the people who built the cliff dwellings were like. She took us through the caves and shared her ideas of what might have been the purpose of each of the rooms. The Gila Cliff Dwellings is one of the few sites where you can actually go into the caves. Don't miss it.

I have yet to get to the small arts shopping area in town but, thanks to the club, I now own a beautiful piece of pottery that will be a reminder of a weekend of laughter, relaxation, and delight.

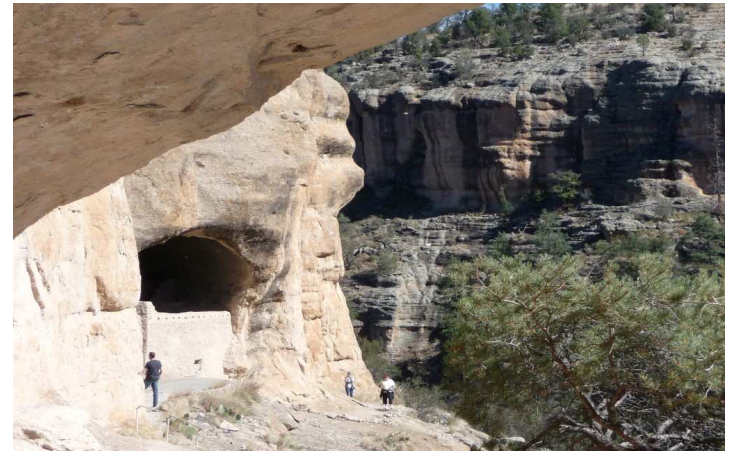
Kelly Christensen and Claire Hampton have already started working on drives for future months. They have a list of destinations that have been recommended by those who went to Silver City and are looking to expand that list. If you have any ideas that you are willing to share, let them know. The club offers a driving event each month so your ideas make planning easier. Remember that many hands make light work so volunteer to help them with one or more of the events. I have found the planning can be a lot of fun when shared with others.



Gila Cliff Dwellings



Bear Mountain Lodge



Concours 2015 Report

The JCSA 43rd Concours was well received with good food, a wonderful display of fabulous cars, and best of all "new and old friends gathering together" on a perfect fall day.

The meet and greet BBQ Friday night was enjoyed by everyone who came. We tried to get more club members to participate and would appreciate input on how to be more successful. We are grateful for those of you who showed up. Many of the people attending came in Halloween costumes; it was fun to see how many witch variations there were. The silent auction was well received with only a few items left over. These will be available for bids at the Christmas Party. After dinner, a number of people relaxed in the lounge of the Hilton for conversation and drinks.

Saturday morning came far too early with a lot still to be done. People got their cars polished and shining like fine crystal, as the prize possessions they are. The cars parked in their places at St Philips Plaza and "The Show Began." It was difficult to choose a favorite but the hearse would certainly be in the top 10.

The evening was topped off with a great dinner at Vivace's Restaurant. We all decided it was our favorite venue. Awards were given and then we were treated to an interesting presentation by Mark Warner, PE on the solar telescope being built on Maui. He kept all of us awake and interested.

At this point I have to say, it was a learning experience. There were a few mistakes made and most were fixed as we went along. We learned October is a difficult time to put on such an event because so many of you are not back in Tucson. We are grateful for those who helped out on the day of the event. A special thanks goes to Donna Lam who handled the publicity and to Dan Eklund without whom we would have thrown in the towel. Equally our chief judge Cameron Sheaham was a major asset. An event like this takes many hands and works only when volunteers join in. The committee would like to thank everyone of you who helped put this Concours together. It could not have happened without "YOU."

Colleen, Carol, and Marianne



CONCOURS SELECTION



Minutes of Board Meeting

Present: Fred Secker – President
 Carroll Lam - Secretary
 Dan Eklund – Treasurer
 Cameron Sheahan – Chief Judge
 Darrell Anderson – Marketing
 Skip Bailey
 Carolyn Arnquist
 Carol Anderson
 Darrell Anderson
 Colleen Jacob
 Dave Christensen
 Kelly Christensen
 Jim Hart
 Monica Hart

Location: Boardroom, Royal Jaguar
 Date: November 21, 2015

ROUTINE BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 1pm followed by serving of pizzas.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Carroll Lam and approved.

Secretary's report by Carroll Lam

- ◆ 501(c)7/State Corporation status restored
- ◆ Historical membership status presented; handout distributed
- ◆ Mailings to no-email members
- ◆ File system
- ◆ Membership flyers from JCNA
- ◆ Board Member (aka Officer's) handbook prepared

Treasurers report was given by Dan Eklund.

- ◆ Projected EOY balance nearly \$7500
- ◆ The president recommended that out-of-pocket expenses for the Silver City drive organizers be paid by the club; board agreed.
- ◆ Now that multiyear dues have been implemented by JCNA, we must be careful to keep outyear income for the outyears.
- ◆ A recommendation was made to distribute \$500 each to our charities – Northern Jaguar Project, Casa de las Ninos, and Youth on their Own. It was agreed to do this.
- ◆ The concours resulted in deficit of some \$1500.
- ◆ A discussion of the contents of the storage unit resulted in a recommendation that Cameron Sheahan and Carolyn Arnquist look into the possibility of having a club slalom event.
- ◆ The treasurer's report was accepted.

Marketing report by Darrell Anderson

- ◆ Most advertisers have paid up; all are expected to.

Newsletter report by Fred Secker

- ◆ Need articles from members
- ◆ Need new member "bio" form to include in newsletters

Website report by Fred Secker

- ◆ Everyone agreed that website looks great
- ◆ Will be updated with 2015 Concours video

OLD BUSINESS

Concours report by Colleen Jacob

- ◆ Overall went well but with some "lessons learned" presented.
- ◆ Some discussion of whether to hold concours or car show. It was agreed that concours was the way to continue.
- ◆ After a discussion of timing, it was agreed to move the concours to second Saturday of November.

Silver City trip by Carol Anderson

- ◆ Worked well
- ◆ Agreed that October would be better month for such a drive.

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NEW BUSINESS

Holiday party by Jim and Monica Hart

- ◆ A.J.s doing the catering again; currently planning on 40 attendees
- ◆ RSVPs lagging; Secretary to issue additional eBlasts
- ◆ Club providing beer wine and sodas.

Monthly dinners

- ◆ Some discussion of locations
- ◆ Current Firebirds seems to be working well
- ◆ The requirements for dinner locations discussed – early bird menus, separate checks, larger table settings, parking. Any recommendations for new venues should include a review of these items before presenting to the board.
- ◆ The new Harvest restaurant at River and Craycroft to be checked out.

Slate of officers for 2016 by Fred Secker

- ◆ Richard Manziak stepping aside as VP Events
- ◆ Dave Christensen accepting the VP Events position; voters agreed
- ◆ Discussion by Fred of their potential future winter plans for Spain instead of Tucson; potential impact on newsletter and website.

Driving Events

- ◆ It was agreed to keep the "Mystery Drive" which will be hosted by Tom Durham
- ◆ A "Valentine's" run in February
- ◆ Kelly Christensen presented comprehensive list of potential drives and other events
- ◆ The Christensens to recommend a set of events for next year.

The meeting was adjourned about 4 PM.

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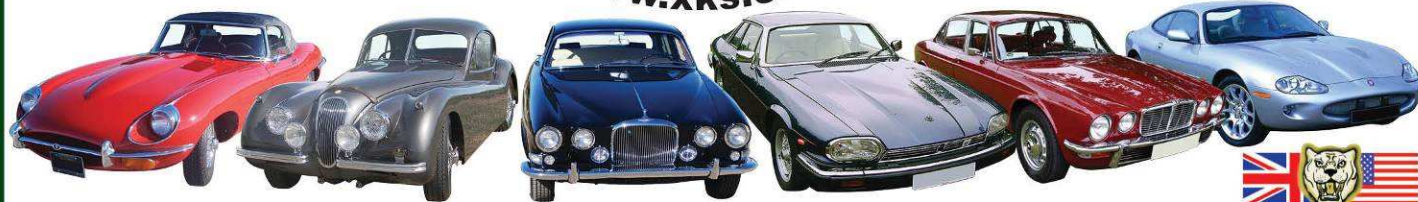


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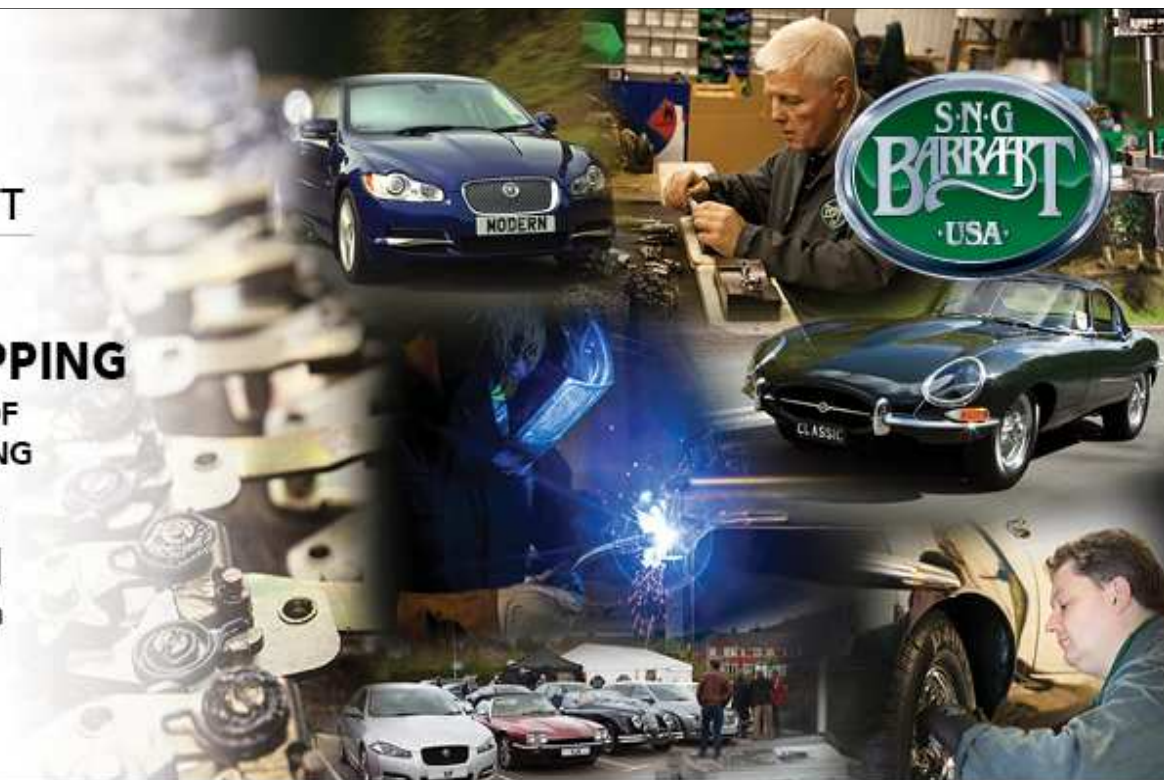
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