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Introducing our new Treasurer - Dan Eklund

I would like to introduce myself to those who may not know me. I am Dan Eklund and stepping in to take over from Herbie Hampton as Club Treasurer. He has done a terrific job and I have some awfully big shoes to fill.

I grew up in Minnesota and then went into the military and served for 20 years as an aviator with a background in engineering. I had some great jobs and enjoyed them all. I ended up here in Tucson about 30 years ago. I had been here earlier in the mid-70s and in the Phoenix area in the late 60s. I also had a 4 year stint in New Mexico so most of my time was spent in the Southwest. After leaving the military I worked at the University of Arizona Optical Sciences Center as a lab manager and then moved over to the National



Observatory (still on campus). There I worked in Project Management involved with constructing two large 8 meter telescopes in Hawaii and in Chile. For the last 10 years before retiring, I worked directly for the Director of Kitt Peak Observatory and managed the budget.

Some of you may know that I do woodworking as a hobby and primarily do Intarsia, which is a 3D mosaic of different woods. I also invest in the market, so between those two efforts I manage to stay off the streets.

Please let me know if there is something that I can answer in regards to the budget that may not get presented in the monthly reports to the board.

Upcoming Events:

Feb 1	Board Meeting at Royal at 1pm
Feb16	Drive to Patagonia for Lunch at the Velvet Elvis
March	Visit Jaguar Club of Central Arizona for their Concours
April	Drive to Tucson Soaring Club for Lunch and Optional Flights

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Our Next
Event!

Patagonia and Velvet Elvis

Sunday February 16

Drive through Sonoita Valley, have lunch in Patagonia, visit a Car Nut's Garage.
Meet at Chevron Gas Station at Exit 269 on I10 at 1030.

RSVP to Richard Mandziak mmfortune@cox.net (Need numbers for lunch)

Our February driving event will take us to the wide open grasslands of the Sonoita Hills where views are forever. Where Saguaro give way to Mexican Oaks and riparian corridors criss cross the landscape. Movies such as Stagecoach, Oklahoma and Giant were filmed here and it is easy to see why as you drive over the pass and look down on the evocative vistas.

The route from Tucson takes us along one of the best driving roads in Arizona with twists and turns and lots of elevation changes.

Sonoita is a thriving ranch community where horse properties abound and where vineyards are now producing surprisingly good wines. We pass through Sonoita and drive along Sonoita Creek as it winds through the San Rafael Conservation area, once a vast cattle ranch of some 600,000 acres. However it is not only cattle that this area is

famous for. Mining has played a huge part in its history and still does to this day. Our destination of Patagonia owes its very existence to the presence of silver in the surrounding mountains and as we speak the Canadian mining company Wildcat Silver are vigorously attempting to rip open 14,000 acres of countryside to get at the precious substance. Local groups are strenuously objecting to the project and we wish them the very best in their efforts.

Patagonia right now is a lovely sleepy little town that retains much of the atmosphere that existed in its heyday. Its quiet charm has attracted many artists and artisans who value its peacefulness. No supermarkets here - just local produce outlets. There are good places to eat here too. Recognized widely as an outstanding eatery is the Velvet Elvis where we have reserved places for lunch.

Velvet Elvis

Pizza Restaurant

The Velvet Elvis Pizza Company, established in 1998 by owner and chef, Cecilia San Miguel, has become a destination of its own after former Governor Janet Napolitano designated it "An Arizona Treasure" in 2005. The food is terrific.



On the Menu:-
Homemade Hearty Soups
Several Salads
Calzones Pizza Pockets
Designer Pizzas

Location:- Main Street Patagonia
On the right just before the main crossroads.
Limited parking but more available near the
Stage Stop Motel

Car Nuts Visit

After lunch we will convoy to a private residence near Sonoita to view a unique collection of cars. Larry Pfitzenmaier's garage contains a genuine Watson Indy Car which he campaigns regularly, a Briggs Cunningham Jaguar and several more fascinating machines.



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Mystery Drive & Dude Ranch Lunch

The great puzzle is now solved. The mystery drive is done and dusted and we no longer have to speculate where Herbie will take us this year. Would it be the mountains or the desert we wondered. Well it turned out be a trip south of Tucson on the broad flat plain with mountains in the distance all around. Miles and miles of saguaros, teddy bear cactus and prickly pear.

The rendezvous was the parking lot at the Chevron gas station at exit 269 off highway I10 where we topped up with gas and coffee while we waited for everyone to trickle in and join the photo line up. We had two S-types, two XK140s, an E-type coupe, an XK8, an XKR, an X-type, an XJS and a brand X that hovered in the distance.

We set off at 10.30 with Herbie leading and we managed to keep together despite uncooperative traffic lights as we headed south down old Nogales Highway. Soon we were surrounded by rows and rows of plantation trees as we negotiated our way through the largest Pecan forest in the world. Then it was straight east along Sahuarita Road where the only forests we saw were post boxes. Turning north

with the Catalinas ahead in the distance we crossed the freeway surmounted Pistol Hill and joined Old Spanish Trail which wound this way and that before passing alongside Saguaro National Park. Freeman road was notorious for its terrible surface but lo and behold it now has smooth blacktop so we enjoyed the roller coaster ride with big smiles. The run in to our destination was through lots of horse properties which set us up nicely for our arrival at Tanque Verde Ranch.

Reserved tables awaited us as did the groaning tables of the best buffet this side of the Rockies. Well one had to start with a plate of oysters and shrimp didn't one? And then should it be Salmon, Chicken or Roast Beef? The beef was pink and succulent so it was a no brainer for me. Yummy! Not finished yet because the cheese board, the chocolates and fruit were irresistible. Wow! What a spread! When are we coming back said everyone.

So thanks a million Herbie and Claire for organizing another great mystery tour. You done good!

submitted by Fred Secker

Tanque Verde Ranch



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Membership

As we begin another exciting year of camaraderie and fun outings, I am excited to think about connecting with my fellow Jaguar enthusiasts and all of the great benefits that our membership includes. Now is a good time to think about how we can each get the most out of our memberships.

Here's what your low-cost membership fee buys:

Camaraderie/Fun

- 12 full months of local / state-wide membership in the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona (JCSA), a fully affiliated regional club of Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA)
- 12 full months of JCNA membership
- 12 full months of JCNA / JCSA membership for spouse or partner.
- Special memberships available for "Young Enthusiasts" (Adults between 19-24 years)
- Monthly dinners at a central, local restaurant.
- Fun trips each month organized by our Event Team. There's something for everyone
- Annual Christmas Party / Annual Meeting Event
- Annual Concours d'Elegance to show and compete with fellow members from around the nation
- Annual General Meeting (AGM) opportunity to meet others from around the nation, attend really fun events, participate in competitions, serve as local club delegate, etc.
- Opportunity to attend and participate in JCNA National Challenge Championships events that offer a plethora of attractions, competitions, etc. to suit every desire
- Discounts on Heritage certificates
- Concours, Rallies, Slalom programs
- New Jaguar Foundation which will enhance services provided by JCNA – details being formed

Financial

- 10% discounts on parts, labor and merchandise from our sponsor, Royal Jaguar
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- Discounts on insurance for your beloved cat through special insurance firms connected with JCNA.

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- Full year subscription to the renowned **Jaguar Journal**, a bi-monthly publication with regional, national and international information pertaining to all matters of Jaguar. The **Jaguar Journal** alone is a tremendous value for your membership dues.
- Full year subscription to our own local online newsletter, the **Desert Jaguar**. **Desert Jaguar** will keep you in the know with its great articles, calendar of events, and newsworthy items of interest. The **Desert Jaguar** is a well-created and edited newsletter by passionate fellow members with contributions welcome from all members.
- Opportunity to submit articles, questions, sales items, etc. to the **Desert Jaguar** for publication.
- Opportunity to submit articles, suggestions and other submittals to the **Jaguar Journal**.
- Regional Membership Directory of names, vehicles and contact information for other members to confidentially retain as a resource for connecting with other members for sharing a multitude of matters, such as technical care, advice, etc. Also includes our club's by-laws, leadership and committee chairs, etc.
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Participation / Competition / Points:

- Opportunity to compete locally, regionally and nationally for JCNA points and awards in various special events such as Slaloms, Rallies and Concourses
- JCNA Official Membership Card that identifies members for competition, participation and fun
- Opportunity to be a part of the leadership in the regional and national club
- Regional and National Awards at end of year

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so now or before the end of January. This is important to our Club and JCNA.

Thank you, **Doug Dechant**

Membership Chair JCSA

2014 JCNA AGM and Jaguar Party

An invitation from Dennis Eklof - AGM Chairperson

We at the Jaguar Association of New England are excited about hosting the 2014 JCNA AGM, and we are pulling out all the stops to make it a really fabulous AGM and a great weekend party. And our plans are not just for the delegates, but also for the delegates partners and for the general membership of all JCNA clubs across North America.

Of course, Boston is one of the premier tourist cities in the country with its rich historical and cultural back-ground, magnificent harbor, and world renowned education institutions, so we had a head start in making this a very special AGM. Our center for the event will be the recently renovated Hyatt Regency hotel in Cambridge. While incorporating the atrium style for which the Hyatt chain is know, this hotel features a unique pyramid architectural style, and all rooms in our reserved block will have outstanding views of the Charles River and the Boston skyline. Located in Cambridge just across the Charles River from downtown Boston and its hip Back Bay area, you will truly be in the heart of the Boston experience. Maybe you or your spouse would like to take a duck boat tour of our city, or stroll along Newbury Street and its many fine shops, visit some of the historic spots that helped form our nation, or take in some of Boston's fine art museums. Within minutes of Logan Airport, downtown Boston, MIT, Harvard Square, Faneuil Hall, Quincy Market, and a host of other attractions, our hotel is an excellent jump-off point for getting to know Boston.



The real kick-off for the weekend will be Friday evening when we have arranged a truly special occasion. Our Welcome Party will be at the MIT museum a few minutes from the Hyatt. As I am sure you know, MIT is one of the premier scientific and engineering institutions in the world, and the museum is chock full of fascinating examples of the creativity and expertise of its faculty and students. This will be a special opportunity to have the entire museum to ourselves with access to all the museum has to offer. But the evening is not just a museum tour – it will also be a welcoming party where we are planning music and other entertainment as well as an outstanding “roaming banquet” featuring a variety of food stations throughout the museum with a New England theme (how about some clam chowdah?). Of course, there will be a cash bar and we have even put together an official 2014 AGM Cocktail! It should be a fabulous evening of fun!

Saturday is a work day for the delegates, featuring breakfast, lunch, and an 8AM to 3PM business meeting, but for everyone else it's another opportunity to take advantage of the many exciting things Boston has to offer – and as with Friday, JANE representatives will be coordinating group activities and helping those who wish to strike out on their own. And non-delegates attendees are also welcome at the Saturday delegate breakfast and lunch, and the venue for those meals is worth the visit with a spectacular view of Boston from every direction. And for those delegates in the meeting all day, we are also working to provide a pleasant surrounding – a top-floor meeting room with spectacular views of Boston and the Charles River.

Saturday evening will bring the annual Awards Banquet, and we have an outstanding sponsor for the evening – SNG Barratt. Everyone with a classic Jaguar knows SNG Barratt, and we are delighted to have them as the primary sponsor for our Awards Banquet. But that's not all! For those who can arrange their travel schedules appropriately, we will be closing out the weekend with a Sunday Jazz Brunch at a very special place, the Larz Anderson Auto Museum in nearby Brookline, MA. Wealthy early 20th century Boston socialites Larz and Isabelle Anderson owned a fabulous estate in Brookline and were early adopters of the automobile, beginning with a 1901 Winton. Over the years they amassed a wide range of automobiles, and rarely sold any of them. This collection is the oldest car collection in the country. The building alone is worth a visit as it is an outstanding piece of late 19th, early 20th century architecture, so you won't want to miss out on this special opportunity.

Well, that's about it, and it is a lot. We at JANE are pleased and excited about hosting this event and look forward to seeing many of our fellow Jaguar enthusiasts from around the North America. You can get more information and sign up for our mailing list by going to www.j-a-n-e.org/AGM2014.

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And what do I see?
A strange looking person
That cannot be me.

For I am much younger
And not nearly so fat
As that face in the mirror
I am looking at

Oh, where are the mirrors
That I used to know
Like the ones that were
Made 30 years ago?

Now all things have changed
And I'm sure you'll agree
Mirrors are not as good
As they used to be

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