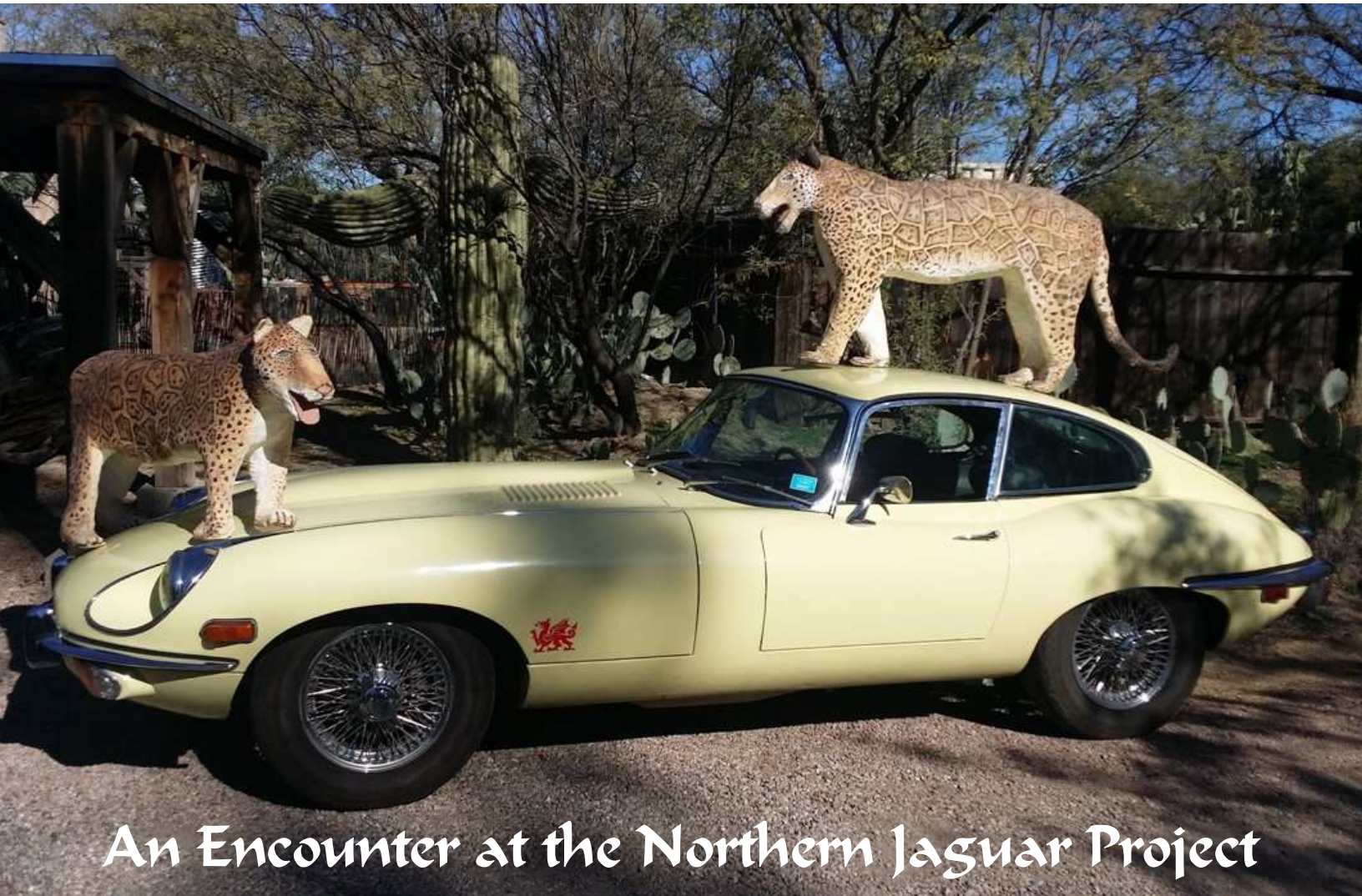


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An Encounter at the Northern Jaguar Project



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The Prez Sez

Once again our members have surpassed themselves as 36 people attended our January event. The mystery drive took us to Tanque Verde Guest Ranch where we sat down to a superb Sunday buffet lunch. Cameron and Carolyn did a great job of organizing a very enjoyable route. The 15 cars arrived safely and were hitched to the rails next to the heavily populated horse coral. The wonderful Arizona sunshine contributed not a little to a most enjoyable outing.



January is of course auction time in Scottsdale and a group of us drove up to witness the circus for a day. Lots of collectable cars to browse and an informative seminar made the day most enjoyable.

Our next driving event is the St Valentines Day run to Patagonia Lake - a lovely spot to relax with your loved one and crack a bottle of Champers. Read all about it on page 3.

Very sadly I have to tell you that Cathy Alexander passed away on January 17th. She will be greatly missed in the JCSA. See page 7.

After the torrential rain of the last two days I am now looking out on a sunny and warm patio where I am about to retire with a book and a beer.

Our club supports three charities and this month it was my privilege to present our annual donations to them as you can see on page 6. Also the front page shows an encounter with the pet Jaguars of the Northern Jaguar Project.

Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life. - Mark Twain

Happy Motoring,

Fred

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Video of the Month

For a GREAT VIDEO of our Valley Verde Trip click this link:
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The Year Ahead

February 14	Valentine's Day Picnic at Patagonia Lake
March 22	Sonoran Desert Museum
April 12	Breakfast Run
May 16	Mount Lemmon Drive
September	Driving Event in collaboration with Royal Jaguar
October 24	Concours
November	Overnight driving event
December	Holiday Party

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Valentine's Day Picnic

Saturday February 14

Patagonia Lake

Our Next
Event!

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What better way is there to spend St Valentine's Day than with your squeeze at a lakeside picnic with other Jaguar lovers (oh what a pun !). Join us for our drive along winding roads through rolling hills and endless grasslands passing through Sonoita and the old mining town of Patagonia en route to Patagonia Lake State Park. At the lakeside we have reserved a ramada with a great view across the lake where we can relax and indulge in all the goodies we have brought along.

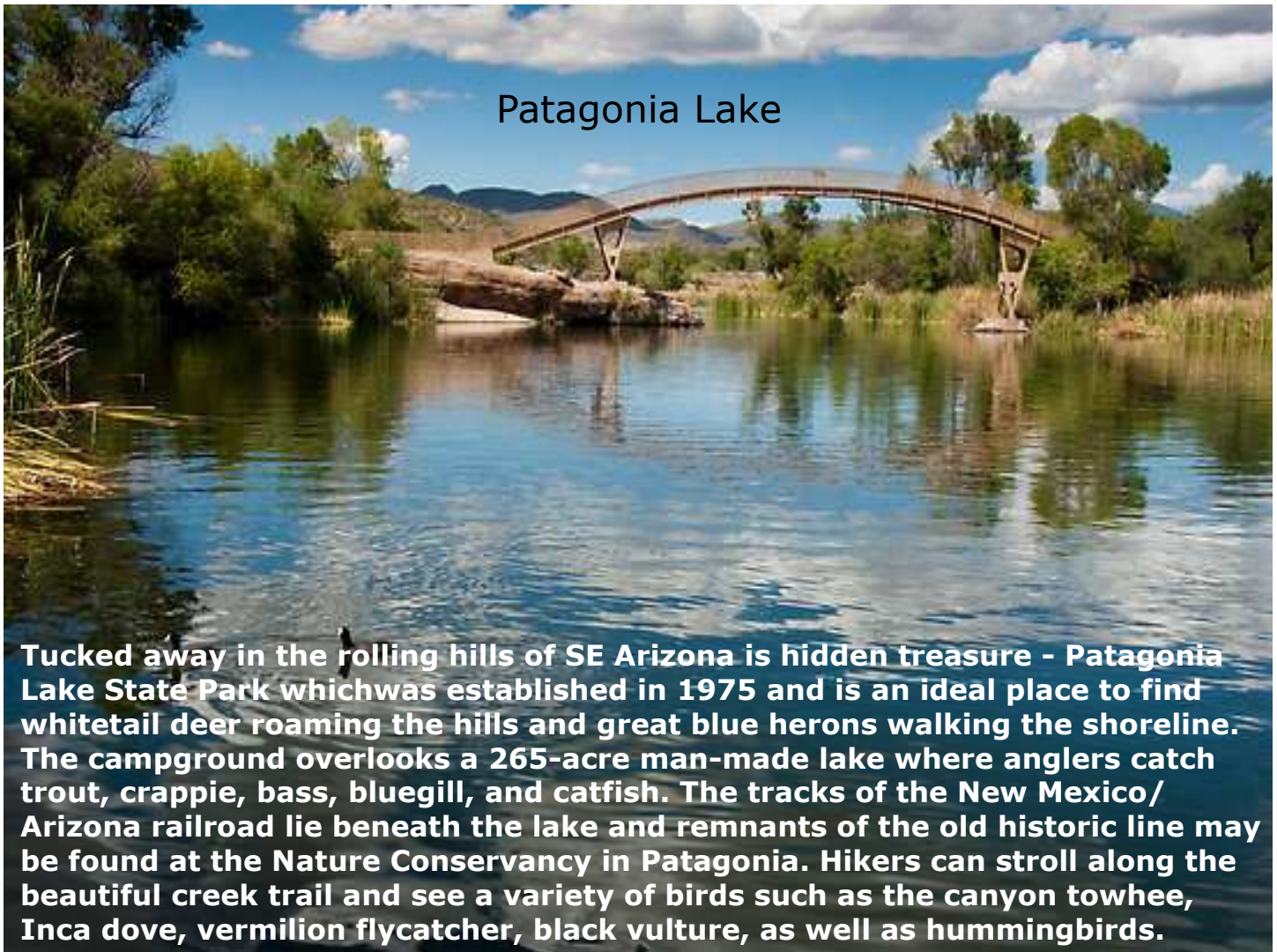


We will gather on Saturday February 14th at the Chevron Gas Station at Exit 269 on Interstate 10 at 10 am for a 10.30 blast off. We will then caravan along the route in fine Jaguar style but there will be a map and route instructions just in case.

Please bring your own picnic fare except for water and sodas which will be supplied by the club.

There is a \$10 per car entry fee for the park payable at the park entrance but no other fees to pay as the club will pay to reserve the ramada. **RSVP to Fred Secker on fred@secker.uk.net or 520 574 3042** so we know who to expect and who not to depart without.

To show due respect to St Valentine we should have some Valentines item on our cars or on ourselves.



Patagonia Lake

Tucked away in the rolling hills of SE Arizona is hidden treasure - Patagonia Lake State Park which was established in 1975 and is an ideal place to find whitetail deer roaming the hills and great blue herons walking the shoreline. The campground overlooks a 265-acre man-made lake where anglers catch trout, crappie, bass, bluegill, and catfish. The tracks of the New Mexico/ Arizona railroad lie beneath the lake and remnants of the old historic line may be found at the Nature Conservancy in Patagonia. Hikers can stroll along the beautiful creek trail and see a variety of birds such as the canyon towhee, Inca dove, vermilion flycatcher, black vulture, as well as hummingbirds.

Mystery Drive

On January 18th Cameron Sheahan led 15 Jags on a merry dance along the south west fringes of The Old Pueblo along roads which were new to many of us Tucson old timey folk. The drive through the Saguaro forest and over Gates Pass being the highlight as the view can only be described as staggering. The final bit of the drive was kinda hilarious as I doubt if any of us stuck to the route 100%. Never mind we all arrived safely and promptly at our destination - the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch, only to find that the Model T Club and the Studebaker Club had pinched our parking slots - the rotters! Fortunately our reserved lunch tables were not usurped so 36 of us settled down to attack the magical spread. There are no superlatives to describe the legendary buffet at Tanque Verde - it never fails to impress so we finished a great day replete and wreathed in smiles.



Pix by Carroll Lam & Fred Secker

Passage Through Paradise

By Bill Jansen

On September 29, 2014, my wife Eleanor and I boarded a flight in Phoenix for Seattle where we were to board the Holland American ship, MS Oosterdam. The ship was to depart that afternoon for a cruise from Seattle to Sydney, AUS. The Oosterdam cruises the Alaskan area in summer and the South Pacific in winter. The passage was a 25 day cruise with several scheduled ports.

The ship departed on time and we headed to the open sea, the next stop was Honolulu, a 5 day journey. The sea on the first night was a little bumpy but well within comfort limits. The rest of the trip to Honolulu was sunny and calm, a great trip. At sea days were filled with various activities such as lectures on a variety of topics relating to the Pacific area; scheduled bridge playing; cooking classes and relaxing by the outdoor pool. The nights brought excellent dining and entertainment in the show lounge. Of course there are the shops and casino in case you have money you need to spend.

After an overnight in Honolulu, the ship headed south towards the equator and the South Pacific. Twelve days after leaving Seattle, we crossed the equator. After the appropriate initiation ceremony, a ship full of polly-wogs became shell-backs. After the crossing we continued south to our next port, Apia, Samoa, a 6 day journey from Honolulu.

Samoa was a German possession from 1900 through 1914 and then controlled by New Zealand

until independence in 1962. Samoa is a small island nation of beautiful beaches, lushly vegetated hills and valleys and very friendly people. If you have not been there, it is a must place to visit. After Samoa, it was a 2 day sailing to Suva, Fiji

Fiji is an interesting place to visit with many activities to choose from. You can explore rivers that run through the rain forest, visit remote villages or choose many beach activities. Fiji has a war-like history, but today, the people are warm and friendly. From Fiji, it was another 2 days to Mystery Island, Vanuatu. Mystery Island is a very small island having no full time residents. Villagers from a nearby island run small shops and a food service. Local legend says that the island is occupied by ghosts at night.

After visits to 2 more small islands in New Caledonia, we arrived at the port of Noumea, New Caledonia. New Caledonia was the largest U.S. Navy base in the South Pacific during WWII and is still a French possession. It is the world's 2nd largest producer of nickel.

All good things must come to an end and 2 days after leaving Noumea, we arrived at Sydney Aus. The cruise covered 7,550 nautical miles. An early departure to the airport and a long day flying home meant that our passage through paradise was over. It was a wonderful trip, with good weather, calm seas and a great ship.



Our Club Charities

One of the most rewarding things a club can do is to help charities who would not be able to continue their excellent work without donations such as ours. The funds gained from two silent auctions and the monthly raffle were split into three amounts of \$700 and donated to Youth On Their Own, Casa de los Ninos and the Northern Jaguar Project. The President and the Treasurer visited

these charities recently to present the checks which were very gratefully received.

What we must remember is that these funds were a direct result of you, the members, generosity. Thank you so much for your contributions throughout the year and at the silent auctions. You should be very proud of yourselves.

Youth On Their Own

YOTO exists specifically to educate Homeless youths such that they graduate from high school by providing financial assistance, basic human needs and guidance. Youth must meet the following qualifications:-

- ◆ Grades 6-12
- ◆ Enrolled in public, charter or alternative school throughout Tucson and Pima counties
- ◆ Homeless. Defined as lacking fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence
- ◆ Not living with a biological or adopted parent
- ◆ Unaccompanied through no fault of their own

1,230 students were served last year and 285 graduated



Casa de los Ninos

The effects of child abuse and neglect last a lifetime and are often passed along to the next generation. Through parent education and support for families, Casa de los Niños is working to break the generation-to-generation cycle of abuse.

The main areas of support are:-

Prevention

Educating and Supporting parents

Intervention

Helping when problems arise

Treatment

Restoring Health and Stability



Northern Jaguar Project

Renowned for their power, strength, beauty, and grace, jaguars once roamed across much of the southern United States. Today, these predators are vanishing throughout the Americas, and nowhere is this more apparent than in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands.

The Northern Jaguar Project has partnered with the Mexican conservation organization Naturalia to bring back the jaguar. Together they have created the Northern Jaguar Reserve, which encompasses 78 square miles of prime jaguar habitat. Jaguars that roam this area now have a safe-haven sanctuary in the most remarkable, rugged wilderness left in northern Mexico.



Cathy Alexander



Cathy Alexander passed away January 17, 2015. Cathy was born in Hartford CT on 08/16/48 and moved to Tucson in 1978. After graduating from the U of A, she worked for the U of A Optical Science Dept. for 26 years until her retirement in August 2010. After her retirement she became a Master Gardener, she also loved reading, traveling, and her pets. She is survived by her sons Nick (Shaynon) Coppenbarger, Matthew (Diana) Coppenbarger as well as 4 grandchildren Nate, Tyler, Ryan and Alicia, her stepmother Dorothy Grimes of Sacramento CA, her sisters Roberta Broyer of Sacramento CA & Debra Balue of Los Angeles CA, aunt Maureen Mullane of Glastonbury CT, her beloved Dan Eklund and many friends.

A Celebration of Cathy's life will be held on February 7th, 2015 from 2pm-5pm. The address is 944 S Pantano Rd. It is just North of 22nd St on the West side of the road. As you enter the condo complex, her house is the 2nd one on the left. Parking in the street is very restricted but there is plenty of parking one block south.

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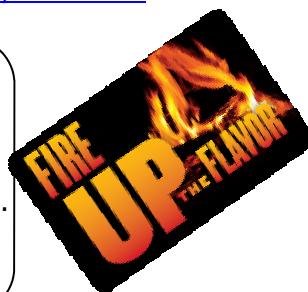
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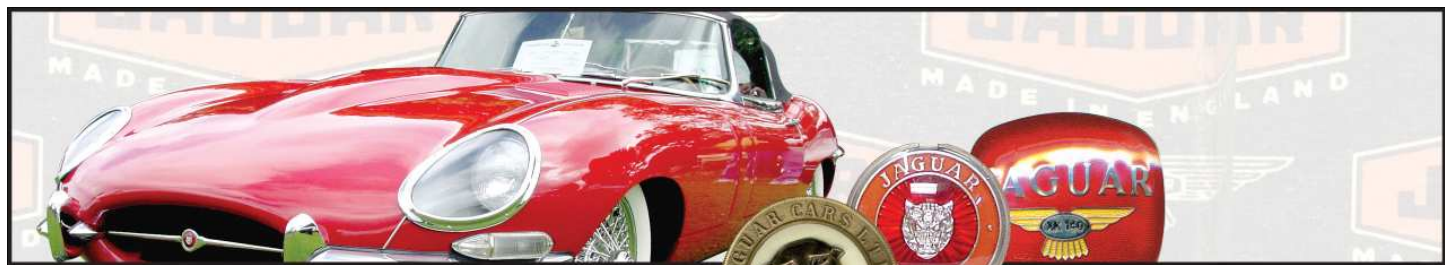
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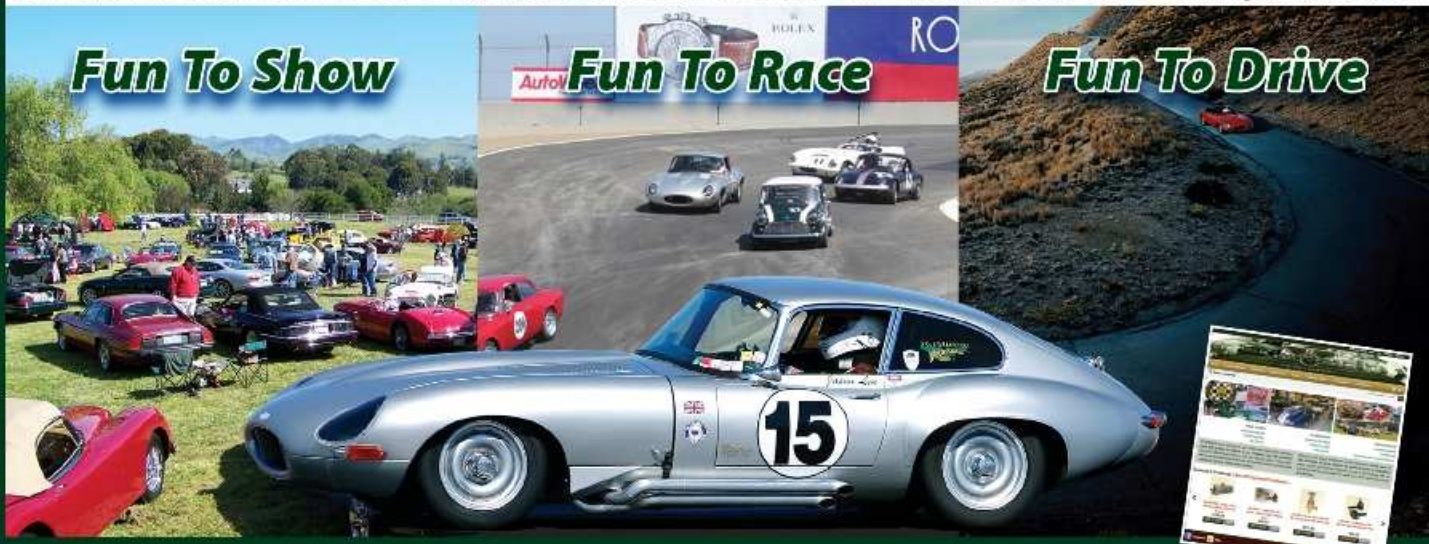




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