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Monthly Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



Jaguar Sponsored Bloodhound SSC will attempt 1,000 mph



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The New Prez Sez

am pleased to be the new President

of JCSA. Jude and I have been active members of the sports car scene in Tucson for the past 8 years. When we first arrived here, we owned an XJ8 in the East but drove out in an Acura MDX. We joined JCSA (as well as TBCR) and attended events with a Union Jack adorning the MDX. Our current Jags are a 2004 XK8 OTS and a 2012 XF. Over the years I have owned an XK150 DHC, two 1969 E-Types

(roadster and 2+2, concurrently),

three XJ sedans as well as several other British cars - I started with a 1954 RHD Morris Minor convertible. Last year we transformed from full-time Arizonans to the dreaded show-bird status. With many of our children/grandchildren in the East, we rented a three-bedroom apartment in Harrisonburg located in the Shenandoah Mountains region of Virginia. We are keeping the XF in Virginia and, so far, traveling back and forth in our Outback. We haven't yet fully assimilated into the sports scene in the East but we did enter the XF in the 2016 Gunston Hall concours and participated in a week-long driving tour of the National Highway (old Route 40) and Route 66

that was organized by the Lincoln Highway Association.

While formally retired from a professorial career at the University of Maryland, I continue to participate in a three-person statistical consulting firm with two former graduate students. Jude continues her work in the fine arts. In the past, she has painted on canvas in oils and acrylics but is currently concentrating on watercolors.

As the new year unfolds, we are pleased to continue to participate in the monthly dinner meetings at the Firebirds Wood Fired Grill. In addition, the Club has several events that were already planned by the past officers and we hope to add more exciting events during the year. I would be pleased to hear suggestions for future events from members, especially from members willing to participate in organizing such events. Getting involved with Club events is a great way to meet and interact with other Jaguar owners as well as guaranteeing that the Club continues to better serve the Jaguar community.

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March 10	Texas Canyon Picnic & Amerind Museum
April 6,7 & 8	Silver City Double overnight
May 11	Titan Missile Drive & Lunch
June 10	President's Breakfast at Agua Caliente
July 13	Summer Drive to Mt Lemmon

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St Valentine's Day Junket



Tuesday February 14

Show Your Love – for both your "significant other" and your Jaguar!

Join the club for a St. Valentine's Day picnic at the beautiful Patagonia Lake State Park.

Meet at 10:30 am on Tuesday January 14th at the Chevron Gas Station at exit 269 on I10

We will head out on a scenic, open country drive along Hwy 83 lined with Mexican Oaks, through the high grasslands, along Sonoita Creek, through the old silver mining town of Patagonia eventually arriving at Patagonia Lake State Park. Don't forget to bring your Golden Age Passport or you will pay the \$15 entry fee. No need to RSVP - just turn up and enjoy.

Please decorate your car to honor St Valentine and your significant other.

We will lunch by the lakeside in a reserved ramada so bring your scrumptious selection of picnic goodies to enjoy in good company and scenic surroundings.



Happy Valentine's Day!









Mystery Drive & Lunch

Sunday January 15

It rained. And it kept raining all day. Never in the 20 years that I have been attending JCSA events have I been on a drive in the rain so this day was unique. But did it dampen spirits? No way. 13 cars and 27 club members turned up for the annual Mystery Drive which took us through mostly urban areas and then through the Sahuaro Park East where the cloud on the hills and the mist hovering around the cactus gave us an unusual and rather beautiful perspective.

Tanque Verde Guest Ranch lived up to its peerless reputation of providing a superb buffet lunch which we all enjoyed to the full. Good food, good company and pleasant surroundings were typical of our club get togethers - and long may they continue.

Many thanks to Claire and Cameron for putting this event together.

Fred Secker











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Introducing our new Newsletter Editor

Sharon Weatherbie





My roots are in Tucson, Arizona. I was born here and I lived here a short time before moving to San Jose, California. I was raised in San Jose where I attended San Jose State University. I earned degrees in English and Education, and had a lot of fun in the process. I met Mike there, and I earned my Mrs. Degree the day after we both graduated. I also met another love of my life when I purchased my 1953 Porsche, my car in college, which I still have. We had our two babies in California and then moved to Washington where I was a stay at home mom for 12 years. We have now lived in Washington for the last 45 years.

I went back to teaching and earned my Master's Degree in School Administration. I was in public education for 22 years where I taught everything from second grade to eighth grade advanced math and then fourth grade gifted students. After retiring from public education, I taught at City University and supervised student teachers. Mike and I had our own educational consulting business and we worked for Washington State Department of Education for a few years.

We became "snowbirds" after we both finally retired for real, and we spend eight months out of the year in Mukilteo, Washington, and four months in Sahuarita, Arizona. We finally got around to restoring my 1953 Porsche, and I am now showing my "Ruby". We have been fortunate enough to earn several awards. Mike finally convinced me that he should have a sports car, also, so in 2012, we purchased our beautiful 2003 XK8 Jaguar. We LOVE this car and it is a joy being Jaguar owners.

We joined the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona a few years ago and we are delighted that we did. We have enjoyed the great trips, the fascinating people and the comradery of the group. Now I am honored to be the editor of our group's newsletter. I know I have some HUGE shoes to fill, and I will try my best to follow Fred's example of excellence.

Thank you Royal Jaguar

JCSA shows appreciation of support by Royal Jaguar

On January 10th your ex President made a presentation to Royal Jaguar in the form of a mounted clock with suitable words of gratitude for their continuing support.





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The Jaguar sponsored BLOODHOUND Project centers on BLOODHOUND SSC, a supersonic car that is designed not only to go faster than the speed of sound but to over 1,000mph or Mach 1.4. The present world land speed record is 763 mph or Mach 1.02 held by Thrust SSC - both cars being piloted by Royal Air Force pilot Squadron Leader Andy Green. It will cover a mile in just 3.6 seconds. Jaguar contributes the F-Type engine which powers the fuel pump and the F-Type R AWD Rapid Response Car. BLOODHOUND SSC is 13.4m long and weighs 7.5 tonnes. The design is a mix of car and aircraft technology, with the front section being a carbon fiber monocoque (like a racing car) and the back portion being a metallic framework and panels (like an aircraft). The two front wheels sit within the body and two rear wheels are mounted externally within wheel fairings.

The car will be powered by both a jet engine and a rocket which together will produce more than 135,000 horsepower: that's more than six times the power of all the Formula 1 cars on a starting grid put together. Over 110 man years of effort have been invested in the design, build and manufacture of BLOODHOUND SSC'

To understand the speed of this car, if a .44 Magnum hand gun was fired at the rear of the car at full speed the bullet would not catch the car.



Jaguar F-Type 550 HP Bloodhound Fuel Pump



Jaguar F-Type R AWD Rapid Response Car



Bloodhound SSC Leaper



Squadron Leader Andy Green - Bloodhound Pilot Fastest Man in the World on wheels

Ed Kokot



Sadly Ed Kokot passed away recently. He was a lng time member of the JCSA and a regular at our First Wednesday dinners. His ready smile will be missed. Our sincere condolences to Pat.



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First Wednesday Dinner



oin us for our monthly social dinner at Firebirds Grill at the La Encantada complex for an informal fun filled evening spent with like thinking Jaguar lovers. This is the perfect spot to socialize and for new joiners to meet with existing members.

Located at La Encantada on Campbell and Skyline. Half Price Drink Specials between 3pm & 7pm Get there between 5 & 6 for mix and mingle Special Mountain Time menu before 6pm www.firebirdsrestaurants.com/locations/tucson-az

There is no need to RSVP as they have been told how many to expect. Please be there at 5 pm to mix and mingle at the bar as usual.





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