

Desert Jaguar

JCNA Club#1

"Then sing, young hearts that are full of cheer, With never a thought of sorrow; The old goes out, but the glad young year Comes merrily in tomorrow."



Lappy New Year to One and Al



President's Message



Greetings JCSA members a n d welcome to your Jaguar Southern Club of Arizona for 2012! We have а new and exciting year for us to enjoy our Jaguars and you have a new Board of Directors. The new Board detailed is

below, complete with mug shots of each of us. Please feel free to seek us out with any issues or suggestions you may have as we are always looking for new ideas. In that light and starting with the February issue of this newsletter we will have a section that is soliciting your input. It will be called *Members Feedback* and we welcome you to provide your thoughts, ideas and recommendations to the general membership and the Board via the newsletter.

I have not had a chance to meet all of you, therefore here is a little about me. I am from Tucson, not a "native" as I was not born here, but I started first grade here in 1953 and finished as a graduate from the University of Arizona. In 1979, I was with AT&T in marketing and sales when I was transferred to Phoenix. After that I had several relocations but spent most of my career in Washington DC. In 2010 Shirley and I purchased a lot in the Preserve at SaddleBrooke and broke ground in November. The house was finished in March and in June of this year we purchased our second Jaguar, a beautiful 2003 XK8 convertible with only 11K miles. The next thing

I knew Lois was asking me if I wanted to run for president of the club and here I am.

This letter was written in December, 2011 so as I write it we will not have had our first Board meeting for 2012. However some initiatives we will be discussing are a possible slalom event, adding several half day drives, a possible drive to California and many other exciting happenings. If you have suggestions for a drive or anything else please contact me either at my home on 520-441-2028 or e-mail at ddechant@wbhsi.net.

Our first drive event for 2012 will be the Mystery Drive to Catalina. Herbie talks about this drive in another section of this newsletter so please join us if you can.

One very special event coming in March is the JCNA Western States Meet and Annual Meeting. This will be held in March 9th through March 14th in Phoenix at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. JCNA has requested that we provide at least 10 cars for the Concours d'Elegance. Therefore if you can join us and display your beautiful Jaguar at the meeting it would be great. There are several classes available and any year and model is eligible. Please let us know ASAP if you would like to attend and show your car.

Remember, we get together for drinks and dinner at Ric's Café at Craycroft and River Road at 5:00pm 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

President

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Herbie Hampton Treasurer





Jake Jacob Secretary

Fred Secker Newsletter Editor



Board Contact details on page 3

Editorial

A Huge Vote of Thanks

In 2012 your Board of Directors is made up mostly of new officers so naturally this means that most people who served last year will not be serving in 2012. Last year's Board enthusiastically gave their time and energy towards the efficient running of our club and deserve a huge vote of thanks. Their commitment is something we should all appreciate. In particular we should recognize the contribution of Dolores Zimmerman to the JCSA over the past years. She has served the club as a board member for ten years, recently as Secretary but also in the past in other roles. What she has given to our club is really quite remarkable.

Lois Bloom is leaving as president, Robert Taylor as vice president and Danny Benedict as newsletter editor. Thank you all so much for your enthusiasm over the last year.

Of special note is the commitment to the club by Herbie Hampton. He is continuing in 2012 to serve the club as treasurer, a demanding role and one which requires a great deal of integrity and responsibility. Well done Herbie and thank you so much.

We will miss the previous board members in their role as officers but fortunately we can look forward to their fun company at club events throughout the year.



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New Club Website

www.jcsaz.com

From January 1st 2012 we will have a new club web site. The address is still the same as it has always been but the design is completely new. Please pay a visit and browse through the various pages and view the slideshows, read about events, wonder at the concours and delve into the 'fun stuff'. I will be improving the content steadily but do remember that this is your club website and should have the layout and content that you, the club member, would wish to see. Please do not hesitate to let me know what you would like to have included on the site.

Web Master: Maggie Secker

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Christmas/Holiday Party

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Christmas/Holiday party at a restaurant instead of having a pot luck dinner at a member's home. It appears that many club members liked this idea, as, according to Lois Bloom, we had a better turn out than last year. Lois,

For the first time the JCSA held their

Bloom, we had a better turn out than last year. Lois, who volunteered her home for last year's Holiday Pot Luck Party, said that we had more people come this year and that the food selection was better. Those in attendance at the dinner all seemed to agree that it was a lot of fun and the food was good.

It started out with all of us meeting at the Doghouse Saloon for cocktails and conversation. Although most of us have been to the Tangue Verde Guest Ranch many times in the past, for meals, none of us even new that the Doghouse Saloon existed. It is about 100 feet from the restaurant and is very rustic inside and when we arrived there was a nice wood fire burning in the fireplace to take the evening chill out of the air. The bar tender/manager, Lisa, dressed in western costume, including a six-shooter and a big knife in holsters, greeted us first arrivers at the door. She is a very friendly and vivacious person and after a bit of conversation she let Fred Kaefer check out her sixshooter. While looking real, it was not. She let us early arrivals taste all of the beers on tap, which included a couple of really potent brews. One was around eleven percent alcohol by volume and another around eight percent. It was a full bar and so you could get any mixed drinks as well as beer and wine. As the main crowd arrived she got really busy and probably could have used a little help serving us, but eventually everyone got their drinks.

Before adjourning to dinner in the restaurant we held the club business meeting and elected the new club officers for the coming year of 2012. You will read about them elsewhere in this newsletter. The club members also passed, with a few dissenting votes, a dues increase from Sixty dollars a year to Sixty-five dollars a year. Fred Secker opposed the dues increase proposal. He told the members that we could bring additional income to the club by raising the price of advertising in our

At dinner we had about eight or so choices from the special Holiday menu to choose from, but everyone at our table except Dolores Z. had the prime rib, which I thought was excellent, as usual, at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. Dolores had some sort of stuff pepper that she said was very good too. companions were very convivial and it was a lot of fun. Overheard at the dinner was the new incoming club president, Doug Dechant, getting some ideas from his table companion, Marianne Fortunato about new restaurants for the club to explore going to in the coming year. You can be sure that your new board will take the new ideas to heart and try to implement at least some of them. A lot of the surveys that were passed out at First Wednesday and e-mailed out were returned, as well. The board appreciates the input of our members and hopes that the rest of the club, that didn't come to dinner, will take the time to fill out the survey and get it to Doug, so that the board can respond to the clubs desires and put on events that appeal to the membership.

The dinner ended about eight-thirty and most left for home well satiated and in good spirits. A few of us decided to return to the Doghouse Saloon for an after dinner libation, where we found Santa's helper Chuck Z. and Lisa, the bar tender, loading the XKR sleigh with all the gifts that club members brought for the underprivileged children of the Tohono O'odham Indian Tribe. That car left the dinner with the trunk jammed and the cockpit packed to the gunnels with gifts. If any club members that didn't attend want to contribute to club's donations to the children, they can contact Dolores Zimmerman and she will be more than glad to assist with any member's donations. Thank-you to all the club members that generously donated to help make Christmas better for those children.

Herbie Hampton



Jaguar Unveils its Latest Supercar C-X16



Jaguar unveils the C-X16 coupe concept, a compact, rear-wheel drive, two-seater. Powered by a supercharged 3.0-liter V6 putting out 376 horsepower, 332 pound-feet of torque, and an eight-speed gearbox. Hybrid system controlled by a steering-wheel mounted 'Push to Pass' button boosts output another 94 hp. A top speed of 186 mph, 0-62 mph in 4.4 seconds and 50-75 mph acceleration in 2.1 seconds with CO2 emissions of 165 g/km.

"The C-X16 embodies the established Jaguar strengths of sensual design, animal-like agility and inspirational performance and combines these with attributes that set us on a course to create sustainable sports cars of the future." Ian Macallum



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First, I would like to thank all of you, who have already sent in your club membership dues for 2012. Some of you sent your renewal dues before to vote to raise that figure from \$60.00 to \$65.00 a year, starting with 2012 dues. I am sorry for your inconvenience, considering that you were trying to make my job easier by paying early, but if you could give me

either a check or \$5.00 cash at either January's 1st Wednesday or at the Mystery Drive, it would be greatly appreciated. Or you could mail it to me if you don't intend to participate in either of those events. For those of you that have not yet renewed, now is the time to write out your check for \$65.00 to the "JCSA" and send it to

Herbie Hampton 11460 E. Placita Rancho Grande Tucson, Az. 85730,

The JCNA has requested that we submit our 2012 rosters by the end of January, 2012, which is about two weeks earlier than in the past. The JCNA wants our roster for 2012 by the end of

January; in order that it doesn't interrupt anyone's receiving of the JCNA's Jaguar Journal. They say that with the old, later date for club roster renewals the process of updating the mailing list wasn't getting done in time for all members to get non-interrupted magazine mailings.

To continue to enjoy camaraderie of fellow Jaguar Owners and participate in our clubs many and varied events and our First Wednesday Dinners we need your support now. By not being on the roster I have to send JCNA, you will be dropped from their membership as well. So, please, I urge you to get your renewal in the mail as soon as possible.

You will not be getting a separate billing from us, so please consider this message as a billing request and act now. Stay an active member of our club and the JNCA by mailing your check for \$65.00, made out to JCSA, right now, TODAY.

Herbie Hampton



Mystery Drive - 1st Event of the New Year - January 21

What seems to have become the traditional first event of the year for the JCSA is fast approaching. That event is the Mystery Drive, but this year it has an added twist in that we will be dining, if that is the word you use for BBQ, at Bubb's Grub in Catalina. We will be ordering off the menu and there will be separate checks, so you won't need to pay in advance.

The drive will be on the west side of town this year, so club members on that side of town will get a chance to be nearer their homes. So mark the date on your calendar, January 21, 2012, which is the third Saturday of the month.

We will be starting, like last year, at the Sentinel Peak, better known locally as A Mountain, parking lot. Departure time for leaving the parking lot will be 10:00 am, so please arrive there early enough to participate in the pre-drive driver's/navigator's meeting, about 9:45 am. At that time I will pass out and explain the easy to interpret directions for the route. As usual the route will remain a secret until then, but I can promise you a chance to see one of the world most beautiful high deserts. And for you snowbirds, a chance to see enough giant Saguaro's to last you until next winter.

The drive is approximately 55 miles and takes between an hour and one-half to an hour and three-quarters. If you are a club member that doesn't like to drive your Jaguar, you can meet us

at the restaurant just for the lunch. We will be calling Bubb's Grub while on the drive to let them know how many people to expect, so if you are planning to meet us at the restaurant, please call or e-mail me the day before the drive, so that we can include you in our count. Bubb's Grub's address is 16010 N. Oracle Rd, in Catalina and is located on the east side of the road.

So let me recap, the date January 21, 9:45 at 'A' Mountain, with a 10:00 departure from there and lunch at Bubb's Grub at noon. So don't miss our first club event and a chance to see some beautiful desert scenery.

For those not familiar with how to find the parking lot, go west on Congress under I-10. Just before Congress makes a sharp right turn (about 25 feet) and changes names to N. Silverbell Rd, there is a turn off to the left. Make the left and follow the road up the mountain (watch for speed bumps). Take your time going up the mountain to appreciate the fantastic views of the valley, on the way up. You will pass the top of the drive and start back down the mountain. A short way after you start back down there is a turn off to the left that leads up to the parking lot.

I hope to see you there for a great drive and some delicious BBQ.

Herbie Hampton



Clark Gable and the Jaguar XK120

In 1949, Hollywood actor Clark Gable was one of the first Americans to buy the new Jaguar XK-120. The photo shows Gable with Jaguar founder, Sir William Lyons in California around 1950. Reportedly, Clark Gable was such a fan of the car that he purchased several more.





OUR VERY OWN HERO - BILL BADGER



Amid the bloody horror of the Tucson shootings a year ago this month, which took the lives of 6 people and wounded 13, including Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, it was possible to miss the acts of heroism that succeeded in bringing down gunman Jared Lee Loughner. After Loughner began shooting people at a Giffords event, Retired Army Colonel Bill Badger, 75, grabbed Loughner's wrist and pushed him to the ground. Roger Salzgeber, 61, also pounced, throwing his body weight on top of Loughner. As the gunman struggled to pull another magazine from his pocket, Patricia Maisch, 62, scooped it up, preventing him from reloading. All three point out that many others behaved with heroism that day: nearby shoppers, first-responders, hospital personnel. "One of the lessons I've learned is there are very good people out there," Maisch says.

from AARP Magazine







For Sale

1985 Jaguar XJS V12 HE Looking for a Good Home.

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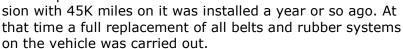
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Wanted

Looking for a MK 2 Jaguar

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XK Jaguars in Eastern Europe

By Fred & Maggie Secker

Here at last is the eagerly anticipated second half of Equipe XKlusive's driving tour to Budapest and Eastern Europe. To recap, in June 2011 we toured Eastern



Europe wth 10 XK Jaguars and had just arrived in Budapest, watched a Folk dance performance and had dinner on a cruise boat on the River Danube. This of course was a hard act to follow so next day we took a guided tour of Budapest to get up to speed with the history and architecture of what was once the joint capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. From the glory of empire to the misery of Soviet domination Hungary has had a most varied recent history. But now the country is a free democracy, a member of the European Union and a delightful place to visit.

Leaving Budapest we reclaimed our Jaguars from the depths of the hotel car park, trundled over the cobbled streets of the Old Town, drove over the Danube and headed out of the city, North into the brand new country of Slovakia once a part of Czechoslovakia now a separate independent country. Initially our route took us over the Great European Central Plain but soon we were climbing the foothills of the Carpathian Mountain range and before we knew it we were through Slovakia and climbing our XKs up into the High Tatra Mountains of Southern Poland to visit Zakopane, a popular ski resort and summer playground. Here we stayed in a Belle Epoque mansion in the center of town and dined at a typical Polish restaurant complete with oompah band and roast boar.

After our fleeting visit to Poland we headed South back into Slovakia where the landscape is dotted with medieval castles; most famous of these being Orava Castle set high on a blade of rock and scene of the very first vampire movie, Nostradamus. Needless to say the atmosphere on our guided tour

was very creepy.

Moving on after Orava we hit the freeway for our drive into Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia which is entered over a most dis-

tinctive bridge resembling the tripod aliens from the movie War of the Worlds. In Austro-Hungarian times Bratislava was virtually a suburb of Vienna so it has many fine buildings, none more so than the baroque Opera House where we watched a performance of Mozart's Don Giovanni. Our seats next to the royal box gave a superb view of the stage and the full symphony orchestra. What an evening!

From Bratislava we drove West to skirt around Vienna and then along the shore of the Danube to our lunch stop at Durnstein, famous as the place where Richard the Lionheart was held to ransom while returning from the crusades in the 12th century. Replete after lunch on the terrace of Schloss Durnstein we continued along the Danube, left Austria and drove into the Czech Republic and our next destination, Cesky Krumlov, an ancient town built in the loop of a river and overlooked by a most imposing castle.

We continued to add to our list of countries by driving through Southern Germany. What a delightful countryside for cruising in an XK Jaguar! Pristine villages, winding roads and shady forests and then the jewel of Bavaria, the perfectly preserved medieval town of Rothenburg. The highlight of our visit here was an evening tour of the town guided by the Night Watchman who regaled us with tales of bygone primitive times.

Saturated with ancient history it was now time to head home and spend a few days driving along quiet French country roads to Calais and through the Channel Tunnel to England. Home safe and ready for next year's XK Jaguar tour to Corsica.



