

February 2012



JCNA Club#1

Desert Jaguar

And so my fellow Club Members.....

...ask not what your club can do for you but what you can do for your club.



NUB 120 was by far the most successful of the competition XK120s which, more than any other model, was the car that established Jaguar's motor sport credentials. The vehicle was privately owned and campaigned by Ian Appleyard, with his wife Patricia (Sir William Lyons' daughter) acting as navigator. After narrowly coming second in the first event he entered, the 1950 Tulip Rally in Holland, Appleyard then strung together an impressive run of victories including the Alpine Rally in 1950 and 1951, the 1951 RAC Rally, and the 1951 Tulip Rally. Despite failing to win the Alpine Rally outright in 1952, the third consecutive run without incurring a single penalty point earned the first ever Gold Cup for the car!

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President's Message

It is February already and only here in Arizona is this considered the last real month of winter. The bad news is this is a leap year so we will have to put up with one more day of winter. The good news is your club has put together a driving event that should keep you warm. On Sunday February 19th we will be driving to Sonoita and Elgin for a wine tasting. In addition to enjoying your Jaguar on Highway 83, we are planning a private luncheon, wine tasting and you get to keep a very nice wine glass. It will be held at the Kief-Joshua Vineyard in Elgin where they are providing us with a tour and our own dining room that has an exceptional view. I can personally confirm that this promises to be a lot of fun as Marianne Mandziak gave Shirley and me perfect instructions (thanks Marianne) on what wineries to inspect and we had a great time. There is more detailed information on this event elsewhere in this newsletter, so if you can, please join us.



Once again I remind you that the Annual General Meeting and Western States Meet of the JCNA will be held in Chandler with activities held from March 7 through the 14th. JCNA has put together an exciting list of activities over the seven day event. The AGM meeting will be on the 10th and the Concours will be on the 11th. I will be representing our Club at the AGM as a delegate. I recommend that you come up for at least the Concours, as it promises to be an exciting JCNA event. This exciting weeklong meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza San Marcos Resort. The San Marcos is a beautiful resort and JCNA has negotiated a special room rate of only \$109 per night for all

JCNA members.

March is a busy month for the Club as on March 4th we will have a picnic drive to Picacho Peak and on the 31st we will be at Davis Monthan AFB to enter our cars in their car show. All proceeds for this show help the Kachina Fund that is used to support young enlisted men and women and their families. So take a short drive to Chandler for the JCNA Concours, join us for a picnic, help our military and join all of the fun.

We are looking for members to help organize and conduct our local events. I would like to see us do events that we have not done before and your thoughts, ideas and energy on this is critical. You can volunteer at any time by contacting the chairman of the Driving Committee, Chuck Zimmerman, anyone on the Board, or just come to our next Board meeting on March 3rd, 2:00 pm at Royal Jaguar.

Lastly we had our Mystery Drive on January 21st. 15 cars met at A Mountain and drove to Catalina on some really twisty and fun roads. Herbie Hampton selected the route and Dolores Zimmerman worked with the restaurant to provide us with a really great event. My thanks to both for a wonderful drive, great food and a good time.

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

Calling all JCSA Members to attend the 2012 Western States Meet March 7 through the 14th

The JCNA Western States weeklong meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza San Marcos Resort in Chandler, AZ. The San Marcos is a beautiful resort and we have a special room rate of only \$109 per night, reduced from \$189. We hope you can attend this spectacular event as the Concours is attracting cars from all over America. In addition you will find that there are many events during that week you may want to attend. Should you do decide to enter your Jaguar in the Concours please let your JCSA Board know so we can ensure the JCNA is aware of our participation. For more information please review the exciting schedule on the JCNA national web site at www.jcna.com and click on the AGM and Western States Meeting. I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend and enjoy this exciting event.

Douglas Dechant, President JCSA, Home: 520-441-2028 e-mail: ddechant@wbhsi.net

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2012 Events Calendar

Feb 19	Driving Tour to Sonoita with Wine tasting at Elgin & Lunch
March 3	Board Meeting
March 4	Picacho Peak Picnic
March 6-14	JCNA AGM & Western States Meet in Phoenix
March 31	Breakfast and drive to Davis Monthan Airforce Base for Car Show incl Lunch.
April 8	Drive to Boyce Thompson Arboretum.
April 21 or 22	High Performance Driver Education at Pinal Airpark.
May 12/13	Dramamine Lite. Drive to the White Mountains.
May 19	Jaguars at the Zoo. Behind the scenes at the Jaguar Enclosure
June 2	President's Pancake Breakfast at Agua Caliente Park.
June 17	Evening Dinner Drive to Luna Bella.
July 4	Independence Day Party at Lois Bloom's place. Watch the fireworks!
July 27-30	Extended Tour to California Wine Country.
August	Skyline Country Club Dinner. Date TBA.
Sept 29/30	Jaguars in Jerome.
Oct 14	High Performance Driver Education at Pinal Airpark.
Oct 26/27	Concours D'Elegance at St. Philip's Plaza.
Nov 18	Slalom at Marana Airport.
November	Drive to Gammon's Gulch followed by Lunch (tentative).
December 8	Holiday Party at Al & Linda's lovely home

We will of course continue to meet for social dining at Ric's Café on the First Wednesday of each month.

WHY NOT PRINT THIS PAGE AND CLIP IT TO YOUR CALENDAR AT HOME?

Join the fun at our next event

Warm-up with a Great Drive and a Wine Tasting!

On February 19 at 10:30am we will be meeting at the Chevron Plaza at the Wilmot Road exit on I-10 to drive to Sonoita for a wine tasting at the beautiful Kief-Joshua Winery. There we will enjoy lunch consisting of assorted sandwiches and an omelet bar! In addition you will have the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful selection of wines. To make this special we will have our own separate dining room and a private tour of the winery. The tariff for the luncheon is \$8.00 per person. The wine tasting is an additional \$5.00 and you keep the glass! In addition if you wish to visit other wineries in the area they will give you a discount off their wine tasting when you bring a Kief-Joshua glass. We believe this event will be very popular. As we will have limited space in their dining room please RSVP to me at your earliest convenience.

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Club Events Coming Shortly

A real effort has been made this year to provide a large number of events with a wide variety of interest so there are sure to be some outings that appeal to you. Do come out and join in the fun, drive your Jaguars and PARTICIPATE. See page 3 for a complete list of the year's events.

February 19

A picturesque drive to the Sonoita Area for wine tasting and lunch at the Kief-Joshua Winery. See page 3 in this issue for full description.

March 4

Picnic in the Sahuaros and Spring Flowers in Picacho Peak State Park. Drive your Jaguars and bring your own picnic to enjoy the delights of Picacho Peak. Full details will appear in the March newsletter and will be sent out by email well in advance of this excellent event.

March 11 - 13

The Western States Meet in Phoenix is a huge JCNA event which follows immediately after the JCNA AGM. On Sunday 11th is a Concours D'Elegance and a Mexican themed dinner. On Monday 12th is a driving tour followed by a British Invasion/60s Costume Party. On Tuesday 13th is a Slalom and in the evening an Awards Banquet. Come to all of the above or pick and choose which events appeal to you. There will be a group going up from Tucson so if you have any interest please contact Doug Dechant on ddechant@wbhsi.net or 520 441 2028. The events will take place around the Hotel San Marcos Resort where they are offering a special room price of \$109 to those in the Jaguar group. Call 800 528 8071.

March 31

Breakfast meeting and drive to Davis Monthan Airbase for Car Show and Lunch in aid of Young Servicemen charity.



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Minutes of the first meeting of the 2012 JCSA Board of Directors

Held Jan 7th, 2012 in the Conference Room at Royal Jaguar, Tucson AZ

In attendance: Doug Dechant – President
 Richard Mandziak – Vice President
 Herbie Hampton – Treasurer
 Jake Jacob - Secretary
 Fred Secker – Vice President, Newsletter Editor

Also attending: Chuck Zimmerman – Driving Committee Chair; Maggie Secker – Web Master; Dolores Zimmerman – Advisory Council; Claire Hampton – Member; Darrell Anderson – Member-at-Large.

- The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM
- Before business began, Darrell Anderson was asked (and agreed) to serve as "Member-At-Large", a non-voting position. He would be considered to be a member of the Advisory Council.
- There were no minutes available from the previous Board meeting.
- Treasurer's Report; Herbie presented the 2011 JCSA Financial Report. It showed a beginning balance of \$2,254.13 and ending balance of \$2,537.93. The report was accepted as presented.
- The results of the recent member survey was discussed, and will be used to develop future events.
- The 2012 Event Calendar was discussed in depth. Refer to 2012 Events Calendar on page 3 in this issue.
- It was agreed to provide an allowance of \$1,000 to the Concours Chair to cover expenses and subsidize the cost of the Awards Banquet.
- It was decided to email the newsletter to known Jaguar-owning non-members, with the hope of encouraging them to join/re-join the club.
- The next Board meeting will be held March 3rd, at Royal Jaguar, beginning at 2 PM.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM



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Your JCSA Board and the Driving Events Committee need you.

I know you have ideas for some great half day events that the club is looking for. If you would like to take the lead and help us plan a successful and interesting 2012 please let us know. Contact the Driving Events Chairman Chuck Zimmerman or any Board member if you would like to volunteer.

Doug Dechant

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Grrreat Start

"Tony the Tiger" may have coined the word **grrreat** to sell the taste of his cereal, but he doesn't have exclusive usage of the word. And it is the purrfect word for our Jaguars to express how they liked the first driving event of the JCSA's new year. I don't want to seem to be blowing my own horn, but since no one wanted to write about the Mystery Drive/Bubb's Grub BBQ, I shall modestly (ha ha) say that according to all the compliments that I heard about the drive and lunch it was a **grrreat** event with a **grrreat** turn out.

We had fifteen cars that met at Sentinal Peak Park (A Mountain) for the start of our drive. There were thirteen Cats and two brand X vehicles. New members, Ray and his lovely wife Sanda O'Brien were driving brand X because their cat is in winter hibernation up in Boston. And of course yours truly and his lovely wife, Claire are still waiting for a safety gauge for the XK140, so was also driving brand X, but at least it was a British brand X. Also joining us were perspective members, Bob and his lovely wife Pam Asbell, in an XK8. Hopefully they liked the drive the people they met and will be joining our club soon.

The weather was ideal for the drive, temperature in the 70's and a light cloud cover to keep the sun from baking us. But only two cars that I can recall that made the drive with the top down, Tom Durham, in his beautiful blue E-Type OTS, his lovely wife Daria not being there to protest about too much fresh air. Rich and his lovely wife, Rita Skillman, wrapped in their Mink jackets and appropriate head gear, also in a beautiful E-Type OTS. But then again, if it weren't for car shows, where the top has to be up for judging, the Skillman's never put their top up. Darrell (Andy) Anderson mentioned to me that he thought that if he suggested putting the top down on his convertible, his lovely wife, Carol would protest, so he made the intelligent decision, not to bring the subject up. After all, "A happy wife means a happy life."

Departing "A" mountain the parade of cats padded their way up Starr Pass and then over Gates Pass amongst the Saguaros that were too numerous to count. At a mostly leisurely rate of speed we twisted and wound our way up and down and

round the hills of Saguaro National Park, giving our cats a chance to show off their agility. With a cavalcade of fifteen cars it is pretty hard to all stay together, but by staying mostly off major roads and avoiding a lot of stop lights, we managed pretty well to stay together. The only exception that I know of was the Zimmerman's, who arrived late at the starting point and didn't get the route directions. They ended up getting trapped behind a slow moving RV, but knowing the final destination and by taking a more direct route for part of the drive, caught up to the caravan before we got to the restaurant.

Arriving at Bubb's Grub just after 11:30, we were joined by the lovely Lois Bloom, who eschewed the drive to exercise. Can you believe it, someone that would rather go to the gym than drive their cat! It's unimaginable. There we sat at two large tables and enjoyed some good BBQ and what I thought, was excellent service. But, I guess the two beers I had might have tinged my perception. At the lunch table, our Pres., Doug Dechant, accompanied by his lovely wife Shirley, brought out a copy of the January newsletter, so that we could all see the great production done by Fred Secker and printed by Royal Jaguar. Thank you to Royal for your support of our club. Fred, along with his lovely wife Maggie, made the drive, and got to take home the copy of the newsletter.

After lunch we had an unplanned bonus for the ladies (and some of their husbands), of a little shopping trip to the local thrift store, located next door. I don't know if anyone else picked up anything there, but Claire picked up a novel and I picked up some Hi-ball glasses, so that when Chuck Z. and his lovely wife, Dolores visits, he will have a proper glass for his Bloody Mary.

And in closing I would like to apologize to all the lovely wives, whose names were not mentioned in this article, whether they were present on this drive or stayed at home. Why do I apologize? Because I believe that saying, "That a happy wife means a happy life." I also believe that a happy cat is a cat that can show off its agility on a **GRREAT** event like this one was.

Herbie Hampton



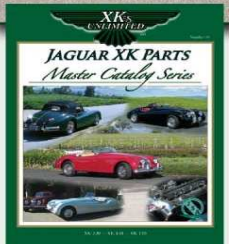
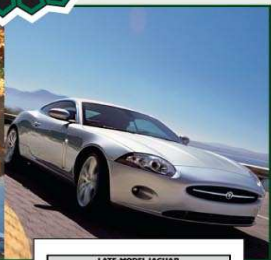
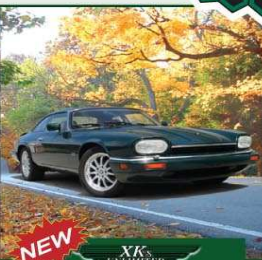
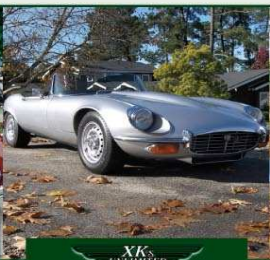
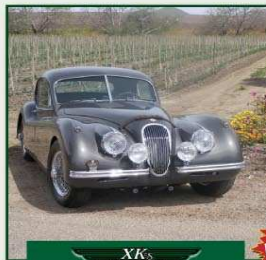
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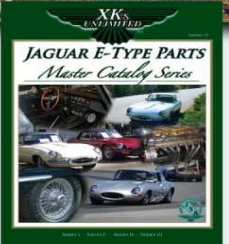
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Jaguar Establishes a Racing Pedigree in 1951

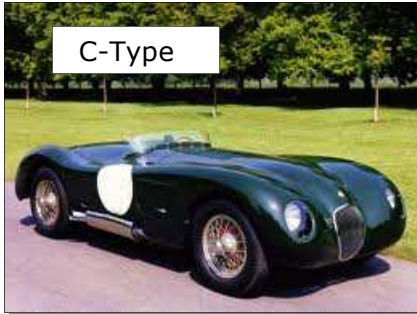
After an exploratory trip to Le Mans in 1950, it was realised that Jaguar had the makings of a successful competition car.

Consequently Sir William Lyons was persuaded that a car should be produced solely with racing in mind. Hence the XK120C was born or, as the car is more generally known, the C-type. Three C-types were finished just in time for Le Mans in 1951. The Jaguars were an unknown quantity, yet the C-type driven by Peter Walker and Peter Whitehead recorded a remarkable victory on its racing debut.

Meanwhile, Jaguar engineers had been working in conjunction with Dunlop on a new development, the disc brake. This was to be Jaguar's secret

weapon upon their return to Le Mans in 1953. With their fade-free brakes the D-types could decelerate at the end of the three and a half mile Mulsanne Straight from speeds of around 150 mph, with complete confidence, and they could leave their braking far later than their rivals.

The result was a complete walkover – the Jaguars finishing first, second and fourth. If further proof were needed that Jaguar was now a world force and the XK engine a world beater, then the emphatic Le Mans triumph of '53, against one of the strongest fields any race had ever seen, provided it. By the end of the decade, Jaguar C-types, and the D-types that followed, had achieved a total of five victories at Le Mans.



C-Type



D-Type








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Valentine's Day Feature



Rudolph ("Rudy") Valentino was born and christened - are you ready for this? - Rodolfo Alfonzo Raffaello Pierre Filibert Guglielmi di Valentina d'Antonguolla, in Castellaneta, Italy, in 1895. His early life was marked by failure. He was a Navy drop-out, and ended up begging on the streets of Paris in 1912. In 1913 he managed to travel to New York on a small inheritance, where he was soon after booked by police for petty theft and blackmail. Valentino found work as a dancer, performed in nightclubs, and eventually made his way to Hollywood. No person ever possessed as much film "star quality" as Valentino, or so tradition has it. By the 1920's he was generally typecast in silents, usually playing the passionate, romantic Latin lover or Arab type of leading man. Inside contacts brought Valentino the lead in "The Four Horsemen Of The Apocalypse" (1921), a smash hit at the box office. His performances in "Camille" (1921), and "The Sheik" (1921) made women swoon. "The Sheik" initiated a fad in Arabian style interior decorating across America. "Blood and Sand" (1922) followed, another hit. Then after that "The Eagle" (1925) scored successfully, and that was followed by "The Son Of The Sheik" (1926), which many believed to be a better film than the original. In August, 1926, at the age of 31, Valentino was rushed suddenly to a hospital in New York, with a perforated ulcer. He died an agonizing death from blood poisoning and pleurisy. When his death was announced, many American women became hysterical. Some fans committed suicide.

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