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# Desert Jaguar

Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The 2019 Jaguar XJ?

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| <b>Jan 3</b>        | <b>First Wednesday Dinner</b>             |
| <b>Jan 6</b>        | <b>JCSA Board Meeting</b>                 |
| <b>Jan 25</b>       | <b>JCSA Potluck Social</b> (Dan Veenstra) |
| <b>April 9 - 12</b> | <b>JCSA Spring Drive</b> (Abbe Meyer)     |

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## The Prez Sez

*Happy New Year!*

First and foremost, I want to thank all of the members who put together events for 2017. You made 2017 a resounding success for our Club. It is my hope that we will have the same strong participation from our members in 2018.

And a sincere thank you to the two outgoing members of the Board of Directors: Chan Dayton, President and Stephen Saltonstall, Vice President. Chan and Steve will still be involved with the Club for 2018. As a past President, Chan will now occupy a seat on the Advisory Council. In addition, Steve has graciously agreed to be a member of the Advisory Council. I also want to thank the continuing members of the Leadership team: Carroll Lam, Jim Hart, Sharon Weatherbie, Dave Christensen,

Darrell Anderson, Cameron Sheahan and Skip Bailey. This is a strong team and I am looking forward to working with everyone to make 2018 one of the best years ever for our Club.

We will have a BOD meeting at Royal Jaguar on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM. If you would like to help out in 2018, please join us. For those of you who cannot make this date, we will be having another prior to April. After that I am not sure what the schedule will be as Royal will start an extensive remodel of their building. More to come on that. Please remember there will be a Pot Luck Social on January 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact Dan Veenstra at [dan@tucsonarizona.town](mailto:dan@tucsonarizona.town).

Thank you all again and I am looking forward to 2018.

*Please join us in welcoming our new members!*

*Gordon and Connie Bourgeois.*

*They are a two Jaguar family with Gordon's 2007 XK and Connie's 2007 XJ8.*

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## JCSA's 2018 Spring Multi Day Driving Trip

Mark your calendars for a four day and three night excursion to Lake Powell with a stop in beautiful Sedona.

**April 9<sup>th</sup> day one, Sedona.** Leave Tucson around 8:30AM. That evening we will stay at the Hilton Resort at Bell Rock ([www.hiltonsedonaresort.com](http://www.hiltonsedonaresort.com)) which is in the Village of Oak Creek. Hilton room rate is \$199 + \$20 resort fee for JCSA members (normally \$324 and up). To make reservations, call (877) 273-3762 and identify yourself as a JCSA member. Also you can click on this link <http://group.hilton.com/Jaguar-Club> to make your reservations. **To receive the discount you must make reservations no later than February 23, 2018.**

Dinner will be at Cucina Rustica.

**April 10, day two, Lake Powell.** We will be staying at the Lake Powell Resort ([www.lakepowell.com](http://www.lakepowell.com), click on lodging then Lake Powell Resort.) Our Club members will receive 10% off their nightly room rate. Mention our discount code of **LP18GD**. Make your reservation ASAP to secure the discount. Do not wait until the last minute as the sooner you make your reservations, the better the discount. A hosted cocktail hour will be prior to dinner. The restaurant for dinner is yet to be selected. Also, Lake Powell is part of the National Park System, so get your senior national park pass to get a reduced rate.



**April 11, day three.** We are planning a boat ride to the Rainbow Bridge. This is a 5 to 6 hour ride on a large power boat with restrooms and both inside and outside seating. Box lunches will be available for \$16.50 each. There will be a hosted cocktail hour before dinner. Dinner will be at the Rainbow restaurant at the resort.

**April 12, day four.** Depart Lake Powell for home. However, you can visit Lake Powell Dam, the Slot in Antelope Canyon or other points of interest on the way home.

**Please RSVP or direct any questions to Abbe Meyer at [abbevette@yahoo.com](mailto:abbevette@yahoo.com)**

Both Hotels indicate they are pet friendly, but confirm when making your reservations.



# Firebirds Grill

## First Wednesday Dinner-January 3

Join us for our monthly social dinner at Firebirds Grill at La Encantada on Campbell and Skyline.

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## JCSA Potluck Social-January 25

The third JCSA Potluck Social will be held at the home of Toni and Dan Veenstra. The get-together will be from 5 PM to 9PM. Mark your calendars if you are free to join us. RSVPs should be to Toni at (520)789-6644

## The History of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona

The Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona is one of the oldest clubs in North America, originally founded by soldiers stationed at Ft Huachuca, Arizona who returned from Europe after World War II. The club at that time was called the "Classic Jaguar Club". They were bringing back Jaguar automobiles after their occupation duties in England.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, 1972, twelve Jaguar enthusiast met at Ft Huachuca to discuss problems with their respective Jaguars. The assemblage decided to form a club with officers, assigned responsibilities, etc., with the intent and purpose of helping interest persons in acquiring, rebuilding, and showing off Jaguars. The group was not interested in racing, but more in the technical aspects of where to get parts and how to rebuild Jaguars. The name "Classic Jaguar Club of Arizona" was agreed upon. Officers were elected and committee assignments made.

As more members were from the Air Force stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, the club was moved to Tucson and renamed the "Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona" to encompass members throughout the southern part of the state. The Club was legally incorporated under the laws of the State of Arizona on April 4th, 1976.

At that time, as the only Jaguar Club in Arizona, it had members from Yuma, Nogales, Phoenix area, and Lordsburg, New Mexico. In 1978 the club sponsored the formation of a club in Phoenix to include the Northern part of the state which was named the Jaguar Club of Central Arizona.

The club was frequented by members of the Hollywood set when they were in Tucson to film at Old Tucson. Two of the more notable attendees were Clark Gable with his white XK120 with its red wheels, and Stewart Granger with his XK 120.

The club started holding a Concours d'Elegance soon after its formal chartering and held its 45<sup>th</sup> consecutive Concours in November 2017.

With strong leadership through the years and the great sponsorship of Royal Jaguar in Tucson the club has continued to flourish.

*(Note: Most of the elements of the club history above are thanks to inputs from Len Wheeler, a long-time club member who currently lives in Sierra Vista, AZ.)*



## **JAG XJ WILL REMAIN TOP CAT EVEN AS MORE SUVs LOOM**

The XJ sedan will stay as flagship as Jag leaves luxury SUVs to Land Rover. Luxury SUVs are back with a force and we haven't even reached Peak SUV -- the BMW X7 and the Rolls Royce Cullinan have yet to hit the market. It's tough to be a luxury brand without a rolling living room wrapped in cross-stitched leather today, but it's still reassuring to hear that Jaguar plans to play it cool.

Autocar reports Jaguar plans to keep the XJ sedan, rather than a potential large SUV, as its flagship, citing comments by Jag design boss Ian Callum. But the brand is not ruling out a larger SUV -- it's easy enough with the Land Rover parts bin nearby -- but according to Callum there is a consensus within the company that such an SUV would not be positioned as the company's flagship offering. "An SUV was discussed, but it's not the mainstay of the brand,"

Callum told Autocar at the Frankfurt motor show earlier this year. "There's more sophistication for a flagship sedan than a flagship SUV," Callum added. "Only one brand can have an SUV as its flagship due to its origins, and that's Land Rover."

This is news, first and foremost, because the XJ itself has been far from the top seller for the brand for the past few years, battling much higher-volume models such as the BMW 7-Series, Audi A8 and Mercedes-Benz S Class.

This means that even though a "J-Pace" SUV positioned above the F-Pace is still expected, Jaguar won't seek to make it a competitor to the long-wheelbase Range Rover Autobiography, opting to stay closer to the character of the brand instead of reaching for low-hanging profit. A large SUV from Jag, according to Callum, will opt to offer a sporty experience rather than becoming a Jag version of the Range Rover.

As for the XJ itself, expect to see the next-gen flagship sedan in 2019, by which time the current model will have reached the ripe old age of 10. This means that we'll see it in near-production form this time next year, while the J-Pace will likely materialize in 2020 if given the green light.





## 2018 Jaguar Sportbrake

Years ago Jaguar stopped importing the X Type Sportbrake. But now the 2018 XF-S Jaguar Sportbrake has arrived at Royal. It is based on the XF platform, and to my eye, is perhaps one of the prettiest Jaguars made today.



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Royal has one in stock now with another on its way. I saw a previous version of the Sportbrake in London a few years back and wanted one, but they were not being imported to the USA at that time. However, Jaguar has changed their minds so they are coming to the USA! Drop by and take a look at one of my favorite Jaguars.

PS: Look for the Jaguar E-Pace arriving at Royal at the middle of January, 2018.

**Douglas Dechant**



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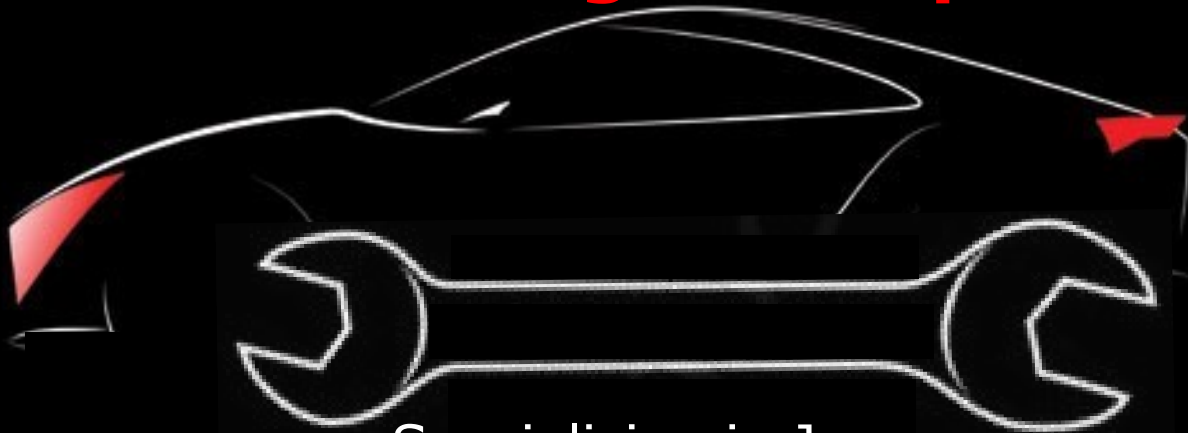
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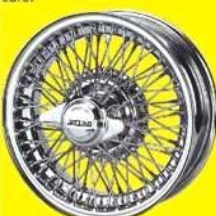
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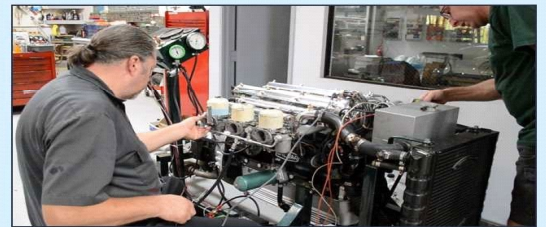
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