



Desert Jaguar



Lois Bloom's 2009 XKR 4.2 440 HP Supercharged Convertible
 My 2009 4.2 ltr Supercharged Jaguar XKR is a fantastic ride! From the loud rumble of the 440hp engine that Jag provides for "driver satisfactions" to the comfort of the plush interior and sophisticated design... this car has been by far the sweetest ride I have ever driven. I drove it up the Central California Coast Highway 1 last summer with the top down all the way to Carmel and Monterey, and must say it was a far cry from the last time I drove that route in 1981 when I drove it in my 1960 VW Karmann Ghia convertible. LOVE IT, LOVE IT, LOVE IT!!!

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President's Message

It is July and Shirley and I are getting ready to travel to Germany to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. Shirley has never been to Europe, but I lived in Germany for five years, three with my parents (USAF) and two on my own (US Army) over 40 years ago. I am excited to be going back as my grandfather on my dad's side came from Germany.

Unfortunately since Jaguar is no longer owned by Ford it no longer allows Hertz, or any other car rental to offer their cars for rental. This is a shame as the ability to experience an exciting and quality automobile like a Jaguar for a few days would have to help their overall sales targets.

As you know by now, Ric's is closed for the 4th of July and thanks to the efforts of Marianne Fortunato we are celebrating at Azul's in the La Palmona Resort. Another great event organized by Marianne will be on July 28th where there is a



drive on Spanish Trail to Hacienda del Lago in Vail. More details on this can be found in this newsletter and in your e-mail.

Fred Secker, our newsletter editor, is waiting for your e-mails to our new initiative

"Members Input". This is where we hear from you to tell us what we are doing right and what you would like to have us do. Please let us know your thoughts so we can do a better job for you.

In future please inform Ric's Café that you will be there for our first Wednesday dinner. We tend to have from 15 to over 30 members at these dinners so they have asked us to do this. It is not a lot to ask and it should help them schedule their servers to provide us with better service. Call 520 577 7272.

Thank you for belonging to the Jaguar family. Have fun and be safe.

Doug

JCNA AGM 2013 - Mexico City - April 9 to 13

This is a chance of a life time for most to visit Mexico City, a week long event is available beginning on Tuesday, April 9th. This will be an ideal time for all JCNA members to take a vacation in Mexico City, even if you do not want to attend the AGM. There are several tours scheduled, more if there are enough people attending who want to go places. All tours will be accompanied by English speaking members of the Mexico City Jaguar club.

Tuesday-Tour the National Museum Of Anthropology or Mexican Artcrafts Market,

Tuesday Evening- Dinner at a local restaurant,

Wednesday-Pyramids Tour, **Wednesday Evening**-Dinner At "El Lago" Restaurant,

Thursday- Santa Fe Fashion Mall or JCNA BOD Meeting,

Thursday Evening-Welcome Dinner At "Hacienda De Los Morales" Restaurant,

Friday-AGM Or San Angel, Coyoacán And Xochimilco Tour, **Friday Evening**- Awards Banquet,

Saturday-Concours D'elegance.

A very Warm Welcome to our Newest Members

William Munyon - 2003 XKR

and

Linda & Ronald Wetter - 2005 S-Type

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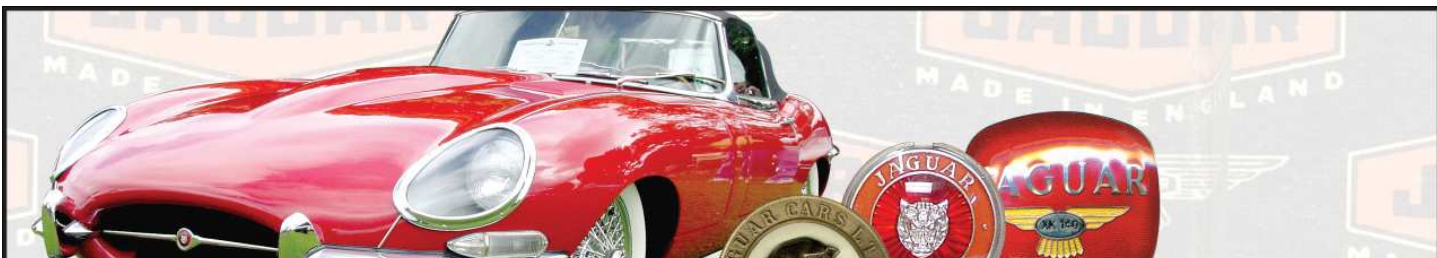
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Dramamine Lite 2012

May 12/13

Saturday morning has arrived with great expectations of a weekend of touring with our "cats". Although few in number, we are all lovers of driving our "cats", whether it is just around town or on the open road. To many people a Jaguar automobile is just an elegant vehicle to get one from one place to another, but to us it is a chance to experience the enjoyment of driving a vehicle steeped in history as one of the finest and most responsive vehicles ever built. Included in our numbers were Jake & Colleen Jacob, Andy & Carol Anderson, Rich Mandziak, Chuck & Dolores Zimmerman, and Claire and me.

Our first stop after leaving Tucson was at Texas Canyon, a lovely place for a rest stop among the huge and stately boulders that litter the canyon and seem totally out of place with the surrounding Arizona desert. From there we continued on to Safford where most of us topped off our gas tanks and stopped at the Manor House for a late breakfast. There we met the owner of our eating establishment and found that he owned several motels in town as well as the restaurant. Claire also discovered that he had lived in Milwaukee, her home town, for about twelve years.

After breakfast we continued on, crossing the state line from Arizona into New Mexico and our next stop, Cat Walk Canyon State Park. I must say that if you are ever in that area you must stop and enjoy the beauty of this park. We left our cars for a walk through the narrow canyon and above a rushing creek on suspended steel walkways. The first part of the walk is very easy with a paved path with little climbing involved. Beyond that point, which is about one half a mile, the trail begins to climb and is not paved, but Rich and Andy & Carol braved the more rugged terrain and ventured on to the top.

Leaving Cat Walk Park we drove up into the White Mountains, with a stop for a refreshment break and to stretch our legs at Eagar before continuing on to the Hon Dah Hotel and Casino. After checking in and a quick clean up we all met at the Spirit Bar for drinks before proceeding to the restaurant for dinner. After dinner several people decided to try their luck in the casino. At least three people actually came out ahead, Chuck, Dolores and Colleen. Oh yeah, Claire also was a winner. Neither she nor I are big gamblers and so were very happy to end up winners by \$1.50.

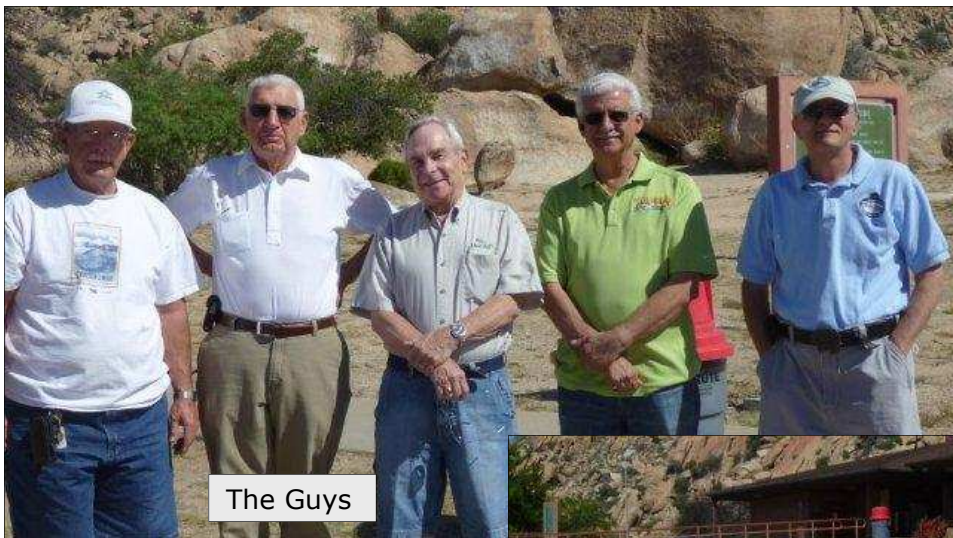
After breakfast the next morning (both dinner and breakfast were included in the price of the room) and filling our gas tanks, we left Hon Dah for our return home, stopping at the White River Canyon to enjoy the beautiful and dramatic views and for a photo op. From there it was on back to Tucson with short stops in Globe and Winkelman to stretch our legs, and discuss a possible trip to Laughlin next year to replace Dramamine Drive. Chuck and I will be working on that, and if it works out we hope you will join us next year for a new and exciting trip for our "Cats".

Arriving back in Tucson we culminated our weekend with a wonderful lunch on the patio of the Wildflower Restaurant, where we were joined by Marianne Fortunato, who was unable to do the Dramamine Lite drive because of work commitments. This brought to conclusion a very fun weekend with no tickets and no breakdowns, and high expectations of a new drive next spring to, hopefully, Laughlin.

Herbie Hampton



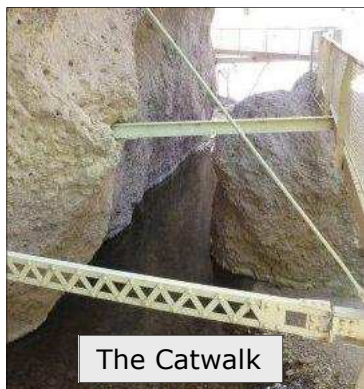
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Jaguars at the Zoo

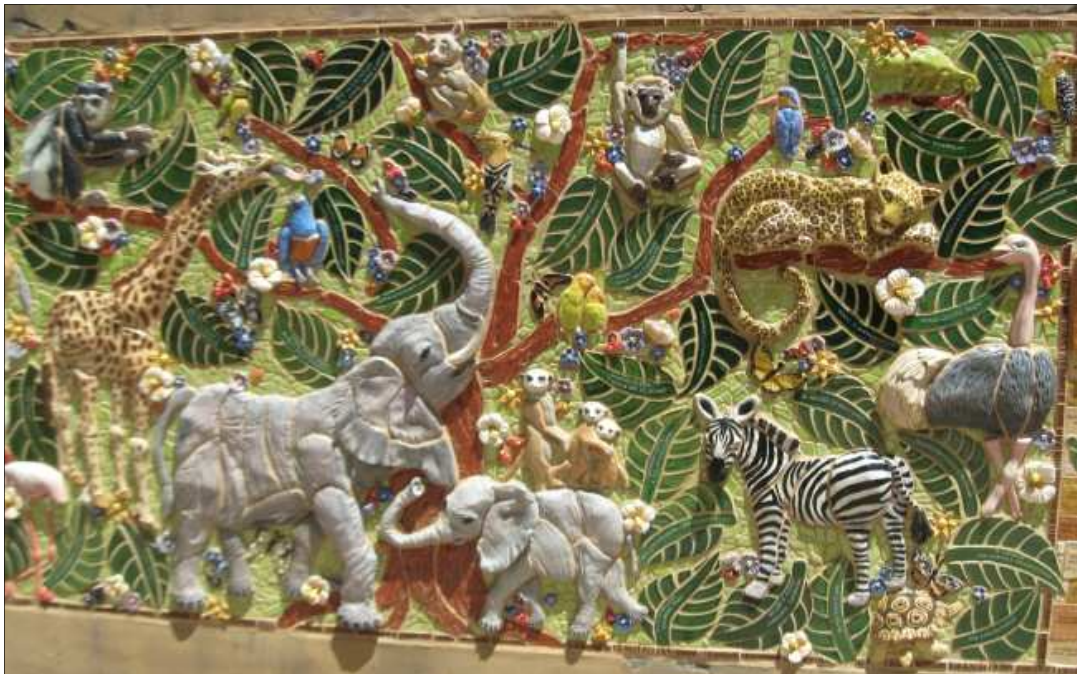
On Sunday May 20th your club held a Jaguars at the Zoo event and the beautiful cats were fantastic. This was not an event to miss. Fourteen of our members parked their Jaguars together and met at the ticket booth with our personal zoo guide, Jed. Jed guided us behind the enclosures where we could see, but definitely not touch, the cats up close. He pointed out that the Jaguar is the most feared of all of the cats and has only one natural predator, man. They were absolutely beautiful.

Jed then took us to the lion exhibit where again we could enjoy seeing the lion, lioness and their three

9 month old cubs. We were about 4 feet from the animals as they enjoyed the breeze from an evaporative cooler. He continued his tour by guiding us through the rest of the zoo, including the five new African elephants. Jed's in depth knowledge of the cats and all of the animals was tremendous. We all came away very impressed.

Afterwards several of us convoyed to Zinnberger's for hamburgers, which were delicious. It was an informative and exciting day topped off with great food. What could be better?

Doug Dechant



Report

President's Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, June 2nd your president and his wife Shirley arrived at the beautiful Aqua Caliente Park at 7:00AM to secure a great spot and start setting up for the annual Presidents Pancake Breakfast. Shortly thereafter we were joined by Linda and Al Bales to help in getting everything ready. Herbie, Claire and Sarah Hampton brought Dunkin Donuts coffee, donuts and bottled water.

We had seventeen members attend this annual event. The weather was perfect which was demonstrated by those who arrived in convertibles had

the tops down. Doug started the grill and we all enjoyed regular pancakes, blueberry pancakes, turkey and pork sausages, a variety of fruits, orange juice, coffee and of course the best donuts in town. This is a beautiful park complete with trees, a lake and of course the required ducks, turtles and schools of fish in the water.

Although it was still cool, we broke camp at 10:00AM and headed home. It was a great start to the weekend.

Doug Dechant



Next
Event

July 4th at Azul



Ric's is closed on the Fourth of July which is also our monthly First Wednesday dinner. Therefore we are combining the two and holding a First Wednesday/Fourth of July dinner at the **Westin La Paloma's Azul restaurant!** This is a beautiful location in the Tucson foothills with wonderful views of Tucson, especially at night.

The Westin La Paloma has its own fireworks show and is in a great position to view the Fourth of July fireworks in Tucson and throughout the valley. If you can join us please let Marianne Fortunato know as she has made the arrangements and currently has reservations for 20 people at 6:30PM. Your RSVP's are critical to ensure Azul's will be able to accommodate us. Her contact details are in the next article. Our reservations are for their patio, but if it is too hot they will move us inside keeping the great view.

We are looking forward to a fun evening and celebrating the 4th of July at this great location.

Doug Dechant

Brunch at Hacienda Del Lago

Saturday July 28

Their stunning Clubhouse is now finished, providing a gorgeous home for the new Hacienda del Lago restaurant! Come join us for an absolutely delicious brunch in one of the most beautiful settings you can imagine!

We will be meeting at 10:00AM at a location to be announced for a scenic drive on Spanish Trail to the Resort and Restaurant. Once arriving we will have separate parking just for our Jaguars. Please RSVP to Marianne Fortunato at either mfortune@cox.net or (520)-203-3234.

We are looking forward to a great dining and driving experience.

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Concours Award



Congratulations to Robert Walesa on his 3rd in Class in the Driven Division at the Concours D'Elegance at the Western States Meet in March 2012.

Apologies to Robert for this late recognition .

2012 Calendar

- July 4 Independence Day Party & 1st Wednesday at Azul's at La Paloma
- July 28 Brunch at Hacienda del Lago.
- Sept 29/30 Jaguars in Jerome.
- Oct 14 High Performance Driver Education Pinal Airpark.
- Oct 26/27 Concours D'Elegance at St. Philip's Plaza.
- Nov 18 Slalom.
- November Drive to Gammon's Gulch and Lunch. Date TBA.
- December 8 Holiday Party at Al and Linda's Place

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

Call Ric's on 520 577 7272 to tell them you will be there.

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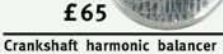
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