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JCNA Club#1

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President's Message

It is March and we have a lot of activities this month that will enhance your experience with JCSA and of course, your Jaguar. On March 4th we will be driving to Picacho Peak for a picnic.

On March 7th through the 14th the JCNA AGM and Western States Meet will be in Chandler offering

slaloms, golf, a Concours d'Elegance and many social activities.

Finishing the month on March 31, we will be participating in a car show at Davis Monthan Air Force Base. We are teaming with TBCR in this event and if you would like to attend please join us. There will me more information from Bill Badger on this soon.

I will be representing the club at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday, March 10. On Sunday, March 11, I will be entering my Jaguar into the driven division at the Concours. I am not alone; a number of JCSA members are showing their cars at the meet.

JCNA tells me that they are expecting between 100 and 150 beautiful Jaguars of all makes including some very rare examples. Therefore, if you can come up at least on Sunday for the Concours please do and support your club. For more information you can contact me or go to the JCNA web site and click on AGM/Western States Meet.

I have found that many Jaguar owners are not aware of our club. Therefore one of the steps we have taken is to work with the Royal Automotive Group to help increase the awareness of JCSA. As a direct result of our combined efforts, they have agreed to send an invitation to join our club to



each new owner of every new and used Jaguar sold from all of their dealerships, not just their Jaguar dealership. This should prove to be a tremendous help in meeting our goals for membership.

In addition we have ordered a postcard size membership invitation that is designed to be placed on the

windshield of a Jaguar. It talks about the club, what if offers and how to join. The board has been distributing these at each and every opportunity.

However, if you can please help us it is easy. If you have friends, neighbors or just notice a Jaguar that you do not recognize as a current club member, simply give them the card. If you would like to help us help the club, please see me and I will get you some invitations to distribute.

As you know we got together last month for a drive to Sonoita/Elgin for a wine tasting. Ten JCSA Jaguars participated in the drive and one met us at the winery, we had a great time. A special surprise was after the wine tasting we were invited to stop by Larry Pfitzenmaier's house (who is a tremendous host) to view his incredible collection of 1950's open wheel race cars. It was a great way to end a really fun event.

Remember, we get together for drinks and dinner at Ric's Café at Craycroft and River Road at around 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.

Douglas Dechant, President JCSA





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Sunday March 4 - Picnic at Picacho Peak



Everyone enjoys spring flowers. To see a gorgeous array of wild flowers, come along with our club to Picacho Peak State Park (www.azstateparks.com) on **Sunday March 4th** when we will be having the "Picacho Peak Picnic Drive". We have the 'Ironwood' ramada reserved for the day. Parking is not reserved, however there should be plenty of room. Each car(up to 4 passengers) will have a fee of \$7.00 to enter the park.

Our drive will begin at 10:00am and our start location will be the Chevron/Giant station, 6080 N. Oracle Rd (Northeast corner of N Oracle and Magee).

We will drive along scenic roads as much as possible with the intent of joining I-10 right at Picacho Peak. Pack your picnic basket and join us on what should be an easy going spring afternoon with beautiful sights of wildflowers.

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2012 Events Calendar

| Picacho Peak Picnic Drive |
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| JCNA AGM & Western States Meet in Phoenix (description in this issue). |
| Drive to Boyce Thompson Arboretum. |
| High Performance Driver Education at Pinal Airpark. |
| Dramamine Lite. Drive to the White Mountains. |
| Jaguars at the Zoo. Behind the scenes at the Jaguar Enclosure |
| President's Pancake Breakfast at Agua Caliente Park. |
| Evening Dinner Drive to Luna Bella. |
| Independence Day Party at Lois Bloom's place. Watch the fireworks! |
| Extended Tour to California Wine Country. |
| Skyline Country Club Dinner. Date TBA. |
| Jaguars in Jerome. |
| High Performance Driver Education at Pinal Airpark. |
| Concours D'Elegance at St. Philip's Plaza. |
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Oct 26/27 Concours D'Elegance at St. Nov 18 Slalom at Marana Airport.

November Drive to Gammon's Gulch followed by Lunch (tentative).

December 8 Holiday Party at Al and Linda's place.

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

Important Proclamation!

Royal Jaguar announce that they are now providing a **10% discount on Jaguar spare parts** to all members of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona.

See the new Royal Jaguar advert on Page 3 of this issue.

Thank you very much Royal Jaguar for your interest in our club and your continued support.

Club Events Coming Shortly

March 11,12,13 - Western States Meet

This event 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 - Davis Monthan Car Show - 11am to 3pm

The JCSA and guests are invited to attend the 4th Annual Casual Classic Car Show at Davis Monthan AFB. This is a great event and all proceeds go to benefit young enlisted families at DM. There will be multiple Trophies and everyone should have a lot of fun. Last year there were about 75 cars and this year they hope to have between 75 and 100 cars. Only military personnel and their family will attend this event. They estimate over 4,000 people will attend.

The fee is \$40.00 per car, (tax deductable, 501 © 3) which includes lunch for two. If you have more than two, the cost is \$10.00 per person. You have to register and have a check made out to "The Kachina Fund" to Bill



Badger not later that March 24, 2012. Everyone will have to meet at the **DM Visitors Center at 10:00AM** on the 31st to continue the security check to enter Davis Monthan. The Visitors Center is located at the Craycroft entrance to DM. The Visitors Center is your first right turn after you go past Golf Links going south into DM. After you register and pay the fee, Bill Badger will contact you to give you a phone number at DM where you will have to call and provide them with the following information before you can be cleared by security to enter the Base.

Name, Phone number, Address, E-mail, Club, Car Make, Model, Year, Color Send Bill a check for \$40.00 per car plus \$10.00 each for more than two individuals for lunch. Bill Badger, 5615 N.Pontatoc Rd, Tucson AZ 85718. 520 577 3246. badgerbd@aol.com

April 8 - Boyce Thompson Arboretum - An Easter Sunday Drive

If you would like the opportunity to drive your Jaguar through some great scenery and experience a superb display of the desert plants then our tour to the Boyce Thompson Arboretum is an event not to miss. Our drive will take us North of Tucson through Mammoth and Winkleman before heading to the hills and driving through some spectacular mining country on our way to the old town of Superior where nearby we will find the Boyce Thompson Arboretum. This State Park is dedicated to the display of desert plants of the world and we will take a guided tour taking about one hour after



having lunch at the Buckboard Café in Superior. Our route home will be back the way we came or via Florence for a slightly quicker return. More details will be emailed to you and included in the April newsletter.

Contact Fred Secker 520 574 3042 fred@secker.uk.net

Wine Tasting Drive A Great Success

On Sunday February 19th nine Jaguars and one undercover Jaguar (a Toyota) driven by Bill and Sallie Badger, met at the Chevron Plaza at Wilmot and I-10 for a drive to the Sonoita/Elgin wine country for a day of driving and wine tasting. Herbie Hampton, unveiled after a year in hiding, his beautiful bright red XK 140, with the top down of course.

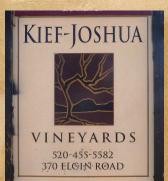
At 10:30AM we were off with a short drive on I-10 to the off ramp at Highway 83. Herbie and Claire and once again Rich and Rita Skillman braved the cool temperatures and kept the top down on their wonderful Jaguars. They get the award for the most dedicated Jaguar open

car owners who drive them as they were designed

to be driven, no matter what the weather.

To make the drive more fun, as soon as we turned onto Hwy 83 we turned left onto the "Old Sonoita Highway". Tis road has more curves and considerably less traffic the Hwy 83, which translates into a lot more fun. After 7 or so miles on the old highway we then turned back on Hwy 83 which, until you get close to Sonoita, offers fun motoring through hills and canyons.

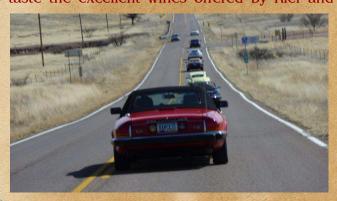
Once we arrived at the Kief-Joshua Vineyard in Elgin, we found Chan and Jude Dayton waiting for us. We all then ordered our omelets and started to taste the excellent wines offered by Kief and



his staff. The vineyard offered the club seating in their balcony for our luncheon and a private tour of the winery with Kief, the owner and winemaker. The ladies found a bonus as Kief- Joshua sells jewelry and many spent some time and money enjoying this. Marianne Fortunato recommended the Kief-Joshua Vineyard and it could not have been a better choice. Thank you Marianne! Lastly we had a real treat. Richard

our VP and Marianne's husband Mandziak, contacted Larry and Jan Pfitzenmaier who lives in Sonoita to see if he would agree to us viewing his collection of very special race cars. graciously agreed and after leaving Keif-Joshua we all drove to Larry's house. His collection of open wheel race cars, plus a Cord and a Briggs Cunningham was incredible. In addition he has a garage that is to die for, absolutely beautiful. However the best part was Larry. researched the history of each car and could describe in detail the car, the originality of each car, it drivers and where and when they were raced. Thank you to both Larry and Jan for such a special treat. It was a beautiful day with a great turnout of members.

Doug









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Tech Talk!

Sealed for Life XK8 Transmission

This is an edited version of an artcle by Rod Doone for Jaguar Entusiasts Club Magazine

As the owner of a 10 year old Jaguar XK8 convertible with 60,000 miles on the clock I am keen to maintain the car in good condition. Having checked through the service records, and after reading the many articles published on the XK8 and the sibling XKR, an area for concern was the 5 speed automatic transmission. There are no scheduled maintenance procedures apart from oil level checking. Having a background in engineering and with experience in rotating electrical machinery leads me to question the rational of the "sealed for life" maintenance set out for this automatic transmission. Yes, there is no doubt that there has been a vast improvement in the quality and durability of transmission fluids over the last 20 years. However, it is difficult to accept that after 10 years and 60,000 miles the transmission fluid was still up to the job. Some wear must take place and can the internal magnets and filters catch it all, or are particles suspended in the oil further accelerating wear?

I decided that I needed to know the condition of the oil after this amount of service so decided to have the fluid changed and have the old oil analysed by an independent company.

The process of draining and refilling the transmission is not straightforward, requiring both time and patience. My mechanic drained out as much oil as possible then flushed through with new oil until clean oil flowed through the drain hole. With the drain plug in place new oil was slowly pumped into the transmission. This is not an easy operation as the available space between the filling orifice and sub frame is fairly tight. Once the oil started to flow from the filling aperture the car was lowered and the engine started. The car was then raised once again and more oil pumped into the transmission. The car was then

lowered again and the transmission put through all positions to ensure that both transmission and torque convertor were completely filled. The engine was run for several minutes for this process to be completed. Two oil samples (the new and the old) were mailed off to The Oil Lab. As you would expect the old oil was opaquely black whereas the new oil is clear and bright red colour.

Diagnosis

Visible debris present. Abnormal wear evident. Advice: Change oil if not changed when sampled. Lubricant is comparable with new sample supplied as reference oil. The elemental analysis indicated abnormal levels of Aluminium, Copper, and Tin with a cautionary note regarding Ferrous content.

So what does all this mean?

In conclusion, the results of this exercise clearly show that those of us who are Jaguar enthusiasts' and want to keep our ageing XK8's well past any warranty period would do ourselves a favour by changing the automatic transmission oil.

An interesting fact from this examination is that the old oil, in substance, compared very favourably with the new oil. What had reached unacceptable levels were the metallic particles now in suspension in the old oil. It is reasonable to conclude that when these particles exceed certain limits the wear rate of moving parts will rapidly increase. No doubt without any action taken the durability of the ZF transmission is such that it might survive beyond 100,000 miles but do you want to take that risk? Cost of replacing transmission oil, say, twice approximately \$600 - \$800.

Cost of replacing transmission (rebuilt) \$5,000?

Ed



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Phoenix Auction Trip

I had the pleasure of attending auction events on Thursday Jan 19th and Friday January 20 in Phoenix, Arizona. On Thursday the trip included Doug Taylor, George Arthur Ernie Pesquiera, Bill Badger, Andy Szedlus and myself.

Doug Taylor rented a Chrysler Van for the two day long events. It worked out great. It was a seven passenger van, and with the addition of a Garmin GPS we had a pleasurable trip up and back. We left from Ernie's at 7am both days. The first day we went to Barrett Jackson and Russo and Steel. We saw great cars at both events. Many British cars. At Russo and Steel a MGA went for \$15,000, and

an Austin Healey Sprite went for \$8,750. The second day the group included Doug, Ernie, And Dave Cummins. We went to Goodings which is held at the Scottsdale fashion Mall. We had lunch at Nieman Marcus and went on the the R & M at the Biltmore Hotel. What a spectacular facility with Frank Lloyd Wright design touches. At Goodings we saw A Jaguar E type sell for \$95,000. R and M featured a free breakfast, incuding Bloody Marys for those who arrived early. Sample catalogs were available at each event.

Richard Mandziak









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Annual

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