

March 2018

# Desert Jaguar

Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



Fritz & Leah Ficke's MK IV



Chris & Cap Brewer's '61 Mark II



Bob & RayOla Key's '97 SJ6

## JCSA New Club Members' Rides



### Coming Events

- March 1-31**      **Big sale on Jaguar local and national brand clothing**
- March 7**        **First Wednesday Dinner**
- April 9 - 12**    **JCSA Spring Drive** (Abbe Meyer)
- May 18**        **Mt Lemmon Drive.** (Carroll Lam)

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## The Prez Sez



I do not like to start out in a negative note, but it is March and it appears that other than our First Wednesday dinner we do not have an event scheduled. This is because no one stepped up to lead an event for this month. I have found that several people have some really great ideas, but they do not want to be any further involved. This simply does not work. It is not too late for someone to come forward to organize a March event. If you would like to, please contact either Jeff Simpson ([simpson7717@gmail.com](mailto:simpson7717@gmail.com)) or me at [dougdechant@gmail.com](mailto:dougdechant@gmail.com). On a lighter subject we do have a tremendous event scheduled for April, the drive to Sedona and Lake Powell. Abbe Meyer graciously volunteered to lead this event and has done an excellent job. I hope all of you who are planning to go made reservations at the Hilton in Sedona

prior to February 23<sup>rd</sup> to take advantage of the reduced nightly rate Abby negotiated. However if not, I recommend you still consider joining this incredible event.

Shirley and I will not be able to attend the Lake Powell drive as we will be in the process of , as she uses shopping bags (preferably fabric) instead of cardboard boxes. We have been doing it this way for several moves over the last 15 years or so and it works really well. If you would like to know more, just ask her about this at the next First Wednesday or at an event.

In May, we will be going to Mt. Lemon. As the kids will still be in school, we are planning to go on a weekday to avoid the crowds. Carroll Lam will be leading this event, and as we get closer you will receive more information on this event.

Jeff, Cameron and I are working on a venue for our fall Concours. Right now we believe the date will be October 27<sup>th</sup>. As I write this we still have not finalized the venue, but we should very soon. So watch for more to come on that.

Lastly, you may want to mark your calendar for the Jaguar Club of Central Arizona's Concours which will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> in Chandler, AZ. Also, the Los Angeles Jaguar Club (JAG) will be hosting the Jaguar Clubs of North America's International Jaguar Festival (IJF) on November 1-4 in Santa Barbara, California. If you were at the IJF in Scottsdale in 2016, you know a JCNA IJF is a major and exciting event for Jaguar lovers. Please have fun and be safe.

## JUST WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!

### A BIG SALE ON JAGUAR CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES, CHECK IT OUT!

#### JCSA Members:

The Club (JCSA) and Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) are both offering a great deal on clothing and accessories through the end of March. **30% OFF!**

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To take advantage of this offer just go to <https://shop.jaguarusa.com/>, select what products you would like and at checkout use the promo code **JAGGROUP30**. JLR will continue to restock this website with new products throughout the month as they are in the process of launching the 2018 Collection. If you have any questions, please contact me at [dougdechant@gmail.com](mailto:dougdechant@gmail.com).

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*Please join us in welcoming our new members!*



Welcome Robert and RayOla Keys to JCSA. They have resided in Arizona for the past 22 years, after living in Boulder, CO. They are both originally from Texas where they graduated from Texas Tech. They met while they were in the choir which appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show. Bob graduated from Lubbock HS in 1955 where he was best of friends with Buddy Holly! They own a '97 SJ6, which they have driven for the past 15 yrs.

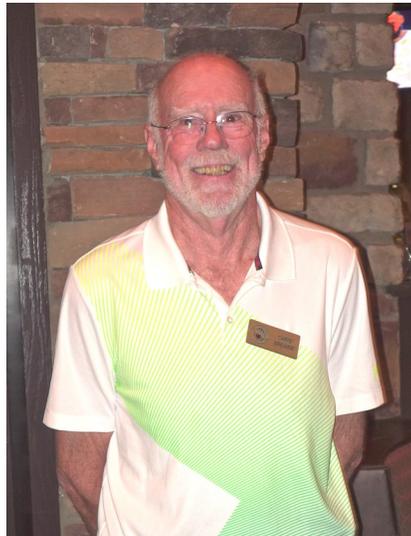


Welcome Fritz and Leah Ficke to JCSA.

Fritz and Leah have a MK IV and we look forward to seeing it in our next Concours.

They also have a classic Cadillac among other cars.

They are residents of Tucson and they also belong to the Tucson British Car Registry.



Welcome Chris and Capnola Brewer to JCSA. Chris and Capnola recently relocated to Tucson from Colorado Springs where they had been living for the last 47 years or so.

Capnola worked in the electronics industry, Chris and his partner had a Civil Engineering/Land Surveying company. Chris was the Land Surveyor half of the company.

They've had their '61 Mark II since 1970, and they drove it for a number of years. It had been parked for about 30 years before Chris and his son began restoring it in 2014.

Chris is a Certified Judge and his assistance at our next concours will be welcome.

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# JCSA's 2018 Spring Multi-Day Driving Trip

## April 9 - 12

**Its time to RSVP for the 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.

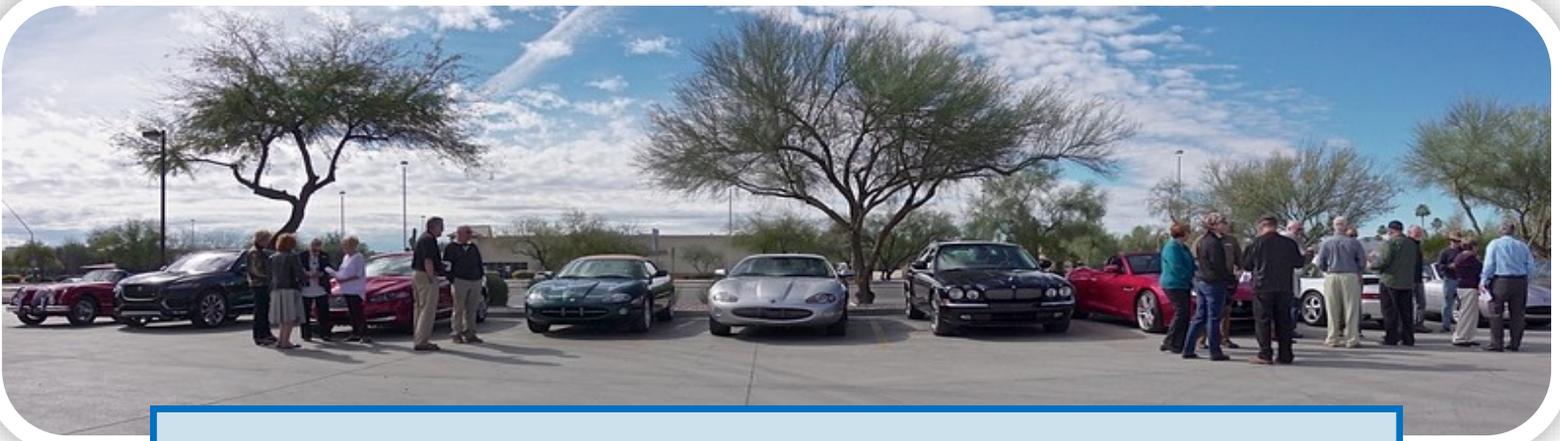


**April 11, day three.** We are planning a boat ride to the Rainbow Bridge. This is a 5 to 6 hour ride on a large power boat with restrooms and both inside and outside seating. Box lunches will be available for \$16.50 each. There will be a hosted cocktail hour before dinner. Dinner will be at the Rainbow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



## **VENTANA DRIVE AND BRUNCH**

On Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> about 30 of us met at the Quik Trip gas station at River Road and Stone Ave. The group included Jaguars from the 1950's including Cameron's XK-140, the Fickes' 61 MK IV and the latest Jaguar models including the new F-Pace SUV. We did have a German visitor, a 911 Porsche. The owner of the Porsche asked to join us at the starting point so he could review all of our Jaguars in his search for a new sports car.

Jeff Simpson and Andy Anderson laid out a varied and interesting drive that led the group through the northwest foothills. Many loved the mountains, foothills and views of Tucson, however few liked the condition of the roads (Pima County needs to do some work in this area). Some of us did not arrive at the Loews Ventana Resort first. A few of us (me included) arrived at the Ventana Country Club only to be turned away by the guard at the gate (should have known better, but...).



However he was professional and gave us directions to Lowes. It is truly the best brunch in the Tucson area. We all dined on everything from eggs benedict to BBQ short ribs. Our mimosas were included with a bottomless glass. All in all it was a tremendous way to enjoy a Sunday morning.



# Firebirds Grill

**First Wednesday Dinner– March 7**

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

This is an informal fun-filled evening spent with other Jaguar lovers, a perfect spot to socialize and meet new members.

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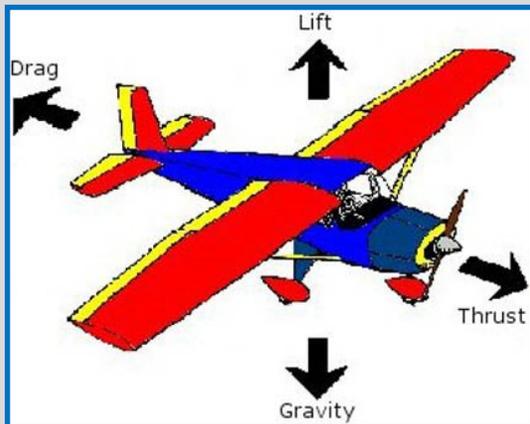
JCSA member, Andy Anderson, recently completed an important milestone. After 12 calendar years (or four continuous years,) Andy completed the construction of a real, person carrying airplane and showed for the first time that it could takeoff and land safely. Andy and his lovely wife Carol enjoy four months of great weather in Tucson, with the remainder of the year at their other home in Minnesota. Andy constructed the airplane during their times here in Tucson.



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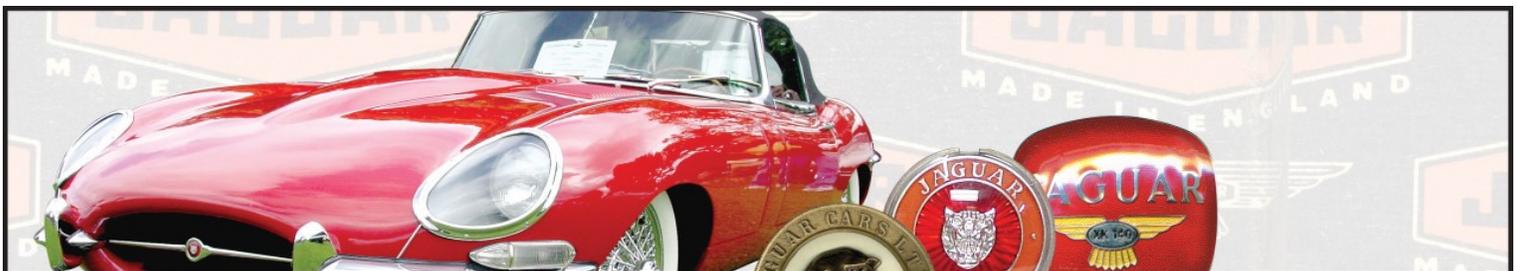
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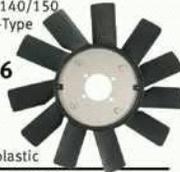
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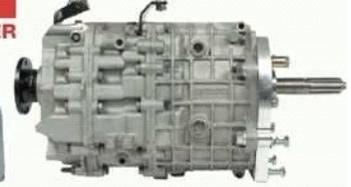
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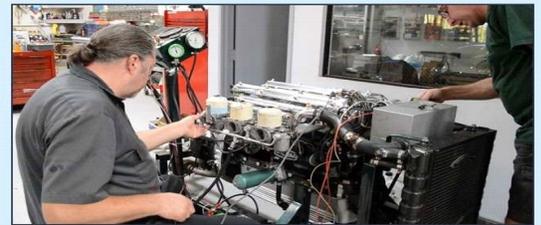
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