

Desert Jaguar

Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



- May 1** **First Wednesday Dinner**
- May 11** **Cars and Coffee at AJ's**
- May 17** **JCSA drive to Mt. Lemmon (Jim Hart)**
- June 5** **First Wednesday Dinner (5:00 pm)**
- June 8** **Cars and Coffee at La Encantada**
- Oct. 26** **JCSA Concours d' Elegance**
- Nov. 14-16** **Silver City and Bear Mountain Lodge (Carol Anderson)**

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From the Desk of the President

We are heading into summer and many of you are either leaving or have already left Tucson to get out of the heat. As usual, Shirley and I are staying here as once we get through June, we really enjoy summer here in Tucson.

However, because so many of you leave, and because the older Jags don't like the hot weather, we will not have any events for June, July and August, with the exception of our first Wednesday dinners. In September, we will be scheduling the President's Brunch, so keep an eye out for that.

On a more important note, it appears that many of your current Board of Directors either will not be continuing in 2020 or would prefer not to. In the past, we have had problems filling many of the Board positions. Let's not have this problem in 2020.

To hopefully ensure that will not happen, from June to September, you will be receiving ballots to fill any and all Board positions. If we have not heard from enough members to fill each Board position by September, I will call a special Board meeting to discuss what action to take.

Please understand, we cannot continue JCSA without your participation. If we cannot fill each and all of the Board positions, the next step would be to consider the possibility of disbanding JCSA.

So surprise us this year and keep JCSA the really great Jaguar Club it is. Volunteer for a Board position and help make this Club even better.

Have fun and be safe,

Doug



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Firebirds Grill

JCSA First Wednesday Dinner– May 1 and June 5

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

Order from the Special Mountain Time menu before 6pm.

Half Price Drink Specials between 3pm & 7pm. Get there between 5 & 6 for mix and mingle www.firebirdsrestaurants.com/locations/tucson-az

JCSA Membership concours voting results

The results of your votes to combine our Concours with JCCA's are in. Of those of you who participated, 75% indicated you wanted our Concours to stay in Tucson. Therefore we will be holding our Concours at La Encantada Shopping Plaza on

Saturday, October 26th.

In order to create a first class concours, we need YOUR HELP to organize the Concours, donate prizes, etc. Please contact Doug. To participate as a judge, contact Cam at camsheahan@juno.com . To help place the cars, bring coffee, or just help out on the day of the Concours, please contact Jeff at simpson7717@gmail.com .

In Memoriam

I am very sorry to report that our long time member and past Vice President, Richard Mandziak, has passed. Richard had been battling a long term illness for several years.

Please join me in wishing his wife Marianne, and her family our heartfelt sympathy.

Doug

Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona goes to the
PIMA AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM



Eleven of us joined Randy Hoffman, our docent, for the museum tour. He was excellent and knowledgeable on all types of airplanes, from the Wright Brothers plane to the SR-71.



After the museum hangar tour, we had lunch. Then we joined Pete, our driver, for the tram. He drove us through the huge area where all types of planes and helicopters from the past and present are parked.

There was one very unique British plane called the Jaguar. It is painted pink in order to blend in with the pink sands in the desert where it fought in the Gulf War.

It was quite a day, at an amazing museum.



JCSA ARIZONA WINE COUNTRY DRIVE

On Saturday morning our group of twelve members had a beautiful drive down to Parker Lake Park. After a short stretch and look around, we went on to one of the oldest wineries in the area, where we were treated to a private tasting and talk by the winemaker and owner. We learned the history of vineyards in southern Arizona and had an explanation about a number of wines which they produce. A tour of the facility followed. We then drove a short distance to a local brew pub and restaurant where our table was set and ready for us. After the delicious lunch, we went on to another winery for another tasting. By unanimous consent, a stop at a third winery was canceled and we all headed home. It was a very good day with fantastic scenery, cars, food, and friends.



Drive to Mount Lemmon and Lunch at the Iron Door

Friday, May 17

Please join us for this last driving event of the season as we traverse the beautiful Catalina Mountains to reach Ski Valley and the Iron Door Restaurant. It will be 20-25 degrees cooler up there, so come prepared.

Gather at McDonalds at the NE corner of Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway at 10:15 for a 10:30 departure.

Gas up first! There are no gas stations on the drive up or in Summerhaven.

Departing the parking area in convoy at 10:30, we turn right onto Catalina Highway. After about 4.5 miles, the road becomes General Hitchcock Highway and will start to twist and turn as we climb through several distinct climates. There are many beautiful vista points, but we will only stop at the Windy Point Vista, about 14 miles up the highway. Please park in a line on the right side for a great photo opportunity of our Jaguars "In the wild." Continuing up the mountain, we will turn right onto Mount Lemmon Road which leads to Ski Valley and the parking lot at the Iron Door Restaurant. Again, please park in a pleasing line for pictures.

The Iron Door Restaurant serves a wide variety of salads, sandwiches, and homemade soups. Whether you choose to eat light or have a hearty meal, you will enjoy the beautiful surroundings and excellent service. Save room for dessert. The pies are terrific. Separate checks will be provided. Weather permitting, we'll try for patio dining.

After lunch, you can take a lift to the top of the ski hill, stroll in Summerhaven, browse the shops or even take a hike. The time is yours. Enjoy your drive back down the mountain where you may choose to stop at several of the incredible vistas on your way back.

Don't miss the last drive before our summer hiatus!

Please RSVP to Jim Hart at jehart17@hotmail.com or 520-760-5667 by May 10.



SILVER CITY and THE BEAR MOUNTAIN LODGE

NOVEMBER 14-16 2019

Bear Mountain Lodge in Silver City, New Mexico is a fully restored historic lodge in a secluded oasis just ten minutes from the heart of Silver City. We have reserved all 11 rooms in three buildings. There are two ADA rooms plus one that is an easy walk from a separate parking area. All rooms have private baths. Two have Jacuzzis. There are beautiful views in every direction of this 178 acre site, some of which are part of the bordering Gila National Forest. Discounted prices of the rooms range from \$144 per night for a king bed and private bath to one room with two full beds and a private bath to \$166.50 per night for the dog friendly Wren's Nest with two rooms. Breakfast is included in the price and, judging from the cookies we tasted, it is delicious. www.BearMountainLodge.com Call **575.538.2538** Because the rooms are blocked for our club, you MUST Call to make your reservation.

Note: The driveway is hard packed dirt that is very well maintained. None of our cars will have a problem using the driveway.

Our drive to Silver City will take us through Safford, AZ, where we will stop for lunch, and then climb and twist a bit along route 78, into New Mexico and onto scenic highway 180 along the western edge of the Gila Wilderness. We should arrive at the Lodge around 3:30 where we can check in and grab a diet tempting homemade cookie or three in the dining room. The rest of the afternoon is yours to rest, explore the grounds, or go into town.

In Silver City there are several things to do. Western New Mexico University has a museum that houses the Nan Ranch Collection of prehistoric Mimbres materials excavated from a single site, the Eiselle Collection of prehistoric Southwestern pottery and artifacts, and the Back Collection of historic Maria and Julian Martinez San Ildefonso Pueblo pottery to name just a few. The Museum is open M-F 9am-4:30pm and Sat & Sun from 10am-4pm. Admission is free and it is ADA accessible. 575.538.6386, www.wnmuseum.org There are also many one-of-a-kind shops along Texas St and Broadway as well as the Silver City Museum. silvercitymuseum.org. Finally for those who still have the energy and need to stretch their legs on a 1.5 mile hike, there is the Dragonfly Loop Trail. It takes you to some petroglyphs (note petroglyphs are scratches and pictographs are paintings in rocks). www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/gila/null/recarea/?recid=75376&actid=50-94k

Thursday and Friday evenings we will gather in the great room of the Lodge's main building for cocktails and then move to the dining room for spectacular dinners. Linda, the co-owner, and I have worked together to create two menus with three entrée options to tempt your palates. Each time I dine there, I ask for another recipe. Although Silver City has some fine restaurants, I have yet to find any that beat the creations at The Bear Mountain Lodge.

This location was initially chosen to enable drivers and cars to travel the Trail of the Mountain Spirits National Scenic Byway. It is a 93 mile loop that starts out heading north from Silver City on NM15 toward the old gold-mining town of Pinos Altos. As you leave the town and enter the winding, mountain forest road of the Gila National Forest, the driving fun begins. Dramamine anyone?

The Gila Cliff Dwellings at the end of a nearby trail are amazing and worth the challenging climb. They are especially notable because you can go inside them!

However, this year I want to visit the City of Rocks State Park, so that will be our focus. Located 34 miles south of Silver City, the park features giant monoliths that were formed from the eruption of an ancient volcano and eroded by the wind. The park is described as a "flat-lying sheet of reddish lava jointed along vertical rather than horizontal planes creating the likeness of a city with streets and buildings. There are formations which readily suggest giant's chairs, prehistoric monsters, or creatures of imaginative myth." There we will enjoy our packed lunches before returning to creatures of imaginative myth." We will then return to the Lodge or drive into town to shop 'til we drop.

For those of you who have driven the Trail of the Mountain Spirits and have been to the City of Rocks, you might find Rockhound State Park, the Mogollon Ghost Town, the towns of Glenwood and Alma, or the Catwalk as interesting options. Your picnic lunch will afford you the opportunity to explore the area and I will have maps showing you the way.

Silver City and the Bear Mountain Lodge are a club favorite because of the beauty of the area, the hospitality of the staff, the variety of options for club travelers, and the pleasure of spending time with and getting to know a small group of members in a casual, comfortable environment. Join us.

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ATTENTION JAGUAR CONCOURS FANATICS
WELCOME TO THE 2019 JCNA CONCOURS
SEASON

The JCNA sanctioned California and Arizona Concoours schedule is as follows:

Sunday May 19, 2019 with the JOCLA Concoours held at the beautiful Muckenthaler Mansion, Fullerton, surrounded by eight acres of lush lawns, food vendors, live music, and Collector Car Concoours. The entry fee is \$65.00 for JCNA Champion and Driven judged Jaguars and \$35.00 for Jaguars on Display, fee includes a \$30.00 donation to the Muckenthaler sponsored children arts and education programs. Register at: lajagclub.com

The San Diego Jaguar Club will hold their JCNA sanctioned Concoours on Saturday July 13, 2019 at the cool and shady "Spanish Landing Park" located on the marina directly across from the Charles Lindenberg airport. Register at: sdjag.com

The third Southern California JCNA sanctioned Concoours is sponsored by the Inland Empire Jaguar Club and will take place between the pines and oaks high up in beautiful downtown Idyllwild California on Saturday October 5, 2019. Register at: m_zavos@hotmail.com

JCNA sanctioned Concoours will be sponsored by the Jaguar Club of Central Arizona on Saturday October 19, 2019 at the Crown Plaza Resort in Chandler AZ. Register at www.jcca.com . The Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona will finish up the season with their JCNA sanctioned Concoours on Saturday October 26, 2019 at the La Encantada Shopping Plaza in Tucson AZ. Register at www.jcsaz.com

Your JCSA membership grants you access to these great events. Details on these Concoours events can be found on the web site of each individual Jaguar club.

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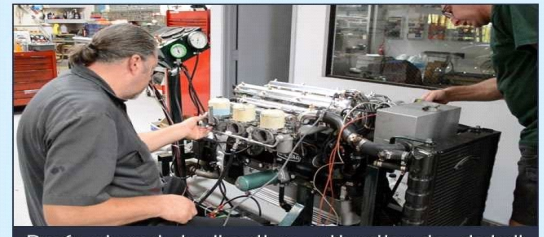
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