

# Desert Jaguar



Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona

# Maggie Wins for JCSA Again!

Every year JCNA reviews all of the 66 local Jaguar Club websites and picks the one they judge as the very best site in the nation. It was no surprise that for the second year in a row, our webmaster Maggie Secker has won the Jaguar Club of North America's (JCNA) 2012 Website of the Year Award.

Maggie's creative and technical talent has once again proven to be without parallel. Please join me in celebrating Maggie's wonderful achievement.

Thank you Maggie. Your talent and professionalism helps make our club number one in the nation.

Doug Dechant



# Royal Jaguar/Land Rover wins the JCNA 2012 Outstanding Dealer Award

Royal Jaguar has been a strong business partner with the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona (JCSA) for over 12 years. As a direct result of their continued support, they have been award the 2012 Outstanding Dealer of the Year Award by the Jaguar Club of North America (JCNA).

Here are a few of the critical activities they provide to the JCSA:





President Diana Raymond & Membership Chair Doug Dechant present the award to Royal Jaguar

Professionally publishes our monthly newsletter at no cost to the club.

Provides JCSA with \$500 cash for our Concours D'Elegance.

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Provides JCSA free advertising for the Concours.

Provides JCSA three new Jaguars for the Concours.

Provides our members with a 10% discount on parts and labor in their Service Department.

Provides full use of their conference facilities for our quarterly Board meetings.

Provides JCSA a display area for our newsletter and to advertise for new members in their Service waiting area. Sends each new and pre-owned Jaguar customer a letter inviting them to join the JCSA.

Without Royal Jaguar's dedication and support our club would not be able to offer our members the events and services we do. Please join us in thanking them for their continued critical support to our Club. They are truly a valued and tremendous business partner.

Doug Dechant

## President's Message

**Yoto Event**. As many of you know, we began holding a 50/50 raffle at our "First Wednesday" dinners this year, and the winning proceeds of the remaining half of the pot is set aside until the end of the year to be awarded to the Youth on Their Own (YOTO) organization.

On Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> I had the pleasure of attending one of YOTO's annual fund raisers called "The Talk of the Town," and boy, was it!!! Mayor Jonathan Rothschild and his wife Karen were the hosts. KVOA news anchor Kristi Tedesco was the emcee.

The evening was spectacular. The theme of "Blue Jeans and Jewels" made it a fun, casual event. This is the second year in a row I've attended and I'm nearly drawn to tears reading about the stories of some of these young kids and the harsh circumstances that have brought them to this organization. Throughout the event, large poster boards are on display to help tell the life stories of

some of these young people. An even more impressive feature of the evening is that these kids themselves were at the event socializing with all of us and thanking us for our support.

The event was held at Lowe's Ventana Canyon and started with a two-hour cocktail reception and silent auction, followed by a sit down dinner. During dinner they run video clips about the organization on large screens so you can

see where your funds are going. During dessert, Mayor Rothschild spoke about his passion for this organization, followed by Kristi Tedesco. If any of you watch Kristi on Channel 4 you'll know that she is huge about supporting kids.

After dinner there was a live auction followed by music and dancing. It was a great evening and I'm proud that JCSA is supporting this charity. I hope next year JCSA can sponsor our own table. It only takes 10 of us and it's a fun evening and worthwhile event.

#### And the Winner Is . . . ?



The 50/50 raffle instituted this year has been successful, both for our club members and YOTO, the charity to which we donate the other 50%. This month's pot grew to \$112.00 before Marianne Fortunato drew the lucky ticket. The April 3rd drawing for the raffle was swept up by Richard Mandziak.

Be sure and get your tickets at the next "First Wednesday" dinner for <u>your</u> chance to be the winner of the 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets and you can buy as many as you like. The drawing is held after everyone is seated for dinner. Good luck!

#### **Firebirds Wood Fired Grill**

Our last two social dinners have been at Firebirds and they have both been well attended with 46 folk on April 3rd. A survey was carried out at both dinners and the approval rating for this restaurant was very high indeed so we have decided to make this our 1st Wednesday Dinner venue for the rest of 2013. The food is of the highest quality and the enthusiasm of the wait staff is excellent so come and enjoy a wonderful Jaguar Club social get together every 1st Wednesday for the rest of the year.





## Davis Monthan Car Show

#### Saturday, April 6

An estimated 3,000 Davis-Monthan Air Force Base personnel and their families spent Saturday afternoon at Davis Monthan Air Force Base enjoying free food, games, live music and a car show at a picnic in the park hosted by the DM 50. This non-profit



Football Game, and a car seat program in which all children of military families in need of a car safety seat receive one at no cost. "This is one of the most popular events of the year for thousands of folks who sacrifice their lives for our

organization aimed at improving the quality of life for Davis Monthan Airmen and their families has raised over a \$1 million in funding for dozens of initiatives such as Operation COPE, a DM-Day UA country. It's the most visible indication of gratitude and support from the Tucson community," said Col. Kevin Blanchard, 355th Fighter Wing commander.







**The Car Show** element of this event was not well attended by our club so I guess we will not include it in next year's calendar. Nothing wrong with the event. In fact it was in aid of a very worthwhile cause but obviously it did not appeal to our members as we had a grand total of 2 cars turn up on the day.

Fred Secker

# Events Calendar

May 11 TBCR invitation to wine tour at Kief Joshua.

May 19 Mt Graham Telescope & Picnic – Dan Eklund.

June 16 Patagonia Lake Picnic – Marianne & Richard.

July 21 Mt Lemon Drive & Lunch – Marianne & Richard.

August 17 Presidents Breakfast – Diana to decide location in Dove Mountain.

September 7 Board Meeting.

Sept 20/21 Overnighter - location to be decided. October 26 Concours D'Elegance - Dan Eklund

November TBA

December 7 Holiday Party at Doug & Julie's Place

January 2014 Mystery Drive



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# Mount Graham Picnic and Telescope Visit



Our JCSA road trip on Sunday May 19th will be to the Large Binocular Telescope atop Mt. Graham in

the Pinaleno Mountains at an elevation of 10,567 feet. The \$120 Million, 650 metric ton LBT uses two 27 foot diameter mirrors mounted side by side. They were produced at the University of Arizona. Combining the light from the two mirrors using a technique called interferometry, the telescope has a resolving power of a single telescope with a primary mirror of almost 75 feet across. This resolution is ten times what the Hubble Space Telescope has. The LBT is a combined effort of Germany, Italy, and the USA. After our tour there, we may possibly be able to visit the Vatican Telescope which is located there

also. For the trip, bring your sweaters and a picnic lunch with drinks. We will meet at the Chevron Station on the Northwest corner of Wilmot Road and I10 at 0815. We will leave at 0830 for the two hour drive to the observatory base camp which is about 6 miles South of Safford. There we will stop to sign and pick up the U.S. Forest Service permits. If you are going, please provide your full names and vehicle description with license plate number and state to daneklund@msn.com by Sunday May 5th. Because of the size of the group, they require the information two weeks ahead. We will drive to the end of the paved curvy road and park. From there we will be shuttled over an eight mile dirt road to the telescope site. We will have our lunches in the dining area overlooking the national forest and then have our tour.

Dan Eklund



**Mount Graham International Observatory** (MGIO) is a division of Stewart Observatory, the research arm for the Department of Astronomy at the University of Arizona. It is located in southeast Arizona's Pinaleno Mountains near Mount Graham. Scientific researchers from around the world make use of the MGIO facilities.

Construction of MGIO began in 1989. MGIO currently operates and maintains facilities for three scientific organizations. The first two telescopes, the Vatican Advanced Technology Telescope and the Heinrich Hertz Submillimeter Telescope began operations in 1993. The Large Binocular Telescope, one of the world's largest and most powerful telescopes, began operations using lenses independently in 2004, with joint operations between the two lenses beginning in 2008

**Mountain Controversy.** The choice of location sparked considerable local controversy, both from the San Carlos Apache Tribe, who claimed the mountain is sacred, and from environmentalists who contended that the observatory would cause the demise of an endangered subspecies of the American Red Squirrel, the Mount Graham Red Squirrel. Environmentalists and members of the tribe filed some forty lawsuits—eight of which ended up before a federal appeals court—but the project ultimately prevailed after an act of the United States Congress.

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# The Boot Inn - Merrie England

Thought you might be interested in the whereabouts of your trusty Editor now that summer approaches. Well its time for the annual migration across the pond to Merrie England and cooler climes. Time to trade my E-type for my XK150 and the Sonoran Desert for the green fields of Herefordshire. Not that I will cut all ties as I will continue to produce this newsletter throughout the

time I am away and I am sure you will forgive me for introducing a little European flavor from time to time. Now it is a well known fact that in the center of every village in Britain is a venerable old pub and the village where I live is no exception. The BOOT INN is just around the corner from my home so a traditional pint of English ale is just a gentle five minute stroll away.



THE BOOT INN is thought to have been originally three shops, a butchers, a cobblers and a funeral parlor, which may partly explain the variety of trades plied by past licensees!

One example is John Price, licensee in 1851, who was also a mason. Another is Charles Lawrence, a local butcher who was the licensee in 1876. He was followed by George Lawrence, his son and also a butcher. Appropriately, in the late nineteenth century, both Alfred Drew and William Jones, both of whom lived and worked near The Boot,



were boot makers. Perhaps this is where the pub gained its name, although beer and cider was at one time served in a leather 'jack' or 'boot', so we can't be absolutely sure! As you might expect from an old, atmospheric hostelry like The Boot, there are many tall tales and rumors of ghosts. One apparently relates to a painting of the pub in the back room, in which a figure (one Joe Vale) has been painted out after arguing with the landlord. His ghostly figure is said to return from time to time to take revenge on the landlord...

REAL ALE is very popular in England and is always on tap at The Boot. Real ale is a top-fermented beer that completes its secondary fermentation in the container from which it is served. Cask-conditioned beers are real ales served from the brewer's cask.

Flavor and texture is what real ale is all about. Lovers of cask-conditioned beers enjoy the broader range of flavors that result from the clear, naturally carbonated ale served at cellar temperatures. There is less gassiness, less head on the beer, more beer in a glass! Some devotees of the

approach want to drink nothing else.

Like all ale, real ale results from the fermentation



of malted barley by a top-fermenting yeast, distinguishing them from lagers. These yeasts provide some of the complex flavors observed in real ales. Hops are added at different stages of brewing to provide additional flavors. In real ales, dryhopping is especially common. Real ale is alive; it is not pasteurized or filtered. It is placed into its secondary container with priming sugar, which is rapidly consumed by the yeast to produce carbonation. The residual complex sugars provide complex tastes and continued fermentation. Once the secondary

fermentation is complete, real ale is served from the same vessel. This might be the brewer's cask (cask-conditioned), or the bottles used by a home brewer or specialty purveyors (bottle-conditioned).





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### An Appeal to Members

In order to make our newsletter an interesting read it should include articles on a wide range of subjects so this is an appeal to all you folk out there to contribute towards this approach. In this issue I have included an article about the pub in my village in England as an example of a very simple straight forward account which may be of interest to our members. Further examples have been the articles on hobbies so you see there are many subjects that would provide variety and interest to our club's newsletter. There could be an account of your latest vacation, your attendance at the opera, a hike in a National Park, a special drive you took in your Jaguar many years ago, your absorbing hobby and so on and so on.

Articles can be of any length but half a page with some photos to add interest would be quite sufficient.

This is your chance to CONTRIBUTE

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