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Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



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### Coming Events

<b>May 2</b>	<b>First Wednesday Dinner</b>	)
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Mt Lemmon Drive.</b> (Carroll Lam)	
<b>Oct 31-Nov 4</b>	<b>JCNA International Jaguar Festival</b>	
<b>Nov 17</b>	<b>JCSA Concour d' Elegance</b>	

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## The Prez Sez

I understand the April drive event to Lake Powell was a great success. I personally want to thank Abbe Meyer for putting together this great event.

In May, we have a really great drive planned for you. On Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Carroll Lam will be leading us up to the cool weather on Mount Lemmon. It is planned on a Friday, while school is still in session so the mountain will not be crowded. This has been a really fun event in the past so please contact Carroll at [secretary@jcsaz.com](mailto:secretary@jcsaz.com) to sign up and to obtain more information.

Over the years, we have held our Annual Concours d' Elegance in coordination with the Phoenix Club (JCCA). By in coordination I mean they hold theirs one weekend and we hold ours the next. As

a result, the JCNA members who compete for national points and out of town/state members do not have to travel to Arizona twice. It also helps increase the attendance at both of our Concours. This year JCCA will hold their Concours on October 20<sup>th</sup> and we had planned to hold ours on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

However there is a wrinkle. This year our national Club (JCNA) is holding their Annual International Jaguar Festival (IJF) in Santa Barbara, CA starting on October 31<sup>st</sup>. This JCNA IJF is only 4 days after our planned Concours. Therefore there are two issues. First we believe we may not have any out of town/state participation as they will be on their way to California. The second issue is under JCNA Concours rules. An affiliate club cannot hold a Concours within 7 days or 500 miles of a major JCNA event such as an IJF. Therefore it is doubtful that we would receive a sanction (which is necessary) for our Concours under this rule.

We are now working with the La Encantada Shopping Center as our venue for the Concours. Also, given the issues with both the JCCA Concours and the JCNA IJF, we have moved the date of our Concours to November 17<sup>th</sup>. We are thrilled with the opportunity to hold our Concours at La Encantada. It is such a beautiful venue and a befitting site for our Jaguars. We are currently in negotiations with several restaurants and hotels, so more to come.

So you know, Shirley and I will not be at this month's First Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> due to our house closing on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Other than that we will probably be a bit tired as our contractors start the renovations on this date. So if you are still in Arizona in June, we will see you at that First Wednesday.



*Openings still available to tour the United Kingdom*

The Jaguar Associate Group of Los Angeles (JAG) still has openings for their exciting trip to the UK in September. If you would like to join them please click on the below link for more information:

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Thanks,

## DESTINATION: RAINBOW BRIDGE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Sedona, Lake Powell, and Rainbow Bridge hold many good memories for Abbe Meyer and she wanted to share them with her husband, Ron and others. After some discussion, she was persuaded to plan a trip for the club. This was a unique trip for JCSA because it entailed three overnights and included several destinations.

Two different groups of people participated. One group focused on the destinations. They chose to use the speed of the Interstates to arrive quickly and to enjoy later starts. The second group focused on more interesting drives and the beautiful landscape along the way. They started early and arrived later.

Our first destination was Sedona. The "destinationers" arrived for lunch and spent a leisurely hour or two at the Mariposa Grill. It is located on Hwy 89 and is a must if you are in the area. The building has exceptional panoramic views, amazing artwork, and excellent food. From there, they stopped and enjoyed several of the vistas and local drives and checked out some of the local artwork. Rich colors of reds, greens, and browns made the views magical. The "sports drivers" chose a route through Payson where they stopped for lunch. They enjoyed smooth, fast roads with huge panoramic views which changed every few minutes. Not a semi-truck was seen all day!

The two groups met at the Hilton at Bell Rock in Sedona for the traditional cocktail hour. Then we walked to Cucina Rustica for a delicious Italian dinner in a delightfully intimate room. Sated, we rolled up the hill to the hotel.

Tuesday, the "sports drivers" travelled along Oak Creek Canyon and after lunch at the Cameron Trading Post, along Hwy 160 and 98 in the Navajo Nation. The "destinationers" lingered over breakfast, met the "sports drivers" at the trading post, and headed directly to the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. John Wesley Powell described Glen Canyon as "A curious ensemble of wonderful features." We can no longer see the bottom of the canyon because Glen Canyon Dam, completed in 1963, has trapped the waters of the Colorado River and created Lake Powell. I can remember the controversy when the lake was created but had never visited the area.

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At cocktails that night at the Lake Powell Resorts and Marina, we talked about our impressions of the trip thus far. One person spoke of huge panoramas that seem to go forever yet change every few minutes. Another spoke of the vast differences in the topography in Arizona. With the increasing elevations, the contrasts seemed greater and more dramatic. A third mentioned the colorful topography. All of us felt our eyes had feasted on the beauty nature had created. Dinner that night at Bonkers was filled with fun as Cam's dinner plate kept getting changed.

Early Wednesday morning we all boarded a boat for our 50 mile trip on Lake Powell to Rainbow Bridge. Early April was a perfect time to visit because the temperatures, after the morning chill burned off, were warm and there were relatively few boats on the water. The lake has 90 canyons and 1960 miles of shoreline which create a unique, finger or feather-like landscape. The bottom of the gorge is more than 400 feet below the surface of Lake Powell but that does nothing to diminish the views. Several movies like *Planet of the Apes*, *Broken Arrow*, and *The Outlaw Josey Wales* were made using the area as their backdrop. Only Abbe knew what to expect.

After hours on the boat, we disembarked onto a floating dock around eleven and had an hour and a half to hike the trail and admire the views. You can understand why the Native Americans believe it is a spiritual site. Rainbow Bridge was designated a National Monument by President Taft in 1910, a year after Navajo Indians took the first Anglo to visit the site. On our way to the site, we learned that all natural bridges are arches but not all arches are bridges. The difference is that a bridge must be created by water.

That night at cocktail hour, we agreed that taking a shower that day felt particularly good. Again we talked about our impressions. We felt Lake Powell was a great surprise. There is so much of it in a very remote site. Should you wander away from the lake, it would be easy to get lost. There are so many buttes (tall and skinny) and mesas (short and fat), so much water, and often no cell phone coverage. It is a wonderland for the imagination with "ink blots" that looked like a horse, the three monkeys—hear, see, and speak no evil, an elephant, an anteater, etc. Rock formations looked like a motorhome, an owl, an elephant, etc.

We celebrated our time together with dinner at the Rainbow Room. We had been playing musical chairs each evening so we had a chance to get to know one another. Most of us felt we probably wouldn't have taken the time to visit Lake Powell and Rainbow Bridge if Abbe hadn't arranged the trip. All of us were glad she did.

Abbe's note: I want to thank Carol Anderson for her persuasion to plan the trip along with all of her tidbits of lessons learned on past trips, as well as her encouragement and support. I couldn't have done it without her.

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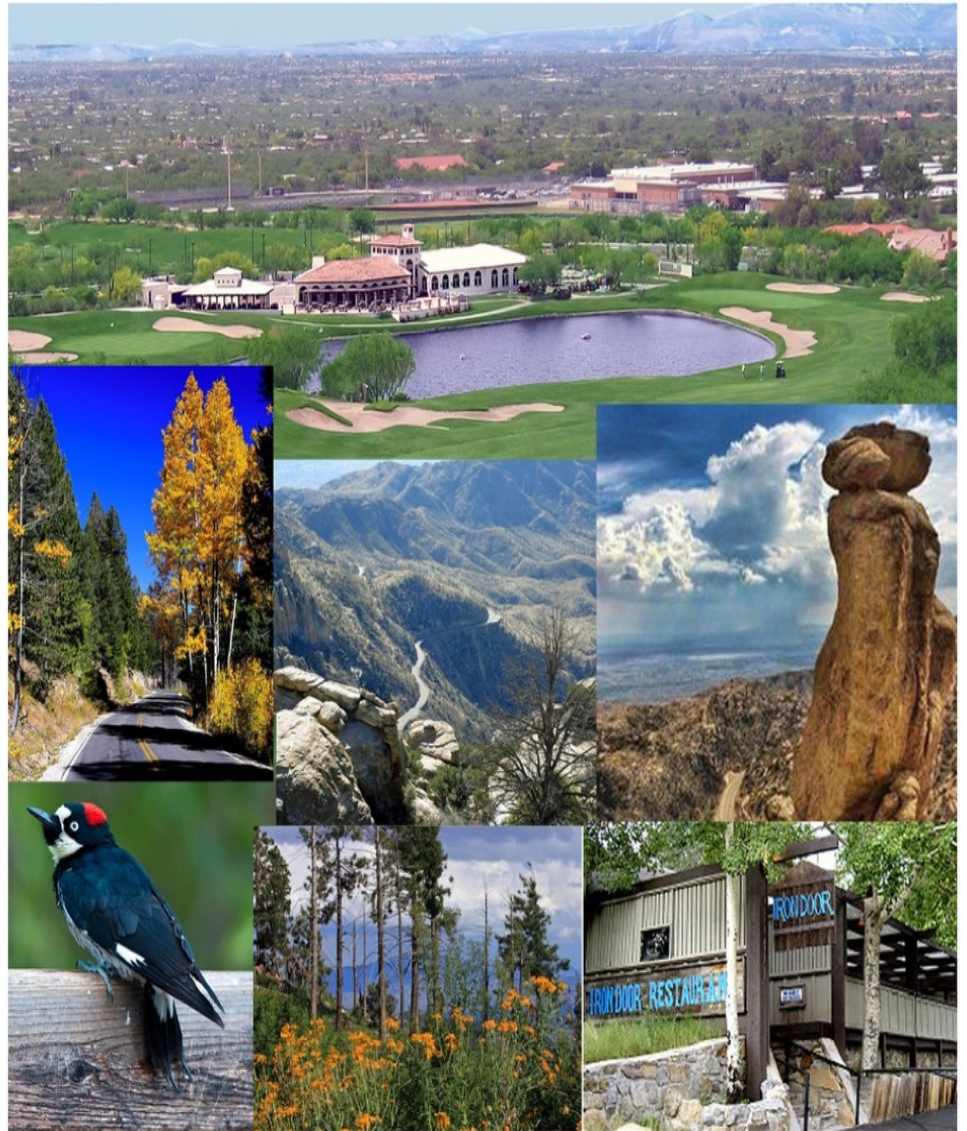
Join us on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> for a fun drive ending with lunch at the Iron Door Restaurant on Mt Lemmon.

We've planned an interesting route to the summit that includes a stop along the way for coffee in a beautiful setting.

For those of you interested in the "science" of Mt Lemmon should download the UoA smartphone app "Mt Lemmon Science Tour". It provides an audio presentation of interesting geophysical elements of Mt Lemmon, synchronized with the drive up the mountain.

The drive will be led fearlessly by Carroll Lam. Please click on the button below to let him know you plan on participating.

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## First Wednesday Dinner – May 2

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**Calling all JAGUAR ENTHUSIASTS to submit entries.**

The Jaguar Car Club of Victoria (Canada) is hosting the JAGUAGRAM - a writing contest. We would like to invite all members of JCNA affiliated clubs and other Jaguar enthusiasts, to participate.

Please click [the flyer](#) for more information and the official rules.

Registration/submission is through our website [www.jaguarcarclub.ca](http://www.jaguarcarclub.ca) or email to [JCCV@shaw.ca](mailto:JCCV@shaw.ca)

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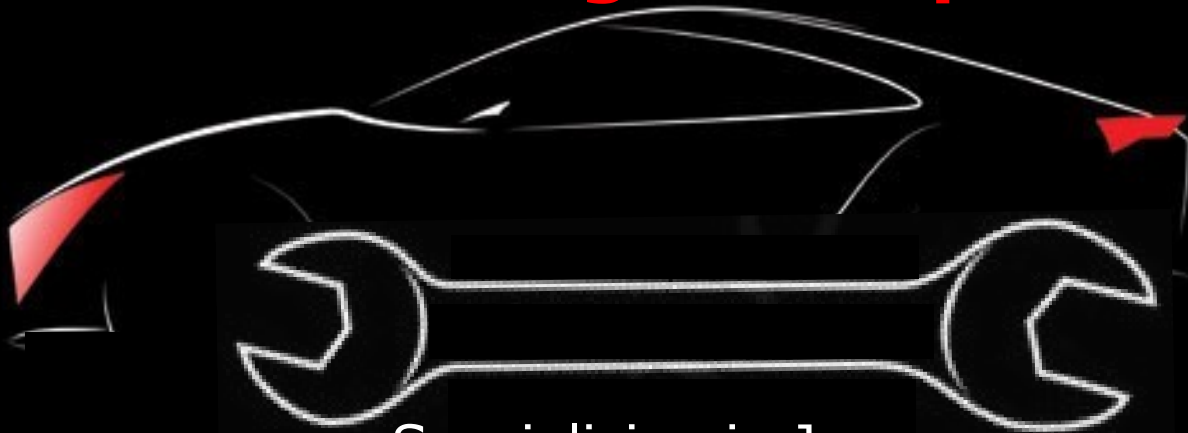
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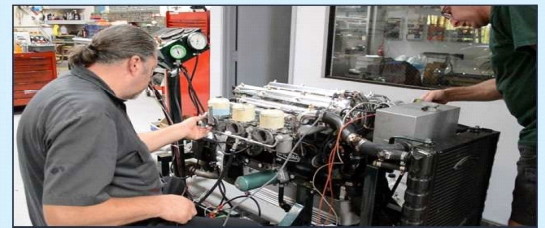
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