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From Our JCSA President:

President's Message

Greetings JCSA members! Here we are in December already and this is sadly my last "President's Message"! You are probably saying to yourselves, "at last!" but I'd like to think I brought a little fun and excitement to our club over the last year as your JCSA President. It has truly been fun and my pleasure to serve as the club President. I am anxious to see what the new leadership does and how the club grows from here. And I am so appreciative of the friends I have made with my involvement with the club. So thank you all for your support.

And thanks once again to Fred Secker for stepping up at last moment and quickly arranging an alternative event in November. Fred is of course one of your JCSA pro-

posed slate of officers going forward.

I am so looking forward to the Holiday Party and annual club meeting at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch this month on the 11th. Please remember that we collect new, unwrapped gifts at the Holiday Party for the boys and girls of the Tohono O'Odham Sells reservation through Intermountain Centers, a non-profit organization. So get swanked up and come out to the party.

As always, join us at Ric's Café this month on 1st Wednesday for more club information and socializing! And as usual...

...See you in my rear view mirror!
Lois Bloom



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JCSA Members and Families

Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona
2011 Calendar of Events

- Dec. 11, 2011 Holiday Dinner Celebration! Tanque Verde Guest Ranch, 5pm
- Jan. 7, 2012 JCSA Board Meeting
- Jan. 21, 2012 Mystery Drive/Lunch at Bubb's Grub, Catalina, AZ
- Feb. 18, 2012 Jaguars at the Zoo



TRINKETS IN THE TRUNK SECTION

JCSA Members please welcome our new members!

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Car: 1973 E-Type OTS
They are snowbirds from Ma. that spend winters in Tucson. Ray has been a board member of his home club and is a certified JCNA judge. His car is kept in Ma. Here's a picture of their Jag.

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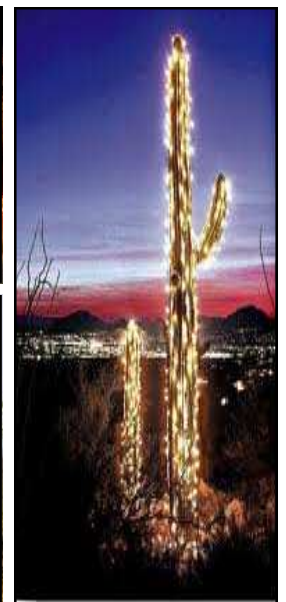
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HOLIDAY DINNER 2011 by Herbie Hampton

In the past we have always held the Holiday Dinner, as a pot luck at a current member's home, and we really appreciated the fact that one of our members were willing to open their home to us. But, because we have not had someone step forward and volunteer their home for this year, and because we had a relatively low turnout for last year's celebration, the board decided to try something new and have the Holiday dinner at a regular restaurant.

So this year we will be having our celebration at the **Tanque Verde Guest Ranch, on Sunday, December 11th.**

No host cocktail hour will start at 5:00 pm with dinner at 6:00 pm.

The cost will be \$35.00 per person and you will be able to pick your meal off the regular Tanque Verde Holiday Menu. The holiday menu is not set yet, but I am assured that the following items will be on the menu; Prime Rib, ½ a Citrus Roasted Chicken or a Chili Relleno stuffed with marinated chicken, and some sort of fish, the specific dish is still under consideration. There will also be other entrees on the menu and possibly a special or two. The price of the dinner will include a choice of salads, the entrée of your choice and a choice of deserts. Also included will be hot and cold beverages (non-alcoholic). You may buy wine or beer to go with your dinner.

For those of you that feel that it is too far to drive home, Tanque Verde Guest Ranch also does bed and breakfast, and the price for that is \$149.00, but I have been told that if you want an overnight reservation you must make them as soon as possible, as they are filling up fast and the price might change.

Along with the Holiday dinner we will be having our once a year club meeting, when we elect new officers for the coming year, and this year we will be voting on a raise in membership dues. Before you make up your mind about the dues, please read the article elsewhere in this newsletter about our club's financial condition. Here's the slate of new officers:

For President – Doug Dechant

For Vice President – Jake Jacobs

For Secretary – Fred Secker

For Newsletter Editor and V.P. – Fred Secker

For Treasurer – Yours Truly, Herbie Hampton has also volunteered for another year.

Retiring from the board with big thank-yous from the club; Lois Bloom – President & Robert Taylor – Vice President, Dolores Zimmerman – Secretary. Dolores has served the club in every board position except treasurer at least once and several more than once. She has been on the board almost continuously since joining the club in year 2000, or about.

If anyone else would like to run for a board position, please contact Lois Bloom as soon as you can.

From the Desk of the Secretary -by Dolores Zimmerman

As the year 2011 winds down, it is time to start thinking about elections of officers to the JCSA board. The annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 11th at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch is the time for elections of new officers for the coming year and to deal with any new business issues at the brief business meeting that takes place each year at the Party.

There is one piece of business that the membership will be asked to vote in favor of in addition to the election of officers. The club has not had an increase in club annual membership dues in several years. It has been well over 10 years that I am aware of. The current officers are asking the members accept an increase in the membership dues by \$5 thereby making the annual dues \$65 per year. This increase of \$5 will be wholly retained by the local club to provide the money to continue to offer the various events that the club puts on. The annual Concours d'Elegance is not a money maker for the club. Also, there are some regular expenses of the club include storage rental unit for the various club supplies and assets; expenses for the Concours not covered by sponsorship; the annual pancake breakfast; printing of the newsletter that goes out to those without email and a supply to Royal Jaguar for customers (potential club members!); website hosting costs; annual corporate commission filing fees; and more... All of the money collected by advertisers of our newsletter help to offset some of these costs, but they do not cover all of it. In order to continue to assure the club remains sound financially, the current Board feels this is a necessary increase that would not cause undue hardship on each individual member.

Please consider this list of proposed officers for the 2012 Club Year. We have some new individuals who have graciously stepped forward as well as a couple of others who have volunteered to continue with club duties. Certainly, if you wish to come forward or to nominate someone, please let me know. As secretary, I will present the slate of potential candidates to the general membership at the Holiday Party in December for you to vote on. Here are the names of those that have stepped forward at **this time:**

**Doug Dechant - President, Jake Jacob - Vice President, Fred Secker - Secretary,
Herbie Hampton - Treasurer, Fred Secker - VP, Newsletter Editor**

And although the website "webmaster" is not an officer nor an elected position, Maggie Secker has stepped forward as willing to take on that challenge and we wish to acknowledge and thank her for that. It is time consuming and requires updating. So, thank you for those that have served in the past and for those stepping forward to serve in the future. Without members volunteering to serve the club as officers, we can not continue to be an organized club.
Thank you.—Dolores



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A reaction to the proposal to increase club dues

If we are to retain existing club members and encourage other Jaguar owners to join our club an increase in club dues would not help. Raising the dues by \$5 would increase club annual income by approx \$300. To avoid having to burden our club members with this cost we can rather improve the club's financial position by instituting the following measures:

1. Increase the advertising rates in our newsletter by 15%. This would not be onerous to advertisers as our rates are the lowest of any JCNA club. This will increase annual revenue by \$270.
2. Have the printed version of our newsletter done by Royal Jaguar. They have been approached and have agreed to do this. Saving to the club will be \$660 per year.

By introducing these measures the club will be better off by over \$900 per year thus making an increase in dues unnecessary. When the proposal is put forward at the Holiday Dinner/AGM please do not vote for higher dues if you are interested in the future well being of our club.

Submitted by Fred Secker



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I know you think this is about the Holiday Dinner meeting (and in a way it is), but not the way you probably think. This is about voting.

It is a responsibility, and a privilege, to vote for what's happening to your club, along with the direction our club takes. This year, in addition to electing new club officers, the current board has recommended an increase in the yearly club dues. We're asking you to approve a small \$5.00 yearly increase, from \$60.00 a year to \$65.00 a year. Before you automatically say no, let me as your treasurer, tell you how the club is doing financially.

Our membership normally runs around 60 members each year with some dropping out, and some new people joining. We pick up approximately 10 new members a year, so that leaves about 50 renewals. After we pay the JCNA fee of \$22.00 per membership, the Club keeps \$38.00 per membership. With new members the amount we keep is less because we have to supply them with club name tags (which costs about 15 to 17 dollars per membership), so we only realize about 21 to 23 dollars per membership. In 2010 the dues collected for the club were \$2135.00.

Even though our director of newsletter advertising, Fred Secker, has done a great job obtaining advertising, the fact that we've gone to an internet-based newsletter costs us around \$345.00 annually.

We spend \$804.00 on club storage. But where else can we store club owned items in a temperature controlled environment? And which Club Member (even if they had the space to store club supplies) wants to be responsible for the safety of these items - and be available anytime someone from the club needs an item for a club event?

The club also has business operating expenses, like the cost of postage. The club's non-profit certification with the state, and similar expenses, runs about \$100.00 a year.

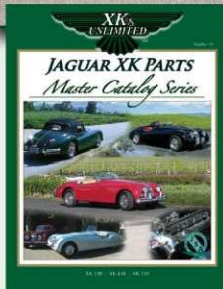
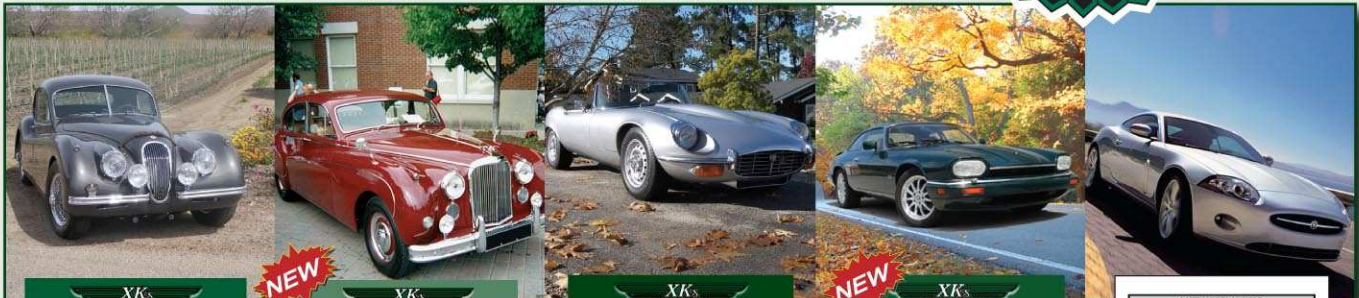
Two events in 2010 made money for the club; the Slalom, and the HPDE (which made a little over \$300.00). All the other events cost the club money including the Concour d'Elegance (which a lot of us just finished enjoying). In spite of registration fees, (and our sponsorship gifts and money mainly from Royal Jaguar) in 2010 it cost the Club almost \$1300.00 to operate. The cost of the other events in 2010, including things like the Pancake Breakfast and the 4th of July picnic, totaled a little over \$700.00 in costs. Year 2011 appears to be on the same level of income and expenditures.

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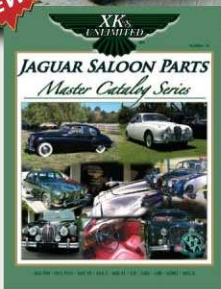
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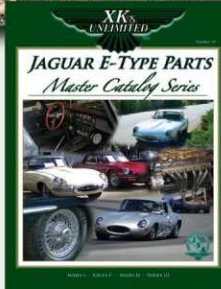
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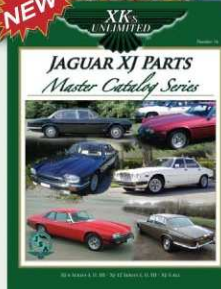
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The November 19 drive to the Arts and Crafts capital of Arizona

Seeing as there was only a few days notice of this event we had a respectable turn out of 5 Jaguars for the drive and a sixth joining us in Tubac. The annual Tour de Tucson bicycle event tried its best to keep folk from arriving on time so our departure was delayed a bit but we were soon assembled and ready to set off in fine Fall weather. The route took our convoy East past the Tucson Fairgrounds then south towards the Santa Rita Mountains en route to Sahuarita where we joined the Old

Nogales Hwy. Then we branched left to take East Continental Road into Green Valley where we joined Interstate 19 for the remainder of our route. The drive took just one hour but was most enjoyable with distant views of the Empire Mountain Range and closer



views of the Pecan Plantations near Sahuarita. In Tubac we all adjourned to Selby's Bistro for a lazy lunch and animated chit chat before splitting up to browse the myriad art galleries and craft stores. Tubac seems to get better on each visit and is a very pleasant place to stroll around, purchase that must-have knick knack and soak up the atmosphere. Altogether a most enjoyable Jaguar Club outing spent driving our cars and enjoying good company. (By Fred Secker)



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I know that everyone doesn't want to be bothered with the finances but if you add up the Club costs, and the income, you'll see that each year we have to borrow a little from next year's income to pay for the current year. I give the board a monthly report on the club's finances, as well as a yearly breakdown of income and expenses. If there's any Club member that would like a copy of those reports while I've been club treasurer, I'll be more than happy to make them one and send it along. Please ask.

So, let's not become like our government! Let's be fiscally responsible and pay our debts on time. Please vote for the \$5.00 dollar increase in dues for future years. Please vote for a new membership dues of \$65.00 per year. This increase can pass with a simple majority of members voting for it at the Holiday Dinner.

Sincerely,
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Holiday Toy Collection

The JCSA annual Holiday Party is taking place at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch this year on Sunday, December 11th. Please remember to bring an unwrapped gift for a child or teen. The children of the Tohono O’Odham Indian tribe will once again be the recipients of our toy collection efforts. Through the non-profit organization, Intermountain Centers for Human Development, the toys will be delivered to those families with the greatest need. Intermountain Centers serve the children and families of the Tohono Nation with behavioral and mental health issues to help with keeping children and their families together and safe. Funding



has been cut in some areas as much as 15% to 40% and it is going to be harder than ever to help the children have a Merry Christmas. Many people think that with Indian Gaming Casinos, there is no poverty on the Nation. That is so far from the reality of the average Tohono family, especially those that Intermountain Centers serves. Your thoughtful generosity is very greatly appreciated. Thank you—Dolores Zimmerman, Secretary.



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