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Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona - USA Club#1

From Our UCSA President:

President's Message

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Greetings JCSA members! We are fast approaching the end of 2011 already and I trust you all have received the email from our club secretary, Dolores Zimmerman, with the proposed slate of JCSA officers for the coming year. Please take time to come by Ric's Café on the next two First Wednesday's to meet these fine folks who have stepped up to serve as your new club leaders. I think all will find them a very positive and enjoyable group of people.

Another Concours d' Elegance goes into the record book, and this year's event was very special indeed! Fred Secker and his lovely assistant, Maggie Secker, oh.... and the other one too, Fred Kaefer, did an outstanding job! Bill Badger organized the judges and they did a superlative job scoring the wonderful selection of Jaguars from far and near. Our Concours is getting some special praise also by one of our contestants who happened to be the Director of the JCNA Southwest Region, Tom Krefetz. He emailed me just today the following message... "The party Friday night was lots of fun, and everyone had a good time. That's the way it should be. The Concours was also excellent, nice selection of

cars, great venue, and I think the judging teams did a good job as well. The people in your club are very hospitable, and a great group to be with. I want you to know that I thoroughly enjoyed it." So kudos to you Fred, and everyone else that played a part in creating that very elegant event for us all to enjoy! Read more about it in the newsletter this month.

Also, read about the upcoming Holiday Party and annual club meeting in the newsletter this month. Plan to attend; this year's party is at The Tanque Verde Guest Ranch...I can smell that fabulous prime rib now! I am really looking forward to it because it gives me an excuse to dress up as festive as a Christmas tree ornament! (And we all know how I love to do that!) Make your reservations as soon as possible and don't forget 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.

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!



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In 2011
"The Jag Rules the Sonoran Desert"



Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona 2011 Calendar of Events

Dec. 11th (Sun) Holiday Party at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch

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

From the Editor:

I welcome all JCSA Members to submit articles, pictures and noteworthy stories that you'd like to share with fellow JCSA Members. Don't worry about grammar and punctuation, we can fix those minor details. Got an idea?? Let me know! Got a great road trip story?? Let me know! Have a few photos to pass along?? Send them my way! Got a tech tip that somebody else might not know about pass it on! Our monthly newsletter is a reflection of all members attraction with their Jaguars. This is your Club and your news letter. Your input matters. I encourage everyone to support the Club's growth by sending me monthly articles. You can forward them to me @ tritiumzone@hotmail.com ... or mail them to me @ Danny Benedict, 39304 S. Mountain Shadow Drive, Tucson, AZ 85739. Know somebody locally who drives a Jag and doesn't know about the camaraderie of JCSA?? Ask them to attend one of our events! I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards, Danny

<u>TRINKETS IN THE TRUNK SECTION</u>

The JCNA has several Special Awards in addition to the Newsletter Awards. The Andrew Whyte Award is JCNA's most prestigious award presented to the member who volunteers their services well beyond the norm. It is given for local service, national service or contributions in both areas.

The JCNA Dealer of the Year Award recognized a dealer for their close relationship with a JCNA club and for their support and participation in local club activities.

The Fred Horner Sportsmanship Award has been presented to the JCNA member who has scored the best in Concours, Slalom and Rally events. Few members met the requirements, resulting in the award being temporarily suspended for 2011. The requirements are being revised and will open the award to most members of JCNA to be considered. Stay tuned for updates in an upcoming Jaguar Journal.

The applications for the awards are available on the JCNA website on the Library page. The link is listed below. Please take the time very soon to complete the application that will honor the outstanding members and dealerships. Applications for the two award must be submitted by the end of the year.

http://www.jcna.com/library/index.php Bob Matejek Special Awards Chair 2012 NC Regional Dir Jag Affiliates Group of Michigan

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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. – Danny Benedict volunteered for another year. 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, Danny Benedict - 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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JCSA Concours D'Elegance 2011

On Saturday October 29th St Philips Plaza was arrayed with a stunning selection of Jaguars old and new as our club held its 39th Concours D'Elegance. The quality on display was quite exceptional with three classic

models attaining the maximum score of 100 points. What a privilege it was to have such cars at our event and to be able to gaze in wonder at these exceptional examples of the marque we all love. Royal Jaguar brought along three of the latest models so the 28 Jaguars on display ranged from the classic era right through the entire history of Jaguar production. Once again our Concours provided a rare opportunity to see cars in the flesh that gave rise to the mystique of Jaguar. The entries were scored by our excellent team of judges and the fact that so many superb Jaguars are brought to our Concours is testament to the high regard in which our judging is held.

A Halloween cocktail party was held on the previous evening at the Windmill Inn as a social get together to welcome all competitors, especially those who had travelled long distances to take part on our event. The range of costumes was quite hilarious and a fun time was had by all.

The culmination of our Concours D'Elegance was the Awards Gala Dinner on Saturday evening held at the Westward Look Resort. The location is of course very special with pre dinner drinks being taken on the patio overlooking the city lights where we chatted and discussed how enjoyable the event had been. The dinner in the Palm Room was excellent and was preceded by an address by Tom Krevetz, Director of the JCNA South West Region who was also kind enough to present the awards to the deserving class winners.

Royal jaguar sponsored our event most generously once more for which we are very grateful. Their continued support over the years has made a great contribution to the success of our club so we say a huge thank you to them as indeed we do to all of our sponsors.

Please click the link below to view a slideshow of our 39th Concours D'Elegance. Ensure your speakers are turned on and select Full Screen.

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MEMBERS!! VERY IMPORTANT HOLIDAY DINNER MEETING

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?

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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 <u>made money for the club</u>; <u>the Slalom, and the HPDE</u> (which made a little over \$300.00). All the other events cost the club money <u>including the Concour d'Elegance</u> (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.

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, Herbie Hampton, Treasurer, JCSA











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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