



November 2012

# Desert Jaguar



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### A BOARD MEMBER'S APOLOGY

I would like to apologize for having to cancel the drive to Gammon's Gulch that was originally planned for Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to miscommunication amongst the board, while it was thought that someone was put in charge of setting up the trip, it was not clearly communicated to that person and so it did not get set up. We will try to do better in the future.

Herbie Hampton, Treasurer

## President's Message

Wow! October was quite a month. There were some serious cars shows around Tucson last month and of course our own Concours D'Elegance. I do hope that most of you took the opportunity to come by St Phillips and view the wonderful selection of Jaguars in our Concours.

Our High Performance Drivers Education (HPDE) series was held at Pinal Air Park on October 14th. All though this is a fun event, I wish I could say that the HPDE was as popular as our Wednesday night dinners, but given the very light turnout it just is not. If anyone has suggestions that could make this more popular please let us know.

We have cancelled "Drive to Gammon's Gulch and Lunch" event. I apologize for this, but we have something else planned that at least the guys will enjoy. More to come.

I know it is only November, but Linda and Al Bales are graciously opening their home for our Holiday party on December 8<sup>th</sup>, so save the date. This promises to be a really great party and I hope all of you can attend.



Please remember that we will have Board elections at the Holiday party. You should receive your ballots by e-mail the first week in December. In addition we will provide ballots at the party. If you would like to give some time to your club, please put your name up for election to the Board.

As most of you have heard I am not running for president in 2013. I am currently spending a lot of time volunteering for a charity. In addition I have been considering serving on the board of another non-profit charitable organization. Also I have applied to represent the SW Region on the new JCNA Membership Committee being formed for 2013. Two charities, the JCNA position and one board are more than enough. Therefore if you can, please provide your name to Jake and join the 2013 JCSA Board of Directors. You will find it an interesting and rewarding experience.

If you are planning on joining us at Ric's on the 7<sup>th</sup>, please take a moment and call them at 577-7272 to let them know you are coming. Be safe and have fun,

Doug Dechant

## Make a Difference, Run for the Board!



Fall is coming and we are approaching 2013. This means in December we nominate and elect officers to administer your Jaguar Club. Any member in good standing, which means you have paid your dues for this year, can offer their names or service to the 2013 Board of Directors. You can also nominate someone in the Club whom you have their agreement that, if elected, they will serve.

Although we only have one position where we currently do not have a candidate, as in any election any of the Board positions may be sought by anyone in the Club. Here is a list of the five positions you may offer your services:

### Position

President  
Vice President \*  
Associate Vice President/Newsletter \*  
Treasurer \*  
Secretary\*

### Current Candidate

Open  
Richard Mandziak  
Fred Secker  
Herbie Hampton  
Jake Jacob

If you have some excess time I strongly recommend that you consider giving back to your club and join the Board. The Board you elect provides the direction for the club and its success. So if you want to help chart the direction of your Club, now is the time.

**Please contact Jake Jacobs at [jakejtuc@msn.com](mailto:jakejtuc@msn.com) ASAP to get your name on the ballot.**

\*Jake Jacob, Herbie Hampton, Fred Secker and Richard Mandziak have agreed to continue in their positions for 2013.



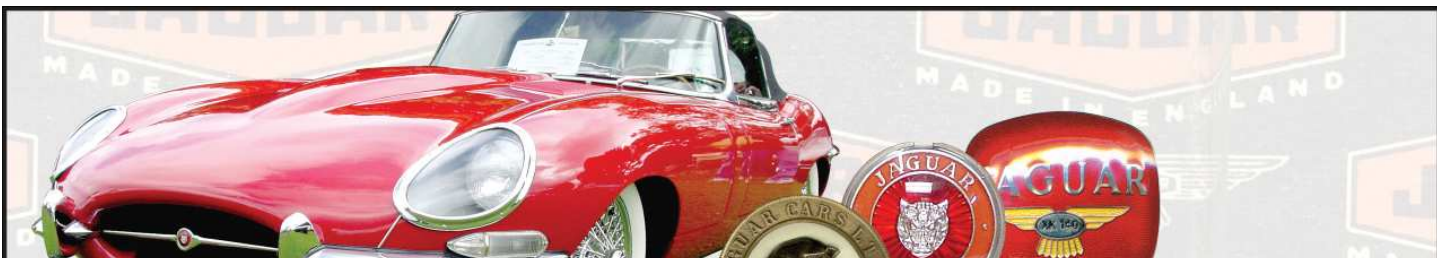
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## Holiday Party



Somehow it seems wrong to be talking about this before we have even celebrated Thanks-giving, but you need to know about the Holiday Party as soon as possible, so that you can make your plans to join your fellow JCSA members in this traditional holiday celebration. So the date you should make available to join us is **December 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Last year we departed from the norm for our club, by having the dinner at a restaurant, but thanks to Linda Bales Deane and Al Turek we are once again returning to the norm of having the party at a member's home. But there is still a difference, in that, in the past it was a potluck dinner and the club supplied the beer and wine.

This year, it will be a catered buffet dinner (by Ric's Café) and there is a price per person of \$35.00. That is the same as the dinner at the restaurant last year. The menu will consist of

1. Appetizers (Shrimp Remoulade, Sausage Puff and Mushroom sandwiches.)
2. Buffet will include salad, Beef Stroganoff, Chicken Picatta, noodles, green beans and rolls.

**We are asking that you bring a small dessert to share with other members.**

Non-alcoholic beverages (water, soda, tea & coffee) will be provided by the club. The club's President is strongly against the club providing the wine and beer, as in the past, because of liability laws. So if you would like to imbibe an alcoholic beverage, please bring your beverage of choice with you and the club will have an area set up to fix your drinks.

So to recap the things you need to know:

1. The party will be on **Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**. From **5:00 PM to 10:00Pm**
2. The location will be Linda and Al's home at **4162 E. Coronado Drive** (North on Swan to near the top end of the street. West onto Coronado (about a mile of curves.) The house will be on the left side of the street (with a gabled tin roof and have holiday lights and decorations.) Car pooling is encouraged as parking is limited.
3. The cost is **\$35.00 per person** be paid to the club no later than **November 24<sup>th</sup>**, so that we can have an accurate count for the caterer. Make your checks out to JCSA and send them to either Linda Bales Deane at 4162 E. Coronado Dr. Tucson, Az. 85718 or Herbie Hampton at 11460 E. Placita Rancho Grande. Tucson, Az. 85730.
4. Please bring a new **unwrapped gift** to be donated to the Rural Metro Fire Dept. to be given to Toys for Tots.

# Happy Holidays

# High Performance Driver Education

Sunday October 14, 2012



Pinal Air Park, off exit 232 on I10 was the venue once more for our Fall High Performance Driver Education event where we were able to drive our cars at high speed on their small private road track which has lots of curves and a long straight.

The fun actually started on Saturday afternoon when we met up at the Jack in the Box on I10 and Ina for the convoy drive out to Pinal. Bill Badger organized this entire event and he led the convoy to the security gate where he cleared us through and onto the base.

A real nice aspect of this event is the fact that we can go out there the night before and stay overnight at the on-site motel. We took snacks and drinks and enjoyed socializing for a few hours before dinner which we were privileged to have in the mess hall of the Western ARNG Aviation Training Site.

On Sunday morning we were up early for another trip over to the mess hall for an excellent slap up breakfast then it was out to the track to set up for the high performance driving. We were pleasantly surprised to find that two new ramadas had been built which saved us the need to erect the canopies we had brought. We laid traffic cones where necessary, did tech checks on the cars, signed waiver forms, drank some water, got the helmets out of the boxes and finally were ready for the safety briefing by Bill. The main focus of Bill's briefing was safety of course but the track is very safe with no obstacles to concern drivers so the whole driving experience is very enjoyable indeed. We were very few cars so there was no need to have more than one car on the track at the same time. Each session consisted of 3 laps with the last lap being timed, not from a competitive point of view, just for the information of drivers. So we continued through the morning taking as many 3 lap sessions as each driver wanted and by noon we were done, packed up and on our way home after an exhilarating morning enjoying our cars in a way which is not possible on normal roads. Once again our thanks go to Bill Badger for all the work he put into organizing this fun event.

Fred Secker



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**This is a personal appeal for your help.** At our September 5<sup>th</sup> First Wednesday dinner at Ric's we had 30 members. This is really a great turnout especially as so many members have not yet returned to Tucson for the winter. However, Ric's had only 12 RSVP's so we only had one server. As a direct result the service was not as good as it could be. As we have for some time been asking our members to RSVP, we can only blame ourselves. After dinner Linda Bales and I talked with Jack Ahern, the owner of Ric's. Going forward he committed to providing

us with at least two servers which should be great unless we have more than 20. However I do expect more to attend this dinner as our members return to Tucson.

**Therefore please RSVP Ric's at 577-7272 so they can provide the necessary staff.**

I hope many of you noticed that Jack added a new chicken dish to the Early Bird Menu. Shirley tried it and loved it. In addition Jack indicated he would continue to add dishes to this menu so stay tuned. Jack and his team are trying, let's help them.  
Doug Dechant



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- Oct 14 High Performance Driver Education Pinal Airpark.  
Oct 26/27 Concours D'Elegance at St. Philip's Plaza.  
Oct 28 Track day at Inde Track near Wilcox  
December 8 Holiday Party at Al and Linda's Place

**We meet for social dining at Ric's Café on 1st Wednesday of each month.**

**Call Ric's on 520 577 7272 to tell them you will be there.**

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