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From Our ICSA President:

President's Message

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Greetings JCSA members! to the Cocktail Party on Wow...what a fabulous trip we had with Cats in the Canyon! Oh my gosh Herbie; you out did yourself on this one. No tickets, no breakdowns, and no one got lost, just one fantastic drive with great fall weather and beautiful fall scenery. Just check ton as soon as possible. out the photos I brought back of our group driving through Oak Creek Canyon in this newsletter. As I drove with my top down through the winding road of the canyon with tree boughs bending over the roadway, leaves were actually falling on me and into my car. What a treat!!! Who says we don't experience the seasons in Arizona?

So here we are in October already. That can only mean it is Concours de Elegance time again. Read more about that in this newsletter for all the Lois Bloom details, but what I will

point out to remember is to bring a dish to share Friday the 28th, a Halloween costume is optional. If you plan to attend the Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony at Westward Look on Saturday evening the 29th, please send your check for the dinner to Herbie Hamp-There is still time so plan now to attend!

For more detail about entering your CAT in the Concours de Elegance, contact Fred Secker at the following email address:

fred@secker.uk.net

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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SUMMER MONSOON GIVES WAY TO AUTUMN SUNSETS



<u>Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona</u> <u>2011 Calendar of Events</u>

Oct. 28th Pre- Concours d' Elegance Reception

Oct. 29th Concours d' Elegance- St. Phillip's Plaza

Nov. 19th Drive to Amado and Lunch

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

TRINKETS IN THE TRUNK SECTION

The current issue of the JCNA newsletter has been uploaded and is now available for download from their club page on the JCNA Website. Click on the following link to view download information and start the download. http://www.jcna.com/php/clubdisplay.php?club=JCNA#newsletter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!!! We have more new members joining the JCSA. Their names are:

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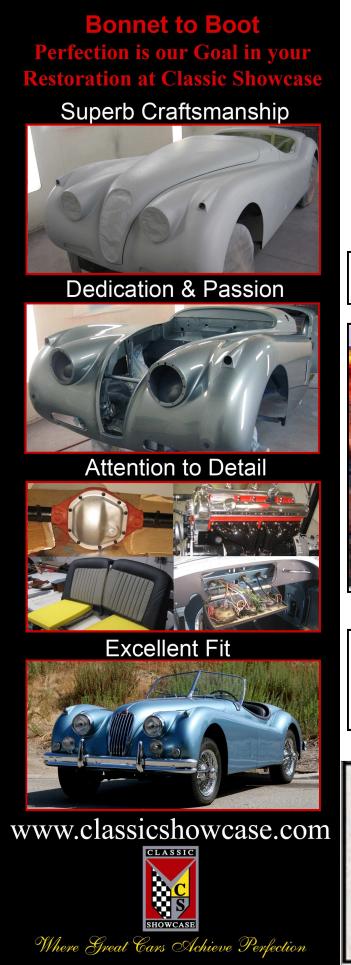
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(MORE PHOTOS ON BACK PAGE)



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A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE CONCOUR

With our annual Concour d'Elegance, coming up in October, I thought that I might relate a funny event that occurred to Claire and me at a past Concour that we attended. We have had several funny things happen at some of the Concour we attended, I say funny in retrospect, but they were certainly not funny at the time that they occurred. In fact, I thought them very unfunny at the time. But in this article I will just speak of one of them.

We bought our first Jag in 1985, a brand new XJ6 Vanden Plas. One of the guys I worked with was a British car nut and when he heard about out Jag purchase, he lent me a book about the Jaguar Marque. From the moment I opened that book I caught "Cat Fever." I fell in love with the XK styling. So after reading all the books that I could find about Jag and specifically the XK model, and thinking that I was well prepared to buy a good car, I set off looking for a XK150S.

Claire and I looked at many different XK's, 120's, 140's and 150's. This was during the time that the Japanese had discovered the XK and were buying up a lot of them, so the prices were relatively high. The rarity of the XK150S made it too expensive for our pocketbook. So we settled on a 1955 XK140MC Roadster. When we first saw it, in Dallas Texas, it was a newly painted shell, fire engine red. The color, plus the long swooping wings and curved dropdown doors had me drooling. The restorer/dealer promised to have the car finished in six months. When we went back to Texas after six months it wasn't quite ready, so we made arrangements for him to ship it to California as soon as it was done. Dumb, Dumb, Dumb, but I was in love with the looks of that car. Black leather interior, red rugs, fire engine red exterior with long sweeping wings; who cares about test driving it. As I said, dumb, dumb and dumber. When we got the car in California, it turned out to have a plethora of problems mechanically and with originality. We fixed the major mechanical problems and were working on getting a lot of the missing parts to complete the originality, and in 1990 we were off to our first Concour.

It was a Western States meet, put on by the Seattle club in Sun Valley Idaho. The trip there is a story in itself, but the funny thing I want to tell you is about the Concour itself. We pulled off the spoke wheels and while I cleaned and polished the outside of the car and spruced up the leather, Claire cleaned the chrome wheels, all five of them, spoke by spoke. She used a toothbrush, cotton swabs and chrome polish. Talk about hard, back breaking work, she never quit. She spent the majority of the day working on those wheels. We were sure that we had a beautiful car and were going to do well in the Concour.

It turned out that we had so many missing and unoriginal parts that we barely qualified for third place, and probably only got that because there were only three cars in our classification. **BUT EVERYONE AGREED THAT WE HAD THE BEST LOOKING WHEELS IN THE CONCOUR.** Unfortunately, no award for best wheels.

Claire and I have many Concour experiences like that, that are humorous in retrospect, and maybe, if you like this, I can tell of them in later newsletters.

— Submitted by Herbie Hampton

It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's Herbie's Amazing ... What??

This is the most amazing picture that I have ever taken, and it was by accident. As many of you know, last weekend our Jag club to a trip to the Grand Canyon, and I took a lot of pictures. When I took this picture of the Colorado River in the bottom of the canyon and showed it to Claire, she said, you took a picture of a bird. And sure enough, when I looked at the picture on the small screen of the camera I saw the bird too. I thought that it looked like a dove, but our tour guide said that they didn't have any doves at the canyon, and that it looked pretty big, so it might be some kind of hawk or falcon. Several other people looked at the picture and gave their own opinions about what kind of bird it was.

When I got home and loaded the pictures into my computer, and looked at the picture, I couldn't find the picture with the bird in it. So, I was going to look in the camera to see if it was still there and, for some reason, it didn't transfer to the computer. I noticed the camera battery was depleted and it wouldn't bring up the pictures. I went back to the computer and looked again, very carefully for the bird picture with no luck. Then, I stepped back from the computer which had the picture I thought had the bird in it, and behold, there was the bird!

Now if you're looking at this picture on a small screen, you can probably see the bird, but if you are looking at it on your computer you may not be able to see the bird. If not, step back from the computer about five or six feet and you should be able to see the bird. On a closer look you can see that it's not a bird at all, but a rock formation. Pretty amazing, uh. (Yours Truly, Herbie Hampton!!!)





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Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona Concours D'Elegance 2011

On October 29, 2011 we will once more have the opportunity to present our Purrfect Cats to the admiring world as our club stages its annual Concours D'Elegance. All those sleek and shiny Jaguars in the delightful surroundings of St Philips Plaza is an amazing

sight to behold so mark your calendar and join the fun!

On Friday 28 there will be a cocktail party at the Windmill Inn with Halloween theme and a prize for the best costume. On Saturday 29 the concours will take place in the morning and then the patio at Vivace Restaurant will be reserved for those of us that would like to lunch there. In the evening the Gala Dinner and Awards Presentation will be held at Westward Look Resort with pre-dinner drinks on the sunset terrace.

All the details you will need are on the registration form which you can download from our JCSA page on the Jaguar Clubs of North America website or by simply clicking this link:-

http://www.jcna.com/calendar/flyer/sw01-300862724.pdf

You can also get a registration form by email from myself and if you should have any queries whatsoever regarding the concours please email me.

Look forward to seeing you!

Fred Secker, Concours Chair

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JUDGES FOR 2011 CONCOURS NEEDED

Judging the Jaguars is a pleasant experience and the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona is looking for Jaguar Club members who want to be Judges. Bill Badger is the Chief Judge, to be assisted by Jeff Owens. The JCSA has some JCNA certified Judges and Chief Judges but we need volunteers because some of these are not available to judge the Jaguars. Our goal is to have fifteen Judges, five teams of three. *It can't be over emphasized how much Judges are needed for this year's Concours d' Elegance. Both men and women are encouraged to be Judges.* A Judges Training Session will be held at Bill Badger's house on October 8th at 2:00 PM. Bill Badger's home is located at the Northwest Corner of Sunrise and Potatoc Rd, at 5615 N. Pontatoc Rd. The training session should be complete within a couple hours. If you are able to be a Judge at this year's Concours d' Elegance, please contact Bill at 520 577-3246 or cell phone 520 204-0488 as soon as possible but not latter than October 8, 2011.

Thank you, Bill Badger



CATS IN THE CANYON (IN RETROSPECT) ... by Herbie Hampton

We met Sunday morning, Carol & Andy Anderson, Lois Bloom, Kelly & Dave Christensen, who drove out from the San Diego area because they love our drives and that's why they joined our club. Also there was Tom Durham (Daria developed a sinus infection and couldn't make the trip,) Jake & Colleen Jacob, Chuck & Dolores Zimmerman, & Claire and myself. I gave out our trip packages with maps and directions and a couple of goodies and we went over the planned route.

And so six cars started off on our grand adventure, four Cats, one rented brand X (Tom discovered, after prepping is XKE for the trip that the registration had lapsed,) and one Lotus (my XK140 is still waiting for water temp gauge.) The drive up to and through Phoenix proved uneventful and thanks to light Sunday morning traffic; we were all able to stay together. We made a couple of rest stops on the way, so that the freeway driving wouldn't be too boring, and then we took the Hwy. 179 turn off to Sedona and the interesting part of the drive. At Sedona we stopped for lunch at the Golden Goose Café where we met John Diamanti, (a great Jag mechanic, in my opinion, and a constant advertiser in our newsletter,) and his lovely wife, Judy. Also meeting us at the restaurant was Vickie and Larry Currie, long time club members even though they live in Sedona. There, Larry regaled us with the tale of why they were late to the Café. He left his cat unused for too long a period and the battery had discharged. It was Vickie and Larry that suggested the Golden Goose Café for our lunch stop. After lunch, we added two more Jags to our Pride of Cats on the prowl to the Grand Canyon. After a beautiful drive up Oak Creek Canyon and a short run on I-40 to Williams, we arrived at the Grand Canyon Railroad Hotel, where we met the last couple that took the trip with us, Linda Bales-Dean and Al Turek.

After settling in our hotel rooms, we all met at the bar for a couple of cocktails before dinner. Then it was on to our buffet dinner, that like all buffets was o.k., but they did have one really great feature, a make your own pasta dish. Many kinds fresh pasta and several different sauces to put on the pasta and lots of goodies to add to the dish, like sausage, bell peppers onions and the like. I am passing this on second hand from the others that partook of that specialty, as I am a Mac & Cheese freak and was hung up on that dish. The next morning we all met for a buffet breakfast, with a cook on duty to fix whatever kind of omelet you would like to order. Then it was on to a western show put on by the railroad, before boarding the train to the canyon. This show wasn't like the usual western gunfight shows you see around Arizona, it was a comedy skit, and was pretty funny.

And now we come to the meat of the sandwich, the Grand Canyon Railroad Train!!! For all of you that thought that this trip was too expensive, and have never ridden the train from Williams to the Grand Canyon, I hope you will reconsider and give it a try, it was fantastic. And I recommend that you pay the extra expense of booking the Parlor Car, which is their top class of travel. As a Parlor Car passenger, you can go to every other car on the train, including the Observation Cars, but the Parlor Cars are exclusively for those booked on them. As you can see from the pictures, they are really spacious and you can move around in them as much as you like. On the trip up they have breakfast snacks like sweet rolls, cinnamon rolls and fresh fruit, juices, soft drinks and coffee and on the return in the afternoon a good selection of cheeses and crackers, once again fresh fruit, juices soda water and coffee, all included in the price of the trip. There is also a bar in the car where you can purchase beer, wine or a mixed drink or two. Our Parlor Car Hostess, Shirley, was fantastic, serving our wants and needs and telling us about interesting facts and side notes (see page 10) about the train and the Grand Canyon. At the Grand Canyon we stepped off our train and directly onto a bus that first took us to a buffet lunch and then on a short tour of the canyon, of about two hours in duration. (Continued on page 10)



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(from page 9: Cat's In the Canyon Retrospect) According to Claire, our lady bus driver/tour) guide, if she could have stopped talking could have passed for Harpo Marx. But she couldn't stop talking and so that is how we knew she wasn't Harpo.

Returning to Grand Canyon Village, we had about an hour before our train left for the trip back to Williams, so we had time to go up to the El Tovar Hotel, which Tom Durham was really interested in looking at the architecture, which was purportedly to be done by Mary Coulter, a famous designer and architect, who worked with and for Fred Harvey, whom many consider, the man that brought civility and fine dining to the west, with his restaurants and the Harvey Girls. They were women that were educated (at least to the eighth grade) and of impeccable moral repute. He is also credited with starting the first chain of restaurants in America, building many hotels, eateries and gift shops. It turns out that Mary Coulter did not do the El Tovar, but she did many other notable buildings at the Grand Canyon including the Bright Angel Hotel, the Hopi House and the Watch Tower. But not all of us were interested in the architecture of the buildings, just ask Claire to show you her birthday present. We won't mention which birthday number it was for, besides her birthday isn't really until December. But most of us just wandered around the gift shop ooing and aahing at all the beautiful American Indian Art, jewelry and pottery and other items.

On the train ride back to Williams our free champagne was interrupted by a train robbery. Three men assaulted us from horseback, boarded the train and tried to collect our valuables. I have a picture of Claire trying to pacify one of the train robbers. Actually, it was a lot of fun, playing along with the whole gambit.

After another round of cocktail at the vintage bar in the hotel and buffet dinner we retired for the night. In the morning another breakfast (all the meals from the time we arrived at the hotel, until we left for home, were included). Then we checked out and headed for home. Tom left early in the morning to get home to Daria. John and Judy took the fast route, I-17, because he had to get back to his shop to work on some of Dolores' company's fleet of trucks. Jake & Colleen, plus Linda & Al, had planned some other stops on the way home. The rest of us took a scenic route down Hwy. 89/89A and Hwy 69, back to I-17, and through Phoenix, where Kelly and Dave turned off to head back to Southern California. Where I-17 joins I-10 near Sky Harbor Airport, I took the wrong turn off and got separated from the rest. Before we turned around and got caught up with them, we were warned via those large signs across the highway that I-10 was closed ahead due to an accident. We later learned the incident involved 3 semi's and 8 cars. We never did catch back up with our fellow club members, so we decided when we got back to Tucson (about 3 PM) we would stop at Giuseppe's for a late lunch. And thereby came the only bummer of the trip!

After a delicious lunch (I highly recommend that restaurant to anyone that likes Italian food and reasonable prices,) the Lotus wouldn't start. So I called Chuck and Dolores, who were just heading home from their own late lunch at Bubbs' Grubb and asked them to come to our aid. They brought jumper cables, but that didn't get the car started so we call AAA (thank god for AAA,) and they sent out their special truck that deals with battery problems. After he checked out the electrical system and determined that the starter was at fault, Chuck, Dolores and the AAA guy pushed me across the parking lot to a steep slope where I was able to roll start the Esprit. So we didn't actually get home until after 6 PM.

I have to say this is getting to be a real bummer. We've taken the last four overnight JCSA trips and broke down on three of them, each time with a different car. Other than that it was a fabulous trip and all the participants thought it was one of the best trips ever.











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