

# Desert Jaguar

# Purrfect Pair



## 2001 & 2000 Jaguar XKRs

Dolores and Chuck Zimmerman have been active members of the JCSA since they acquired their first Jaguar in 2000 – an S-Type. They currently each own XKR coupes. Which one is faster? It depends on who you ask...

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A Very Warm Welcome to our Newest Member

Frank A. Zunno 2004 XJ Van Den Plas

# President's Message

While Shirley and I were in Germany we had an interesting experience regarding new technology working its way on to the new cars here in America. As I have pointed out before we planned to rent a BMW while there. Well the plans of mice, men

and women do not always come through. After a prolonged battle with AVIS (no, I will not rent from them again), we settled on a VW Passat CC Turbo

Diesel.

The Passat is good looking and could be a really fun car. If you play with the transmission which has sport (S), drive (D), paddles and the ability to shift manually via the console shifter it has more than adequate power. However this is just too many choices: let's see, my right hand is shifting the gears from console and my left is paddling at the steering wheel...oops! So you settle in going back and forth between D and S which is more than enough to get the desired performance out of the car. The trunk was quite large and it held all of our luggage, which I do carry a lot. The car handled quite well on mountain roads with very good speed (especially in sport mode). Along with its power the car exhibited exceptional and exciting handling. This provided for some really fun and thrilling driving in the Alps. Remember the little piggy that yelled "weeee" all the way home? That was me in the Alps.

However it did have some major shortcomings that kept me asking if anyone had ever tested some of the features on the car. One of the biggest issues an auto maker faces is to increase their gas mileage, which I agree with. However one of their current solutions brings the following problems:

**Turbo Power**. In Europe the engine of choice is the diesel given its cheaper price and better mileage. However to keep the mileage up they put a small four cylinder diesel with a turbo to help with the power. Unfortunately the turbo does not come into play until around 1500 rpm, which if you have to make a left turn out of a side street in a 600 year old town with no side way visibility, this is not good. You floor the accelerator and not much happens until the RPM's get to 1500 - scary. I still remember Shirley holding on to the dash and closing her eyes as I yelled "Geronimo" and made my left turn. The good news is I did remember how to do this when I lived here 40 years ago. Unfortunately the terror is still there.

**Start/Stop.** This feature shuts off the engine when you are stopped at a traffic light, on the side of the road, etc. Although this sounds okay and it will save gas (or diesel), it is not okay. Once the engine is off, the day time running lights dim, the A/C is not operating and when it is time to go there is a delay of about one second. Normally this is not a problem unless you are in Phoenix or Tucson on a 100 plus

degree day with no A/C or you are in a small German town trying to make a left turn on a blind corner. This last issue is critical as it works like this: You pull up to a main street and stop at the intersection and the engine shuts off. You find that you

neglected to install a mirror. However you have to move something as cars are behind you, so you decide to go for it. You take your foot off the brake and floor it, the engine starts (I always prayed) and given the turbo feature the car

slowly gains speed until 1500 RPM. All of this takes only a second or two but while waiting for the car to gain power it is more than an interesting process. In the end you are lucky if you only age a few years which is not a good thing for me as I do not have that many years left. Finally it has to be hard on both the engine and starter. In talking with a cab driver we agreed that the starter would probably not last for 100K miles. If so the cost saving in fuel may not be there.

Other than the above issues, the cup holders and my navigation lady who would indicate "stay on this road for a long time (?)", I was happy with the Passat. I drove the Autobahn at around 160 km/hour (100 mph) and on a few occasions when Shirley was not looking, cruised at 180/190 km. Unfortunately they do control the speed of the Autobahn (just too many cars to go as fast as you want) with overhead electric signs that give you a speed and slow you down. This is interesting: Here you are flying along at 180km and you approach an overhead sign slowing you to 100km. When this happens everyone hits their brakes to slow quickly (the Passat brakes were very good), however after a while you notice that these signs may have cameras in them, oh.... Now everyday when I check the mail I am looking from a letter from AVIS with a speeding ticket enclosed. It is not a good thing to fear the mailman. I hope you enjoyed my rant on some current technology in cars. The good news is Jaguar is not embracing the start/stop nonsense and still is not importing cars with small diesels, YEA!! Unfortunately they are not importing a "Sport Back" or as we call them station wagons. By my observation 50% of the autos Germans buy are station wagons (most being late model BMWs, Audis and Mercedes) so why not here? Especially as the SUV's are losing popularity, at least at my house. September is a great month to belong to JCSA. We have several events planned and of course our monthly gathering at Ric's. To Bill and Janice Green, I agree that Ric's early bird menu has become stale. I will speak to them as it does need updating. Be safe and have fun,

Doug Dechant



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# Return to Jerome

Yes, once again it is time for one of the JCSA's favorite activities, the drive to Jerome with a stay at the Jerome Grand Hotel, with it's beautiful vistas, and dinner at the highly recommended Asylum Restaurant. This year there is a slight change, to accommodate those who work, we will be making this drive over the weekend instead of, as in the past, Sunday and Monday. So those of you that have not participated in this fun event because you have to work Monday through Friday can now join us in what has pretty much been an annual trek.

We will leave Saturday morning from the Shell Station on the NE corner of Ina and Old Father at 7:30 am. The address of the station is 4180 W. Ina Rd. Please plan to meet at 7:00 am to assemble and receive the drivers meeting and pick up your route directions. We plan to all stay together, but you might need the directions if you get separated from the group.

The trip will proceed at a reasonable speed, in order to allow all to view the gorgeous scenery on some of Arizona's less traveled roads, with fuel and rest breaks to allow people to get out of the cars and stretch their legs. We will be stopping in Wickenburg for brunch around mid to late morning, so if you are one that usually eats early in the morning, you should have

something light to tide you over.

We should arrive in Jerome around mid afternoon, with enough time to peruse the town of Jerome and one of our favorite stores, Nellie Bly's, which has some of the most beautiful Kaliedascopes you have ever seen. Returning to the hotel in the late afternoon, we will have a cocktail party (BYO) in the sunroom, to enjoy friendly conversation and the beautiful views of the Verde Valley, before adjourning to dinner at about 7:30 pm at the Asylum Restaurant.

The next morning we will leave the hotel (not too early to allow those who like to sleep in, the chance to do so,) and drive down the mountain to have

breakfast in Cottonwood.

From there we will head down the Verde Valley, and through the White Mountains, across the Salt River Canyon, to Globe. Then, continuing down the San Pedro Valley and back to Tucson. The end of the trip will be a late lunch/early dinner at Guiseppe's, one of the best Italian Restaurants in Tucson.

What you need to do to participate in this fun drive: Make sure you clear the weekend of Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, for the trip, then make your reservations at the Jerome Grand Hotel, for the night of September 29<sup>th</sup>. The address of the Jerome Grand Hotel is 200 Hill St. and the phone number is (928) 639-3197. Be sure to tell them you are with the Jaguar Club of Southern Az., from Tucson and ask for a balcony room on the third floor, in order to enjoy the beautiful view. Call Chuck Zimmerman at 907-1060, or Herbie Hampton at 751-7913 to advise

that you will be joining us for the drive. Make sure that you bring your favorite beverage to drink and possibly share with others at the cocktail party. And then meet us at the Shell Station at Ina and Old Father at 7:00 am on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September. If you have a cell phone, make sure that you give us the number, so that if necessary while on the drive, we can contact each other.



If any of you can't make the drive, but want to join us at Guiseppe's, make sure you contact Chuck Zimmerman and let him know, so that he can advise the restaurant of how many there will be for the meal.

This will probably be the last time that Chuck and I plan this drive, so make sure that you don't miss the opportunity for a great drive to a historic and scenic place in Arizona. As those who have made this trip with us, before you, I am sure that it will be a trip that you will fondly remember for years to come.

Herbie Hampton



# Brunch at Hacienda Del Lago

#### Saturday July 28

I attended the Jaguar Club Brunch on Saturday July 28. About 6 cars and 14 people attended. Lynn and Bob Brown drove down from Phoenix, Jake and Colleen along with visiting family members, Herbie and Claire along with 2 newer couples attended. We met at the corner of Harrison and 22nd St, and enjoyed the drive out on Old Spanish trail, stopping on Pistol Hill Road to enjoy the view. After a delicious brunch at the Hacienda Del Lago the group went their separate ways.

Richard Mandziak









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# Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona Concours D'Elegance

### Bring your Jaguar and join the fun!

**St Philip's Plaza in Tucson** will be the venue once again for this great event. The Spanish style courtyard is the perfect backdrop to show our sleek cats to their best advantage.

**A Welcome Cocktail Party** will be held on the evening of Friday October 26th, 2012 at the Windmill Inn right next to St Philip's Plaza. The theme will be Halloween so costumes are strongly encouraged.

**The Concours D'Elegance** will be held on the morning of Saturday October 27. This is a sanctioned JCNA event and results can go towards national standings. Our event is highly regarded by the concours community so we can expect some wonderful Jaguars to be presented for judging for national points.

**Lunch at Vivace's** patio adjoining the display area is a great way to unwind after the judging is over. The food is excellent and so reasonably priced.

**The Awards Banquet** will be on Saturday evening at the Westward Look Resort. Pre-dinner drinks will be on the patio overlooking the city lights followed by a sumptuous three course meal.

For a full registration pack giving comprehensive details click the following link:http://www.jcna.com/calendar/flyer/sw01-327339555.pdf

## **Judges**

We would be most grateful for volunteers to help with the judging. If you are a registered judge we would be pleased to have you join our judging team. If you have not judged before and would like to help we will teach you to be a judge. The Judges training will be at Bill Badger's house (5615 N. Pontatoc Rd) on October 13, 2012 at 2 pm. For more information please contact Chief Judge Bill Badger at:

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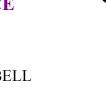
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**CONCOURS SCHEDULE (Full description on page 2)** 



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Page 2. Description of scheduled events.

Page 3. List of JCNA Divisions and Classes

Page 4. Map directions to Gala Dinner

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Include check made out to JCSA to cover REGISTRATION and/or DINNER . All judging questions to Chief Judge Bill Badger.

# Member Information

#### A Special Plea to All JCSA Members

Our annual concours will be held on Saturday October 27, 2012. This year we would very much like to see a good turn out by club members. It is a most rewarding experience to have your car judged however if you do not wish to be judged it matters not. Just bring your Jaguar for the pleasure of joining a truly wonderful display of exclusive machinery. You will add so much to the day if you display your car so do please make an effort to join us for this our 40th Concours D'Elegance. A registration form is on page 7.

#### **JCSA Calendar of Events**

Sept 29/30 Jaguars in Jerome.

Oct 14 High Performance Driver Education Pinal Airpark.

Oct 26/27 Concours D'Elegance at St. Philip's Plaza.

Nov 18 Slalom.

November Drive to Gammon's Gulch and Lunch. Date TBA.

December 8 Holiday Party at Al and Linda's Place

We meet for social dining at Ric's Café on the First Wednesday of each month. Call Ric's on 520 577 7272 to tell them you will be there.

# San Diego British Car Club - 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual British Car Day

The San Diego British Car Club has extended an invitation to join them for their annual British Car Day on October 6 and 7, 2012. It will be held at Liberty Station, the former Naval Training Center. They have arranged with the Marriott Hotel a special room rate of \$139 per night, \$30 off the regular rate. This event attracts about 300 cars and will kick off with a BBQ and a mixer on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> with a peoples choice car show on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>. This is not a JCSA sanctioned event, but if you want to get out of the heat and enjoy the cool ocean air of San Diego this is a great way to do so.

You will find more information including a signup sheet on their website at:

http://sandiegobritishcarday.org/portal/

Doug Dechant

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**Driving Range:** 281 - 425 miles (24 gallon tank)

Drive: Rear-Wheel Drive

Mileage: 51,613 Color: Tan

Interior: Tan, Leather Last Serviced: May 2011 Service History: Excellent

Body Condition: Original, garage kept, near-mint condition interior

and exterior.

All fluids were replaced in May 2011, along with all new spark plugs. However, because this car has not been driven in over a year and little for the prior 3 years, the car needs the following: Tires, Battery, Transmission Pan & Filter Kit, Oil Pan Drain Plug Washer, A/C Hose, A/C Coolant, Serpentine or V Belts, All New Fluids Changed Out, Fuel Gauge, Hood Struts, Right Side Hood Lock, Driver's Side Window Scroll, Driver's Side Mirror Adjuster

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