2023 Events and Activities

Mount Lemmon Drive

June 23, 2023

Our annual drive to Mt. Lemmon and the Iron Door restaurant was held on June 23. We had a great turnout of 12 cars and 23 participants including several new members. The weather was perfect, and we had very little traffic for the 25-mile drive with a stop at San Pedro Vista. Lunch at the Iron Door was excellent, and a lot of pie was consumed. With the exception of one sedan, all of the Jaguars were XKs, XK8s and F-Types — a sporty group indeed. Thanks to Jim & Monica Hart and Colleen Kearney for organizing the day.









The Bloomin' Saguaros, Ocotillos, and Wildflowers Tour of Saguaro National Park East May 24, 2023

Gathering on the west side of town, 11 members met to wind their way through Tucson to Saguaro National Park East where they were joined by a few more members who live near the park. After a leisurely ride through the circuitous road, with a few stops for photos, we headed to Saguaro Corners Restaurant where we enjoyed a lunch in the shade. Thanks to Carolyn Arnquist for taking the lead in her FFFFAST Jag. And, thanks to Colleen Kearney for organizing.







Pima Community College Automotive Program April 26, 2023

I wanted to take this space to report on the tour that several of us made of the Pima Community College Automotive Program on April 26. Our tour was led by Skylar Webb, the director of the program. One word can sum up our view of the tour and program and that is INCREDIBLE. The space is a 40,000 sq ft warehouse neatly laid out with rows of different spotless donated vehicles. The program currently has about 250 students and can handle up to 400. Students follow the program at their own pace and schedule. The program is totally designed to accommodate the student. The philosophy is to support the student in every way so that they can accomplish their goals. There is classroom time but mainly hands-on learning for every area of vehicle maintenance and repair. Tools are provided through a computerized sign-in system. The areas are kept spotless. We were all very impressed.

Sonoita Wine Country April 13, 2023

Twenty-nine members of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona headed out to Sonoita for a day of lunch, wine tasting and great camaraderie. After driving through the beautiful rolling hills of Southern Arizona, the group enjoyed some great pub fare at the Copper Brothel Brewing Company. After lunch the group was warmly welcomed by the staff at the nearby Autumn Sage Winery for a wine tasting that gave members an opportunity to "taste the dessert," as one member put it, in some Arizona wines. The outing was another great opportunity to drive our cars, explore Arizona and enjoy our fellow club members.

A Garage Like No Other March 18, 2023

JCSA members met for morning refreshment and camaraderie before heading out on a scenic drive to Terry Larson's Garage in Mesa, AZ, where we were joined by members of the Northern Arizona club. Terry's spectacular collection of Jaguars is a true testament to his deep-rooted love for beautiful cats! In addition to the fabulous cars were the assortment of tools in the garage. Every tool imaginable for any job on a Jaguar was likely housed in the extremely orderly garage. A delicious lunch at the Patio and Grille Restaurant at Sendas Golf Club concluded another great outing for the JCSAZ.



A Tech Talk, An Auto Museum, and Lunch

February 25, 2023

Approximately 30 JCSA members and guests gathered to enjoy an informative tech talk on "Intelligent Diagnosis: What You Can Do to Help Your Mechanic Find the Fault" given by Scott Frick of Scott Frick's Automotive. Thank you to Scott for hosting this and to Gail Von Pinnon for assisting with the provision of refreshments. The tech talk was followed by a tour of a local hidden gem, the Tucson Auto Museum where everyone very much enjoyed viewing the eclectic collection of rare and exotic vehicles. The morning finished off with a delicious lunch and great camaraderie at locally owned Barrio Brewery.





CONCOURS IN THE HILLS

February 3, 2023

JCSA members headed out on the first leg of an outing to the *Concours in the Hills* in Fountain Hills, AZ. The group included Clarke Harvey and guest, Troy Jones and Colleen Kearney, George and Kathy Woodring, Ted and Laura Wight, Martin and Susan Butt, and Alvin and Ilene Feingold. The first stop was at *First Watch* in Chandler where the group enjoyed a great lunch and camaraderie. Next stop was right next door the Basha's Gallery. Here the original group was joined by Jeff and Jeannie Beach. Everyone enjoyed this must-see collection of western art. After touring the museum at leisure members either headed home or continued on to Fountain Hills where a fabulous meal was enjoyed at *Ferrarese*, the Italian restaurant at the Inn at Eagle Mountain. Tom and Daria Durham joined Colleen Kearney and Troy Jones as well as Jeff and Bethanne Simpson the following day which turned out to be sunny and beautiful for the Concours. With 1,000 cars on display on the grass surrounding in Fountain Hills Park there was plenty to see and plenty of car folks to share stories with. Be sure to join us next year for this fun outing!