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JCSA RALLY AROUND THE CORNER
March 16



The March 16 JCSA Rally may not look quite like this, but these Jags are eye-catching. Seventy years of Jaguar rally cars were [celebrated in 2018](#). See the information below for details.

President's Message

We have some great events on our schedule over the next months. On March 16th we will hold an unsanctioned fun car rally. More info to come very soon. We also have a drive to Santa Fe scheduled for April 29th thru May 2nd. Both events will showcase our beautiful Jaguars.

Other events include a drive and lunch to Agua Caliente Park, drive and lunch at Mt. Lemmon, and a tour of the Tucson Police Dept. crime lab. For September we will be organizing a drive to Flagstaff for the International Jaguar Festival. As soon as we get more information on the Concours, rally and other events at the IJF, we will send it out to you. People will be attending from all over and the cars will be fabulous. In October the British Wheels on the Green will be taking place near Phoenix. Again, we will share info as soon as we have it.

Some of you have been wondering what is happening with our 2023 Concours disqualification. I have been fighting this for a few months now and should obtain a final resolution mid-March. JCNA has stated that the reason for the disqualification is that the training for the judges was not held 30 days before our event. The 2023 rules clearly state that the training must be held 14 days prior to the event which is what we did. It seems that there was a misprint in the 2023 JCNA rules. In addition, we have found other clubs that did not follow the rule but were not disqualified. Anyway, stay tuned and I will let all know the final outcome.

As some of you noticed, the JCSA Board decided at our last meeting to change the date of our Concours. There were several reasons but the main reason was

that the required annual judge's training must take place at least 30 days prior to the Concours. Most of our snowbirds do not return to Tucson until mid-October which would push our Concours till almost Thanksgiving. Additionally, we did not want to have two major events, Concours/awards dinner and holiday party, in consecutive months. JCSA's next Concours will be April 5, 2025, at La Encantada. The mall has already agreed to the date.

Our members' club and JCNA membership have been renewed for the calendar year. We did lose about 6 members, but since the new year we have gained a few new folks. We welcome them and hope they will join us in our first Wednesday dinners and other events. Speaking of first Wednesday dinners, we are still looking for other restaurant options. Please email me any ideas that you may have. I think during the summer months (June-Sept) we will try out Basil's Italian Restaurant. We will let everyone know ahead of time to make sure there is no confusion.

Royal Jaguar continues to perform maintenance, repairs, and warranty work on Jaguars that are 2010 and newer. You may get email from other Jaguar dealerships (e.g., Glendale or San Diego) trying to solicit business for themselves.

Continue enjoying your beautiful cars. Stay healthy and safe.

Cheers,
Abbe Meyer
president@jcsaz.com



JCSA RALLY

Please join us for the first JCSA Rally on **Saturday, March 16**. This event is a “Time - Distance Rally” -- something some of you probably have not done in a long time and some of you have never done. We hope and expect it will be a lot of fun. It is a test of driving and navigating skill to stay on a prescribed route and speed. Each team, a driver and a navigator, will need to have a cell phone which can capture a time stamped photo. Other items like a clip board, pencil, calculator, etc., will come in handy. There is a \$10 entry fee (cash or check) per car.

We will meet in the parking lot of the Starbucks in the Park Place Mall on Broadway just East of Wilmot. Team meeting will be at 8:30am at which time detailed instructions and route instructions will be distributed. Each team must have a driver and navigator. Teams will start at pre-set intervals for about a two-hour drive. At the final stop we will have lunch and announce the winner, i.e., the team with the fewest penalty points. The event with lunch should conclude about 2:00pm.

We hope to see you there -- Clarke Harvey & Jeff Simpson

If you plan to attend, respond by March 11 to Clarke Harvey.

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TUCSON AUTO MUSEUM

Feb. 16, 2024

Seventeen members went to the [Tucson Auto Museum](#), followed by lunch at a local brewery. Jack Benny's Packard and the Batmobile drew the most interest. The Museum has the largest and most diverse collection of classic cars and automobilia in the southwest.





2024 Events Calendar

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January

3 - First Wednesday Dinner

February

7 - First Wednesday Dinner
16 - Tucson Auto Museum & Lunch
29 - Ladies Day Out at the Movies

March

6 - First Wednesday Dinner
16 - JCSA Road Rally

April

3 - First Wednesday Dinner
29-May 2 - Santa Fe, NM, Road Trip

May

1 - First Wednesday Dinner
TBD - Agua Caliente Park & Lunch

June

5 - First Wednesday Dinner
TBD - Mt Lemmon Drive & Lunch

July

3 - First Wednesday Dinner
TBD - Tucson Police Dept. Crime Lab

August

7 - First Wednesday Dinner

September

4 - First Wednesday Dinner
25 -29 - Intl. Jaguar Festival, Flagstaff

October

2 - First Wednesday Dinner
TBD - British Wheels on the Green,
Phoenix

November

6 - First Wednesday Dinner
TBD - Silver City, NM, & Amerind
Museum Road Trip

December

TBD - Holiday Party

ALL THINGS JAGUAR

JCNA Southwest Regional Concours d'Elegance, Huntington Beach

Join the Jaguar Owners Club of Los Angeles in celebrating the Jaguar with its sponsorship of TWO Concours d' Elegance! With the Huntington Beach Central Park as the venue, the JCNA Southwest Regional Concours will be June 1 and the JOCLA Concours will be on June 2.

Registration link:

[2024 Concours d' Elegance - Jaguar Owners Club of Los Angeles \(lajagclub.com\)](https://lajagclub.com)

Jaguar Must Die to Be Born Again

Jaguar had plans for a new EV XJ, but stepped away after most of the development work had been done at a nine-figure cost. Now, again, the entire existing range is to be replaced by much more expensive EVs. Jaguar is planning to launch three models on an all-new platform dubbed JEA (Jaguar Electric Architecture.)

Link: [Road & Track](#), Feb. 28, 2024

The XJ Was the Perfect Jaguar at the Perfect Time

Rationalisation was the name of the game in the British car industry during the 1960s. It had already seen the huge BMC (British Motor Corporation) merge with Jaguar in 1966, and then Jaguar boss William Lyons was faced with slimming down a range of four separate saloons into a single model. This is where the XJ came into the equation and became the backbone of the sporting luxury firm.

Link: [Hagerty](#), Oct. 2023

For a visual history of the XJ's 50 years of elegance, check out this link:

[Car And Driver](#), May 3, 2018

**Executive Board Meeting
January 20, 2024**

In addition to Board members, attending were Jeff Simpson, Bob Bell, Carolyn Arnquist, Doug Dechant.

A fun road rally was proposed, which has now been scheduled for March 16. Jim Simpson and Clarke Harvey are the coordinators.

The 2023 Concours was reviewed and considered a great success with over 40 cars registered. Actions are being taken to pursue the disqualification status of the event by JCNA.

The next Concours will be held April 5, 2025, at La Encantada to eliminate conflicts with other JCNA events and provide a better window for snowbird participation.

The JCNA Constitution and By-Laws have been conformed to include Amendment 3 and are available on the club website.

Bob Ciaciuch outlined planned events for the year through December.

Bob Bell reported that about 6 non-renewals are expected, but several new members have recently joined.

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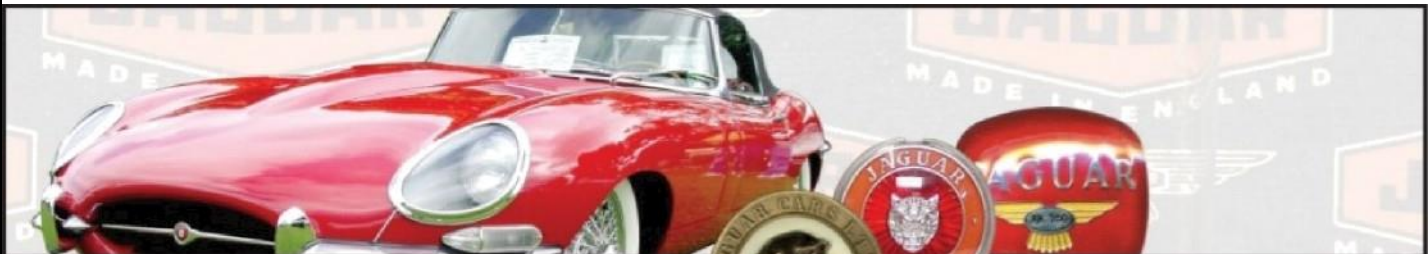
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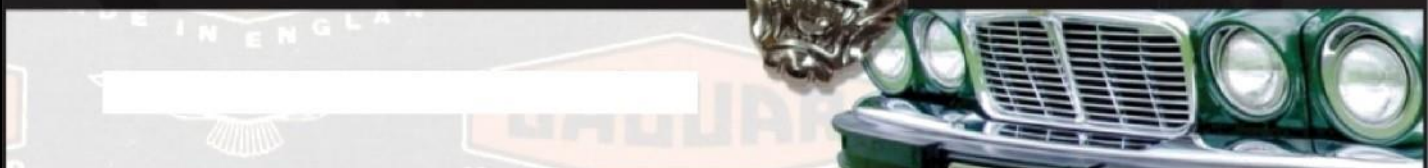


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