

Highlights of Events and Activities

NEW MEXICO ROAD TRIP

April 29 – May 22, 2024

The New Mexico trip was fantastic! The drive started off with a stop in Las Cruces for lunch followed by the evening at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. The next day we drove a beautiful route to Santa Fe. Most of us stayed at the small and charming Hotel Chimayo. The trip was filled with driving to natural spots of interest, museums, churches, shopping and eating. All 20 of us had a wonderful, relaxing time and many want to return next year.



ROAD RALLY

March 16, 2024

On March 16, JCSA held its first Time/Distance Road Rally. The event was designed to be an easy introduction to the sport and opportunity for both the organizers and participants to learn while enjoying a 2 ½ hour drive through the beautiful countryside south of Tucson. We had seven teams participating, the top four finishing with a difference of only four points. At the finish, we had lunch and presented awards at Little Anthony's, a unique diner with an automotive theme. It was generally agreed that we had all learned something and that we had a lot yet to learn about Time/Distance Rallies. We plan to put the event on the calendar for next year: "Beware The Ides of March" Road Rally.



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.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

December 1, 2023

We had our annual holiday party at Café a la C'Art with 40 members in attendance. Our Silent Auction that evening raised just under \$2200 in support of the Tucson Unified School District's automotive program for high school students.

TUBAC AND MORE

October 19, 2023

On October 19, sixteen club members drove to Tubac through the Tohono O'odham Nation San Xavier Indian Reservation. The first stop was at Mission San Xavier del Bac. Everyone enjoyed a delicious Sonoran lunch at the uniquely decorated Elvira's Restaurant. After lunch some stayed to take in the boutiques and galleries in Tubac, voted the Best Small Art Town.



A DAY TRIP TO SOUTHERN ARIZONA

September 15, 2023

On September 15, twelve members of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona participated in some aspect of the outing which began with a scenic drive to Green Valley along S. Mission Road, through the San Xavier Indian Reservation. First stop was a fascinating tour of the Titan Missile Museum where members experienced the reality of this formerly top-secret facility that was key in deterring nuclear war (including a mock launch controlled by Gail and Karen!). A delicious lunch at Manuel's Mexican Restaurant followed. Then some members enjoyed a personal visit to the home art studio of Green Valley artist, Kristin Harvey.



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.

**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.

