# **Highlights of JCSA Events and Activities**

**Holiday Party** December 4, 2024









### Franklin Auto Museum

November 22, 2024

Eleven JCSA club members had an enjoyable afternoon perusing the Thomas H. Hubbard Franklin Auto Museum. The entire collection of 25 antique and classic Franklin automobiles are housed in three garages. The tour of the museum took us back to a time when these elegant automobiles were hand crafted by engineering artisans. Afterwards we all enjoyed a wonderful Mexican lunch at the famous Guadalajara Grill.









OLD PUEBLO WINE CELLARS September 20, 2024 Twelve club members enjoyed an afternoon relaxing at Old Pueblo Wine Cellars tasting five of their wines. This boutique winery combines the pairing of grape vines growing alongside iconic desert flora such as saguaro cacti and jumping cholla. Old Pueblo Cellars has several distinctive features in creating their wines: natural wine making process, sulfite-free, organic, and vegan friendly.

The tasting room was a cozy and comfortable setting, surrounded by manicured cactus gardens for a picturesque backdrop for our wine tasting experience. Afterwards we enjoyed an Italian lunch at Vero Amore restaurant at Dove Mountain.



### **Tucson Police Dept. Crime Lab**

July 30, 2024

Jaguar Club members had the opportunity to tour the Tucson Police Dept. Crime Lab. The Crime Lab, founded in 1960, is the oldest crime lab in Arizona. The visit provided fascinating insights into the critical forensic work conducted by a group of dedicated scientific professionals in support of law enforcement investigation in the region.

Key highlights of the tour included Latent Prints Forensic Biology/DNA, Computer/Electronic Media Forensics, Controlled Substances, Trace Chemicals, Toxicology, Arson and Explosives, Firearms.

Overall, the visit provided the club with a deeper appreciation for the sophisticated scientific work being conducted to support criminal investigations in Tucson. We extend our grateful thanks to all the individuals of the TPD Crime Lab Team for this educational opportunity. Lunch followed at BJ's Restaurant.



### Mt. Lemmon Scenic Drive

## June 21, 2024

On June 21, six Jaguars and their owners made the drive up to Mt. Lemmon via the Sky Island Scenic Byway, from desert to pine trees at 9700 ft. After stopping at several vista points, the drive ended at the Iron Door Restaurant overlooking the beautiful national forest.





### **Agua Caliente Park Tour**

### May 17, 2024

A small number of the Jaguar Club members visited Agua Caliente Park on May 17. The park is a serene 101-acre oasis nestled in the heart of Tucson, Arizona. We were greeted by Ellen Saltonstall, our docent for the day's tour. The park's name, which translates to "hot water" in Spanish, aptly describes the soothing atmosphere created by the natural water features and the three tranquil ponds.

One of the highlights of a visit to Agua Caliente Park is the opportunity to observe the abundant wildlife in their natural habitat. The park offers a peaceful escape from city life. Agua Caliente Park is a special place in Tucson's history, as it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2009. After our park visit we all headed to Barnyard Crafthouse & Eatery for a great lunch.

A special thanks to Ellen for the outstanding tour she provided during the Jag Club visit to Agua Caliente. Her enthusiasm for nature, deep understanding of the park history, geology, and diverse ecosystem made our visit truly knowledgeable. Bob Ciciauch



#### **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.

