

Highlights of JCSA Events and Activities

Saguaro National Park East
February 26, 2025

On February 26, twelve members visited Saguaro National Park East on the east side of Tucson. A drive along the Cactus Forest Scenic Loop Drive featured scenic vistas and viewpoints. After the drive, the group for lunch at the nearby Saguaro Corners Restaurant.



ROLLING THROUGH TIME AUTO MUSEUM

January 23, 2025

Our club members met at the [Rolling Thru Time Auto Museum](#) where they enjoyed a guided tour of the over 200 vintage automobiles. The tour, led by owner Joe Findysz, included interesting stories about the many antique cars, fire engines, farm tractors, and bulldozers. A typical vintage machine shop and a replica Model T assembly line completed the tour.

The group then adjourned to the award-winning restaurant Mi Nidito in historic South Tucson for lunch, where we were welcomed by Edgar, the manager. The service was excellent and the food was delicious.



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 Craffthouse & 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

