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Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona

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President's Message

"Summertime and the living is easy"

Boy, the Gershwins had it right, didn't they? Here it is, August already. The monsoons have arrived which means that fall is just around the corner. As the rest of the country gets cold, the snowbirds will return and the club activities will heat up. We already have a September overnight trip planned for Carefree, AZ, followed by our main event month, October.



participation as a judge will be very helpful to us. Another big plus for acquiring that judge certification is that you can then travel to other clubs for their Concours and assist them-- there is usually a shortage in certified judges.

Please Note: We're trying something new this year by starting our annual dues drive event in October. More information about this will follow in the September newsletter.

The Concours d'Elegance takes center stage in October. It's not too soon to sign up for entry into the Concours or to volunteer to be one of our judges. The registration form is on the JCSA website. If you haven't entered a Concours event, I highly recommend it so you can see what it's all about. My first Concours was last year. So if you're new to the Club and want to know what it's all about, feel free to contact me. We also need judges for this event. We will be running a couple of training sessions in August and September for judge certification. It's an open book test but a very necessary requirement for the Concours. If you have an interest let me know and I'll put you in touch with the right person. Your

And last but not least, it's time to start thinking of the future of the club and what YOU can do to make it the club you'd like it to be. We need volunteers to help out with events and/or board positions. While it doesn't require a lot of time, it does require a commitment on your part to fulfill whatever position may be open. I would like to encourage those that have not served on our board or committee to consider doing so. Yes, it's nearly impossible to please everyone but it is still rewarding to know you've taken the time to help and make a difference.
Diana

In the article of the F-type event in the July newsletter I inadvertently called Don Zipfel, "Bob Zipfel". My apologies Don.

Diana

50/50 Raffle

July 50/50 Raffle Winner Gives Back!

The 50/50 raffle winner at our July 3rd dinner was Shirley Dechant. Her winnings were \$30—Shirley graciously donated the money back to YOTO for a total of \$60 going to YOTO for the month of July. To date, we've collected \$341 that will be presented to Youth on Their Own (YOTO) in December. Thank you for your participation in the raffles and your continued support of this wonderful organization. Don't forget to be sure and get your raffle tickets at the next "First Wednesday" dinner. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Remember, there is no limit to how many tickets you may purchase (hint, hint).

Our Up Coming Events

August 17	Presidents Breakfast –Burritos in the Burro - Diana
September 7	Board Meeting.
Sept 27/29	Overnighter - A Carefree Weekend - Diana.
October 26	Concours D'Elegance - Dan Eklund
November	TBA
December 7	Holiday Party at Doug & Julie's Place
January 2014	Mystery Drive

Go to our website www.jcsaz.com for more in-depth info on our events



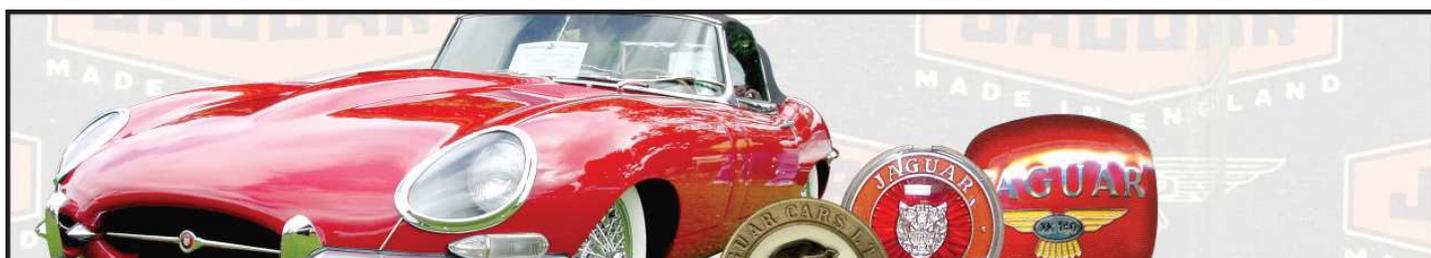
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How About a Carefree Weekend?

Mark your calendars for a weekend in Carefree, Arizona. The club is planning an overnight event at the Carefree Resort and Conference Center (www.carefree-resort.com), Friday-Sunday, September 27-29. Yes, this is a change from the current calendared event—the change allowed us to secure a better rate. You may plan to stay only one night or both Friday and Saturday night.

Here is what we have planned for this event:

- Friday, we'll plan to do a "back roads" drive for those interested in a drive, or, you can just meet us there. Plan to arrive by cocktail hour and we'll dine in one of the favored local restaurants.
 - Saturday, we'll explore the towns of Carefree and Cave Creek. Another option is if you just want to unwind, you can lounge by the Serenity Pool sipping on their signature Prickly Pear Margarita. Or maybe you'd like to indulge from a menu of desert-inspired massages and body treatments at The Spa on the premises.
 - Saturday evening, we'll dine in another one of the town's favored restaurants.
- Sunday, after a nice relaxing weekend, we'll again take to the back roads for the drive back to Tucson.

I am still working on negotiating rates as this goes to press. Rates will be between \$139-\$229 per night depending on the participation level and how early you are willing to commit.

Depending on what the participation is for this event, we will determine whether to plan future overnight events or keep our events limited to day trips only.

Please RSVP (e-mail preferred) ASAP if you are reasonably certain you can participate in this Carefree Weekend to:

Diana Raymond
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Report

Saguaro Corners Drive

On Sunday, July 21st we met up at Broadway and Kolb. Six cars came out for the drive: Richard Mandziak was our lead driver. Joe and Diane Shrager, Skip and Lori Bailey, Diana Raymond, Dave and Kelly Christensen, and Herbie and Claire Hampton followed the trail laid down by the lead "cat." As you know, not all "cats" like to come out to play in the rain, mine being one of them as the forecast was for another monsoon in the afternoon. Since my drive was about 50 miles away I didn't want to bet on mother nature--it's a good thing as I would have lost! It poured rain up in Marana just as I was arriving home.

We departed at 11:15 and picked up the Old Spanish Trail off Broadway and had a short drive to the recently reopened restaurant, the Saguaro Corners Ice House. We arrived around 11:30 am. The lunch was pretty good. The service was slow; even though Marianne had planned this well in advance, the restaurant didn't seem to have enough staff on hand for a large group.

Marianne Fortunato, Chan & Jude Dayton, and Keith & Sue McAlister, friends of Herbie and Claire's joined us at the restaurant for lunch. We had a good visit with friends and departed around 2 pm to each go our own way home.



Diana

Presidents Annual Breakfast

**"Burritos in the Burro"
Saturday, August 17th
9:00AM-11:00AM**

If you have noticed the absence of the word "Pancake" between annual and breakfast, its due to the fact that being the different person that I am leads me to wanting to do club events a little differently. This year, breakfast is going to be "Burritos in the Burro"—specifically, Burro Canyon. For those of you who haven't a clue that Burro Canyon exists, it is nestled in the Tortolita Mountains at Dove Mountain in Marana. The President's Annual Breakfast will be held at Cayton's Restaurant at "The Golf Club at Dove Mountain adjacent to the Ritz Carlton. I'm pleased to announce that this breakfast will be hosted by Nova Financial Services.

Your admission to the President's Breakfast is not totally free. The price is a minimum of one "Stuffed Backpack" per person to donate to YOTO for their annual "Back To School Challenge." Your donation should include:

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So, come on out for the President's Annual Breakfast and support a good cause at the same time. The view is spectacular from this location. Watch your e-mails for more info on this event that will include directions and a map for a leisurely individual drive if you'd like to do that as well.

RSVP by Thursday, August 15th to:

Diana Raymond

d.raymond@me.com



Around Europe at 125 mph - Or Not!

By Doug and Shirley Dechant

As some of you know, Shirley and I had the privilege to experience Europe this last June for the second year in a row. We decided not to be part of a tour as we did on the second part of our trip last year. We found that being on our own is much more enjoyable than being on a tour where every day is choreographed. By being on our own, it is our schedule, we get to see the cities, towns and countryside's as the locals do, or as close as a visitor can. If we want a tour of something we could join one at the attraction.

This year we used a hotel firm called "Small Luxury Hotels of the World (SLHW)" for our hotels. This is a network of independent hotels in which SLHW acts as your agent. They provide special pricing, automatic upgrades and many other benefits. They are all four and five star hotels and their staffs really made us feel at home. If you would like more information on these great hotels call me.

While in London we visited a Jaguar dealer where I found out something I did not know. When the E-Type was introduced it had a "power" bulge in the hood. The E-Type was not originally designed with a hood bulge, so why did the production cars have it? The answer is at the end of this article.

After being told that Jaguar does not allow its cars to go into rental fleets I found that that was a little incorrect. You can rent an XF or XK from Hertz in France and other countries in Europe. However it is very, very expensive. Therefore I asked for a Mercedes C class and when we got to the Hertz location in Paris we were offered a VW Passat instead. After some discussion (they were very professional and helpful regarding this) they offered us a brand new Mercedes CLA, 2 liter turbo diesel. The little Mercedes could cruise at 200 km/hr plus (124 mph) all day.

Unfortunately all day was only about 20 to 30 minutes at a time as the Autobahn is undergoing extensive construction, especially between Berlin and Heidelberg. However the small size of the car was really great when I made some wrong turns down some roads that here would be one way only. However these were two way roads and in two instances dead ends with no turnarounds. Therefore if renting in Europe stay



away from the larger cars as parking (usually not available on the street) is only one of the problems you could face.

The Mercedes CLA had some interesting features. The one I appreciated the most was a switch on the dash to turn off the start/stop feature, THANK YOU MERCEDES! However the one I appreciated the least was the location of the cruise control. It was positioned on a lever just below the turn signal stalk. Now turning on the adaptive cruise control instead of your left turn signal is not good, especially in Paris traffic. I finally give up using the cruise control.

I have always realized that when you are considering a new vehicle you need to spend more time with it other than a short test drive around the block. Driving the new CLA around Europe really brought that thought home. If you can rent a similar model that is probably the best way to test a car, I found that I will not buy a car with the cruise control located where Mercedes put this one.

That said, the Mercedes CLA was fun to drive fast, great to park with back-up camera and sensors and actually had workable cup holders. Although at 125 mph you keep both hands on the wheel and let your drink get warm.

The answer to my question above is that the E-Type was not originally designed with a power hood. However once the engine was in the prototype they found the hood would not close. Therefore by adding a dome in the middle of the hood it would close nicely. Since this, all Jaguars have been designed with a hood bulge.

I have asked Fred to accompany this article with a few pictures. See *Front Page - Editor*. One is of the XF Sport Brake we saw at a Jaguar dealer in London.

My picture does not do it justice as it is a beautiful car. I saw one on the Auto Route in France and it was very striking.

Unfortunately Jaguar USA will not import it to the US.

Another is a picture of Heidelberg, possibly the most beautiful city in Germany. Finally in Heidelberg, a car dealer whose name I need to research to see if we are related.

Be safe and have fun.
Doug

JCNA Dealer Discount Program

Hello all:

I am very happy to advise that Jaguar Retail Operations has announced the re-instatement JCNA Discount program to all North American Jaguar dealers via Retail Operations Bulletin No: JSOB13-25. The biggest difference between this new program and the previous Club discount program, is an increase in the discount from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00.

Program Description

Jaguar Clubs of North America members receive a \$1,000 customer cash offer upon verification of current membership.

A Customer PIN form will be given to the organization member by selling dealer. It asks for basic information and the JCNA member will be required to produce a current JCNA membership card. This form must be completed and kept in deal

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There are, however, certain vehicles that are ineligible - Special Edition and Limited Edition Production Models are not eligible (i.e. XKR-S, XKR-S Convertible, XJL Ultimate)

If dealers have any questions they should call the Retail Ops "800" number.

Also, you must be a "card holding member" in good standing of JCNA and your name must appear as a member on the JCNA roster of members, which can be checked via the web site.

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Fred Hammond

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San Diego Concours

The San Diego harbor was the perfect place to host 64 beautiful Jaguars and their owners at Spanish Landing Park on July 14th. Sponsors included Jaguar San Diego - they brought three 2014 Jaguars for display including the new F Type in black. The F Type was well represented as Mitch Cohen brought his new Salsa Red convertible, as well. He achieved 100 points in his class with no other challengers. There were many different classes judged for both drivers and champions. A 1948 3.5 Mark IV Saloon in Sherwood Green took Best of Show. The car is owned by Dr. Craig Venter, who also brought an XK 120 Alloy in Old English White. There were 11 E types; 21 XK's; 20 XJ's; and several others represented. Twenty-five beautiful Jaguars

were from 1972 and earlier. The club generously provided a nice bottle of wine to the judges, thanking them for coming from all over California (and Arizona) to help out. Doug Klapstein from our club drove to San Diego with his salsa red XKR, entering it in the Champion Class and also judging five different classes. The Klapstein's XKR took second place in its class with an almost perfect 2012 XKR coupe winning the class. Door prizes and beautiful pewter plate trophies were provided to winners in 1st through 3rd place.

Doug & Julie

Bill & Pat Rigdon

Welcome New Members

Bob & Lori Keefe

Meet the Rigdons

Bill & Pat Rigdon are retired Verizon managers, Pat as a call center manager and Bill as a Vice President/General Manager. They came to Arizona from N. Idaho and have lived in Ajo full time for the past 8 years. They have 4 adult children and 6 grandchildren. They are active in retirement, playing tennis 3 days a week along with Pat's participation in the Ajo art community (she will have a single artist show at the Ajo library during the month of August). They also enjoy collector cars and currently have a modest collection consisting of a 1925 Model T Ford, a 1984 Corvette (owned for 25 years) and, of course their latest family member, the 1982 V-12 Jaguar XJS HE

coupe. Bill has just completed a thorough engine compartment detailing of the Jag (that V-12 engine is sure pretty) and the car is in overall excellent mechanical condition.



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Poet's Corner

The Jaguar

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 In the forests of the night,
 What immortal hand or eye
 Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

In what distant deeps or skies
 Burnt the fire of thine eyes?
 On what wings dare he aspire?
 What the hand dare seize the fire?

And what shoulder, & what art,
 Could twist the sinews of thy heart?
 And when thy heart began to beat,
 What dread hand? & what dread
 feet?

What the hammer? what the chain?
 In what furnace was thy brain?
 What the anvil? what dread grasp
 Dare its deadly terrors clasp?

When the stars threw down their
 spears
 And water'd heaven with their
 tears,
 Did he smile his work to see?
 Did he who made the Lamb make
 thee?

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With apologies to William Blake

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