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Monthly Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



Lori and Skip Bailey's 2009 XK Coupe

Coming Events

- August 2** **First Wednesday Dinner**
- Sept 16** **Vice President's Breakfast 9:30 a.m.** (Stephen Saltostall)
- Oct 13,14,15** **Painted Desert** (Sam Logan & Linda Willmore)
- Oct 12,13,14** **JCNA International Jaguar Festival**
- Nov 4** **Concourse** (Cameron Sheahan)

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The Prez Sez

I've included a few more photos from our drive East on old Route 66. Some businesses still seem to be doing OK along the route especially in the cities. But I40 certainly changed the landscape. We have attended one British car club event here in VA at a local winery. There was only one other Jag - a pretty ivory 2008 XJR Sedan. We plan to return to Tucson for a couple of months next winter, but it isn't realistic for me to continue in the role of club president. I encourage those who enjoy the benefits of JCSA membership to consider stepping forward and becoming involved in a leadership role. I know the Board will be recruiting for open positions and I would be glad to discuss the Prez role with any interested member.



Concours d'Elegance

Good News– We recently learned that JCSA received a Jaguar Land Rover grant given through JCNA to offset the cost of the Concours. Our club's 45th annual *Concours d'Elegance* is coming up this November 4th. As usual, our event will be held at St Philips Plaza in Tucson with a Friday night mixer at the Union Pub at the Plaza and an awards dinner at Vivace's on Saturday night. Keep this November weekend open on your calendar, and tell your friends and neighbors! The Chief Judge is Cameron Sheahan.

A short video of our 2016 Concours can be viewed [here](#). You can find more details about the 2017 Concours [here](#).

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Lori and Skip's 2009 XK Coupe (The Queen)

What would you like for your 50th birthday, honey?" "How about an Aston Martin?" "OK, that sounds like fun."

So we went out to buy an Aston Martin for Lori's 50th birthday, five years ago. Scottsdale didn't have what we wanted, but I found one in California at the dealer I used to visit all the time. Fortunately, my mechanic back in California straightened me out on what lousy cars Astons are. They break down a lot and are really expensive to maintain. He suggested a Jaguar. I had not even considered Jaguars, since I remembered the old days of poor reliability (consider that in past years, I have owned

Austin Healey's, Tr4's and a Lotus 7, so I knew about poor reliability). Now Jaguars are much better cars, well built and reliable. Plus, they are beautiful.

The day after I canceled my agreement to buy the Aston, we went to Royal Jaguar and bought our 2009 XK Coupe. It has been a wonderful car and the best built car I've ever owned. It's fun to drive, and it's great on road trips. We've driven it to California three times for Monterey Car Week, and it's been a real pleasure. It runs all day at 85-90 MPH and still gets 28 MPG. We both really love our first Jaguar.

That same year I bought Lori our 2003 X-Type for Christmas. Lori loves that car

too, as our daily driver, grocery getter, and all around car for tooling around town.

The license plate on the XK is BDAYJAG, and the X-Type is XMASJAG. We call the XK 'Queen' and the X-Type 'Princess'. I have no idea what we'll call the next Jaguar, or what the license plate will read, but I'm pretty sure we will buy another Jaguar.



JCSA has a brand new Website thanks to the hard work of many people including Virginia Gott and members of your Board of Directors.

Check it out. Go to the same address as the previous website. Click below to go to site.

<http://www.jcsaz.com/>



Jaguar Club Styling



Our current offerings include a Men's and Women's Polo Shirt, a Men's Polo Shirt with a pocket, a T-Shirt for Men, Women & Youth plus a baseball style hat which fits both adults and youth. So far we have had 15 pieces (shirts/hats) ordered with positive feedback.



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PAINTED DESERT OVERNIGHT DRIVE

OCTOBER 13-15

Join club members for an overnight trip leaving Friday, October 13, and traveling through the scenic Salt River Canyon to Winslow, Arizona. We will stay Friday and Saturday nights at the historic La Posada Railroad Hotel. On Saturday morning, we will motor to nearby Petrified Forest National Park to view the spectacular scenery of the painted desert. Social hour and dinner will be held Saturday night at La Posada. We will return to Tucson Sunday morning. This popular hotel is a Conde Nast favorite and rooms fill up fast. They will do a waiting list. **If you plan to make this drive:**

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The Vice-President's Brunch - Sep 16th

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[Vineyard Cafe](#)

Our Story

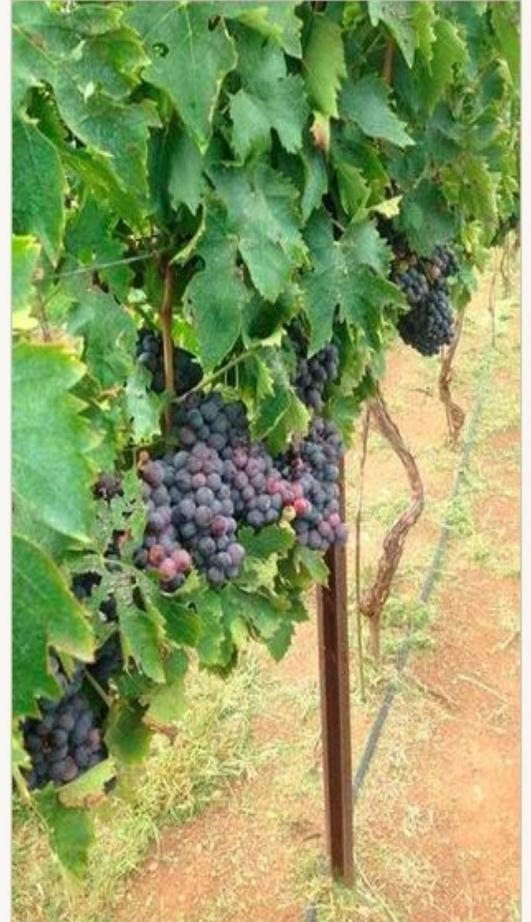
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[The Breakfast menu](#)



We will meet at the CHEVRON station near the intersection of Wilmot and I-10 (Exit 269) at 9:30 A.M. Carroll Lam will be leading the drive in his **Italian Racing Red** Eight-Cylinder F-Type. His love for speed should make the trip to Sonoita particularly stimulating.

We need to inform the Vineyard Cafe of our expected attendance by August 31, so if you plan on attending click on the bar below.

RSVP now by clicking [here](#)

First Wednesday Dinner – August 2

Firebirds Grill



Join us for our monthly social dinner at Firebirds Grill at La Encantada on Campbell and Skyline. This is an informal fun-filled evening spent with other Jaguar lovers, a perfect spot to socialize and meet new members. Order from the Special Mountain Time menu before 6pm.

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STILL, TO THIS DAY ... by Alan Cowan

Among lay-drivers, and frankly a lot of enthusiasts too, there is a primal confusion of the concepts of vibration, shocks and alignment. I think this must stem from an era when *service stations* at the roadside primarily offered these repairs, and sold the related tyres, and their attendants, at the durable age of fifteen, touted truths as though experts. In fact, they were as clear about them as they were the true purpose for Stonehenge. Passed down from a long line of inbred succession, we still have shops which specialize in tyres, the purchase of which is thoroughly muddled into discussions of vibrations, alignments, and shocks that modern sales reps finally understand ... not at all.

"My car always seems to need alignments ... this time it's for a vibration. Is there anything I can do differently?" I am asked. The first confusion: vibration and alignment are no more related than a cat to a windmill. Alignment won't fix a vibration, and a vibration won't result in mis-alignment. Alignment is making certain all four wheels (or paws) are pointed in the same direction. Vibration is caused by a dynamic imbalance, typically of some rotating part (like a broken windmill blade would do). No imbalance is affected when you point all the wheels in the same direction. And broken or missing windmill blades don't make cats walk crooked. It's like associating soup and bug-spray since they're available at the same store. Typically, low frequency vibrations in cars result from imbalanced tyres, one or more. If the vibration comes through the steering wheel, usually a front is the culprit, and if through your butt, usually a rear tyre or wheel. One often expressive way to identify a vibration as a tyre is to notice whether it fades in and gets worse, and then after a minute or two fades out and goes away, only to slowly return a short while later. This is because, a) no balance-job is perfect and all tyres have some imbalance remaining and, b) because no two wheels rotate at exactly the same speed. As the pair of tyres on an axle precess with respect to each other, their imbalances come into perfect agreement, vibrating badly, then slowly into position to perfectly cancel each other and the vibration disappears.

"The alignment before that was because I bought new tyres, and they said you always need alignment with new tyres." While many a worn-out tyre owed its last indulgence to an alignment-related problem, new tyres themselves do not require the vehicle be adjusted to suit them, as the argument would imply, any more than hip surgery is indicated when replacing a worn-out pair of pants. It is important, however, to have in place a mechanism for systematically monitoring tyre wear since this is usually the only tool we have to decide whether there is an alignment problem. If, for example, at each other service the treadwear is measured and recorded in a tabular format, patterns that emerge can be quickly addressed. Inner and outer edge wear — both tyres on one axle — shows under-inflation, regardless of recommended pressures (and center-wear: over-inflation). But if one or both outer edges alone, or one or both inner edges are beginning to wear, an alignment fault is indicated. (In the world of plausible failures it is rare that handling is affected before significant tyre wear could be measured.)

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Yet let's avoid a trip to the tyre store for an adjustment just now, and consider what's up. While there is the very slow and steady shift of suspension components swimming rubber as items settle, which eventually justifies alignment adjustment, often an item (e.g. ball-joint or rod-end) has become worn enough to be in a state of rapid decay. It is important that we not change alignment settings to compensate for this sort of fluid thing. Indeed, once the offending part is replaced the alignment often doesn't need changing. So I'm suggesting a clear-cut process be followed: monitor treadwear, thoroughly check and repair suspension and steering components only when indicated, follow-up with an adjustment check by an alignment specialist.

Next month we'll start off with a shocking discussion. Cheers for now!

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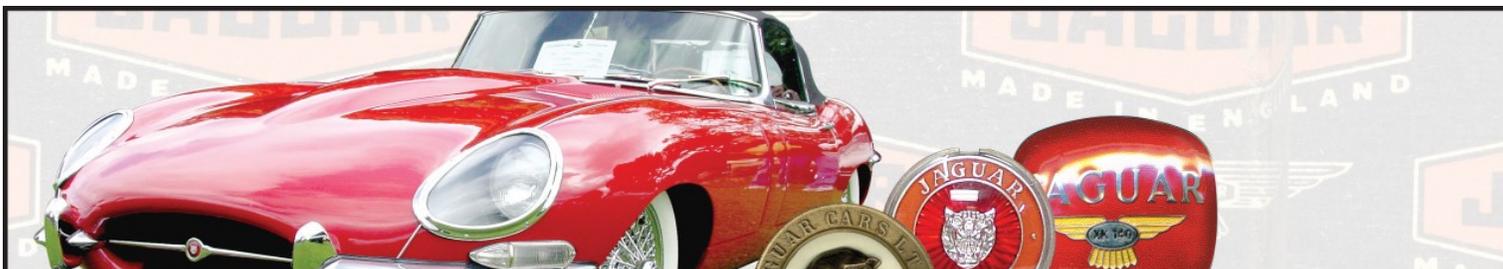
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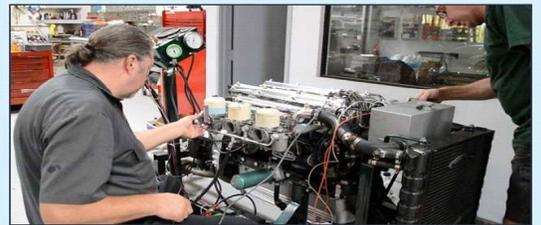
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