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March 1st  
St David's Day

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## President's Message

February ended with . . . a snowstorm? In Tucson? Even with some unseasonable weather for Arizona, winter has been a busy time for the club. Two great events drew very good participation.

Our best turnout so far was the Mystery Drive and luncheon at Tanque Verde Ranch on January 20<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended and had positive reviews.

On February 17<sup>th</sup> 26 members in 14 cars had a great drive to Sonoita for lunch at the Steak Out. Many followed after lunch to the Sonoita Vineyards for wine tasting; there was consensus that it might be worth repeating, possibly in the summertime since the winery is at a higher elevation where the temperatures are a bit cooler.

Twelve members attended the Cutting Edge event on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Gary and Monique Hagen were very gracious hosts giving us an informative tour of what their body shop can do; ranging from body repair to specialty painting. We were provided a wonderful BBQ lunch – catering could easily be Gary's second profession.

March is turning into a busy month as well. March 9<sup>th</sup> is the JCCA *Concours d' Elegance* at the San Marcos Golf Resort in Chandler. I will be attending and I know at least one other of our members will be attending. If you are free that weekend and the weather is good, I encourage you to spend the day and take a nice drive up to Chandler to give them some support (even if you don't want to enter the event).



They brought 7 cars down to our Concours last October and our presence at their event could encourage them to give us that support again this year.

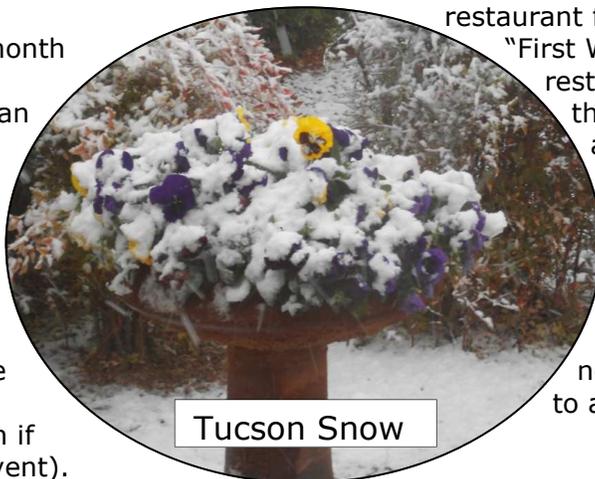
On March 16<sup>th</sup> we have a Poker Run scheduled to the Franklin Museum (<http://www.franklinmuseum.org>) with lunch to follow at the Union Public House in St. Phillips Plaza. The club will be picking up the entrance fee to the Museum and there will be a prize given out at the luncheon for the best Poker Hand. More details to come so watch your e-mails, but put it on your calendar now.

As of right now, we do not have plans to hold a High Performance Drivers Education event. Bill Badger went to set this up for the end of March and when he got the contract the new company had raised all the prices so it was not economically feasible to hold this event (at least not at Pinal Air Park). While we haven't given up totally, it's not looking good for this event this year.

And last but not least, we're off to a new restaurant for March and April for our "First Wednesday" dinners. The restaurant we'll be trying out is the "Firebirds Wood Fired Grill" at La Encantada. Come on out and join us and give us your input.

There is a board meeting scheduled for Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Royal. It starts at noon and members are welcome to attend.

Safe Travels,  
Diana



Tucson Snow

### New Venue for 1st Wednesday Dinner

For March and April our monthly social dinner will be at the **Firebirds Wood Fired Grill**

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Our Next  
Event!

## Franklin Museum Tour

Saturday, March 16

Those of you that participated in the first two JCSA events of the year know what a good turnout we had and what a great time those participants had. Now those of you that missed either or both of our earlier events have an opportunity to join your fellow club members in another fun event. The club has set up a tour of the Franklin Automobile Museum followed by a lunch at the Union Pub, in St. Phillips Plaza, where you will be ordering off the menu with separate checks.

The Franklin Automobile was produced from 1902 until the Great Depression, and around 150,000 cars were produced. They were considered a luxury car, and were novel in design because they were propelled by an air-cooled engine, instead of a water-cooled one. These cars were produced in what is called the brass car era, because of all the brass fittings, specially the brass headlights. This museum is one of the most complete collections of Franklin Cars in the world. Those who have been to this museum before probably remember that there is a \$5.00 per person entry fee, but your JCSA board has decided that the club will pay the fees for all members attending the event.



And to add a little more fun to the event, we will be holding a poker rally from the starting of the drive to the museum and then onto the Pub. For those of you that don't know what a poker rally is; at certain designated stops each driver or navigator will get to pick one card from a face down deck offered to them. At the end of the drive, each car will assemble the best poker hand they

can make from their cards and the best hand will win a prize. Any ties for the best hand will be decided by the tied participants drawing a single card from a face down deck, and the winner will be the one that draws the highest card.

All this will take place on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2013. The meeting point of the drive will be at the Starbuck's in the strip mall on the northwest corner of La Canada and River at 9:00 am, with the departure from there at 9:15 am. The tour of the Franklin Museum will be starting at 10:00 am, and the lunch at the Union Pub will be at 1:00 pm. Please plan to join us for this great event.

Herbie Hampton



## Our Up Coming Events

March 2	Board Meeting
March 9	Jaguar Club of Central Arizona Concours D'Elegance in Chandler
March 16	Poker Run, Franklin Museum and Lunch at Vivace
April 6	Davis Monthan Air Force Base Car Show
May TBA	Drive to Mt Graham for picnic and tour of the telescope
June TBA	Drive to Patagonia Lake for picnic



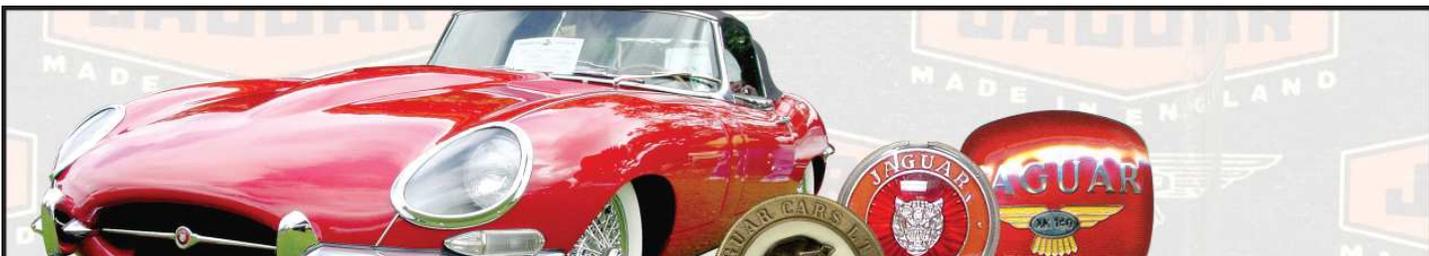
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## 5th Annual Classic Car Show - Davis Monthan AFB

Saturday April 6 - 11 am to 3 pm



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## My Hobby

This is the second article in the series "My Hobby", first started last month by Fred Secker. My hobby has nothing to do with water and sailing, but wood. I really started woodworking about 37 years ago while I was in the military, even though I grew up with it on a farm in Minnesota. I made a dining room table which has survived many, many moves across the country and several smaller tables and eventually even cabinets. If there ever was a tornado here, the table would be the ideal place to be under.



I started scroll sawing – using a saw with very tiny blades to do intricate cuts for wood and jewelry about seven or eight years ago. I cut many 2D pieces and that led to my interest in Intarsia - a 15<sup>th</sup> Century Italian art form in which low-relief wooden mosaic-type pieces are joined to create pictorial art. Beginning in 2007, I took a series of courses back in Tennessee taught by Judy Gale Roberts, the American artist who rediscovered Intarsia and introduced it to the United States in about 1980. I first started by doing several of her patterns and giving the pieces to family and friends. Judy primarily uses western red cedar, but

I use many different varieties to showcase the different grain patterns and colors. I do not use any stains or paints on my projects but only finish them with a hand rubbed clear satin varnish after sanding.

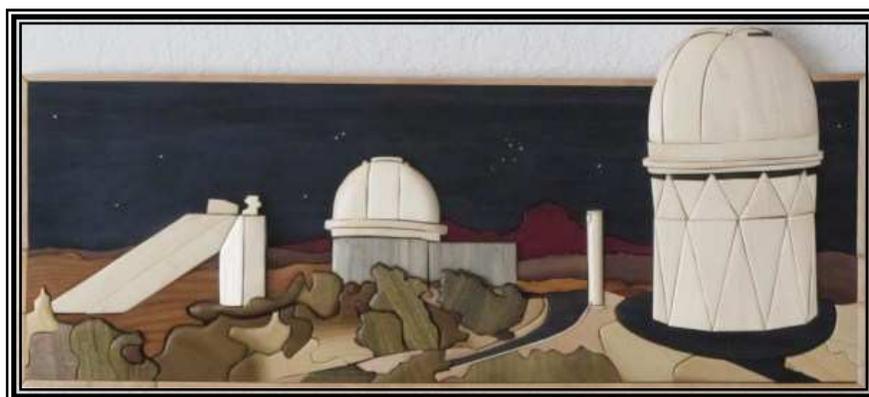
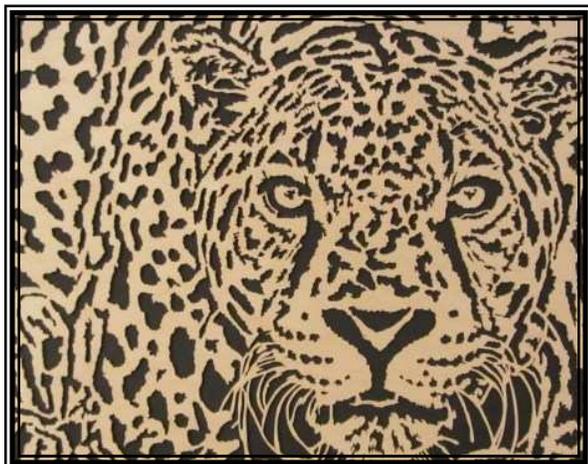
I now do a mix of projects on a commission basis. My projects are in several states and as far away as Germany. The pattern for one commission, the guitars pictured here, was re-

produced in a national woodworking magazine and has since been recreated by a few other woodworkers. Each project may take anywhere from as few as 10 hours to more than 100 hours to complete. They may have as few as 7 pieces (which I use for a beginning intarsia class that I teach at Woodcraft on Oracle Road) to a few hundred pieces. I now create my own patterns so it combines my interest in photography, computer use for the graphics and woodworking.

I find this hobby to be very relaxing and rewarding. If you have any interest or want to talk more about it, please give me a call or send me an email.

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Dan Eklund.



## Electrical Theory by Joseph Lucas

Positive ground depends on proper circuit functioning, which is the transmission of negative ions by retention of the visible spectral manifestation known as "smoke."

Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. We know this to be true because every time one lets the smoke out of an electrical circuit, it stops working. This can be verified repeatedly through empirical testing.

For example, if one places a copper bar across the terminals of a battery, prodigious quantities of smoke are liberated and the battery shortly ceases to function. In addition, if one observes smoke escaping from an electrical component such as a Lucas voltage regulator, it will also be observed that the component no longer functions. The logic is elementary and inescapable!

The function of the wiring harness is to conduct the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring springs a leak and lets all the smoke out of the system, nothing works afterward.

Starter motors were considered unsuitable for British motorcycles for some time largely because they consumed large quantities of smoke, requiring very unsightly large wires.

It has been reported that Lucas electrical components are possibly more prone to electrical leakage than their Bosch, Japanese or American counterparts. Experts point out that this is because Lucas is British, and all things British leak.

British engines leak oil, British shock absorbers, hydraulic forks and disk brake systems leak fluid, British tires leak air and British Intelligence leaks national defense secrets.

Therefore, it follows that British electrical systems must leak smoke. Once again, the logic is clear and inescapable.

In conclusion, the basic concept of transmission of electrical energy in the form of smoke provides a logical explanation of the mysteries of electrical components especially British units manufactured by Joseph Lucas, Ltd.

And remember: "A gentleman does not motor about after dark." *Joseph Lucas "The Prince of Darkness"*

A few Lucas-defining quips:

The Lucas motto: "Get home before dark."

Lucas is the patent holder for the short circuit.

Lucas - Inventor of the first intermittent wiper.

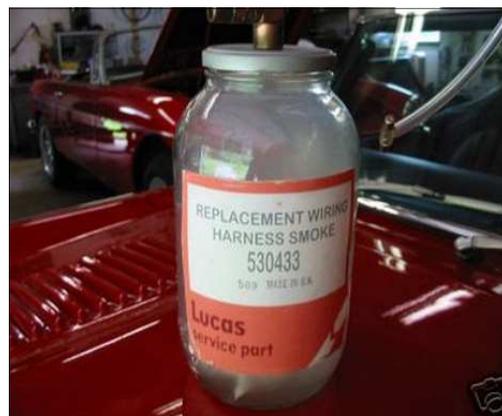
Lucas - Inventor of the self-dimming headlamp.

3 position Lucas switches; DIM, FLICKER and OFF.

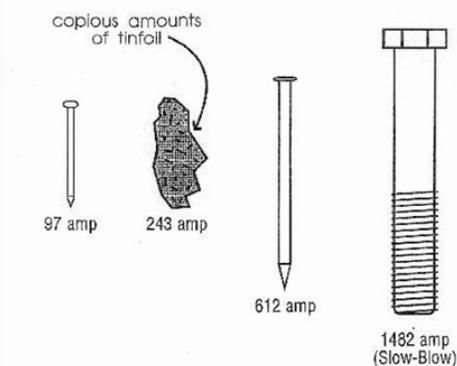
Other switch settings available: SMOKE, SMOLDER and IGNITE.

The Original Anti-Theft Device - Lucas Electrics.

If Lucas made guns, wars would not start.



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## And The Winner Is.....

Our first 50/50 drawing was held at Wilbur's Grill on February 6. *Sally Badger* was the lucky winner. She took home \$38. The remaining half of the drawing will be donated at the end of the year to YOTO (Youth on Their Own). Be sure and get your ticket(s) at the next "First Wednesday" dinner for your chance to be the winner of the 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$1 each and you can buy as many as you like. The drawing is held after everyone is seated for dinner.

# Sonoita Wine Tour

*We warmed-up with a great drive, Lunch and a Wine tasting!  
Actually the weather was perfect!*

On Sunday February 17th twenty-six of us started arriving before 10:00am at the Chevron Plaza at the Wilmot Road exit on I-10. The leader of the group, me, showed up in our Mercedes CLS as our XK8 is being babied for the JCCA Concours on March 9. The good news was that throughout the entire trip I only heard "that German car" a couple of times. Once all were settled we left the at 10:30am for the scenic drive to Sonoita for a luncheon at the Steak Out Inn.



Once in Sonoita, Bob and Flo Scariff caught up with us and we all enjoyed a lunch served up by the Steak Out Inn. The men's bathrooms were suffering some issues, but the food was great and enjoyed by all.

After lunch we drove through the Arizona wine county to the beautiful Sonoita Vineyards for a wine tasting. The Sonoita Winery is one of the largest and oldest wineries in the state. Here we were treated to a private tasting put on by Robbie, one of the principles of the Sonoita Vineyard.

After a short drive on I-10 we took the exit for Hwy 83, and then we made a left turn and started up the Old Sonoita Highway. Perfect for Jaguars, this is a truly a great drive through some of the most beautiful country in Arizona.

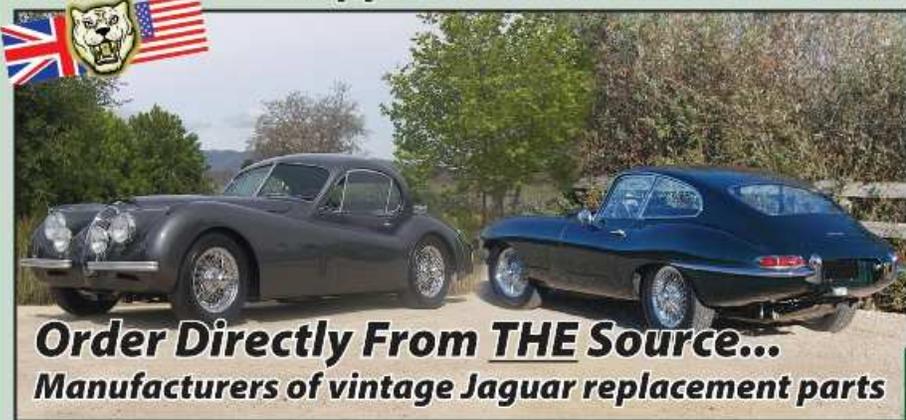
After the tasting some left to go home, some stopped by another winery (if you bring a wine glass from another winery you receive a discount) and some raced a 1970's vintage VW Beetle down Highway 83. Skip and Lori, you made me proud.

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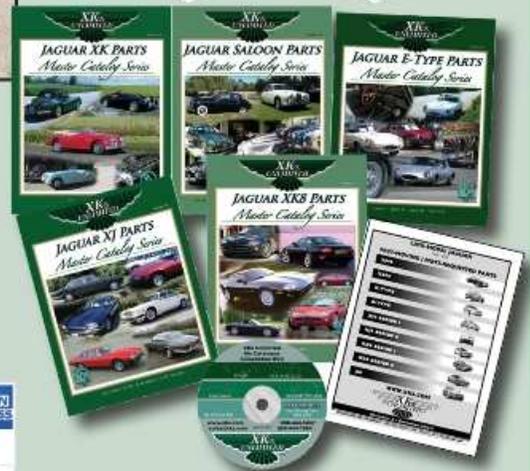
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