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## President's Message

From our new President - Diana Raymond

Welcome to the 2013 membership year for the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona. Many of you don't know me, but I appreciate that you have entrusted the success of our club to my leadership.

I'd like to thank Doug Dechant for his work as President this past year and I look forward to his input as advisory council as well as the rest of the board members and membership.

Thanks to Linda and Al for a great Christmas party. I think the great surprise was when Doug introduced me as the next President and when he turned around I wasn't standing there. I promise to be more visible in the future.

A bit about me...I spent the majority of my working career as a commercial airline pilot and took an early retirement in 2004 from United Airlines. I started in 1974 as a payroll clerk and retired from the B737 as a Captain (ask me about that story sometime). I will be the first to admit I know more about airplanes than cars but that does not mitigate my desire for having one of the finest automobiles and learning more of the various types of this fine line of cars.

I purchased my "bucket list car", and first Jaguar, last March, a 2012 XK convertible in the color I call "pull 'em over red". The color is really "Claret" and it's a car I've wanted since I was 10 years old when one of my neighbors came home with her "E" type, yellow Jaguar. I knew one day I was going to have one.

As this is written prior to our first Board Meeting of 2013, we have the first two events on the calendar for 2013. The Mystery Drive on Sunday, January

20<sup>th</sup> with the culmination of Brunch and The Wine Tasting in Sonoita on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. I will be unable to make the Mystery Drive as I'll be in Hawaii, but I plan to be at the Wine Tasting in Sonoita as well as most of the dinners at Ric's on our First Wednesday's of the month. Don't forget to call Ric's (520-577-7272) and RSVP by the day before to help them out with the headcount.

If this is a reflection on the year, the last few weeks may not be the best. With the sadness that has dominated the news so much the past few weeks here's hoping that moving forward to 2013 will be a year of change for the better. I hope as we leave 2012 behind that we can bring some joy and smiles to faces with those wonderful cats we call Jaguars!

I'm delighted to be a member of the JCSA club and hope that we can grow this club together and continue to find some fun and interesting events that will boost participation. I'm relying on your help, guidance and participation to see me through this endeavor.

Safe Travels,  
Diana



### JCSA Up Coming Events

- January 12 Board Meeting 12 noon at Royal Jaguar
- January 20 Mystery Drive and Lunch at Tanguo Verde Guest Ranch
- February 17 Sonoita Wine Tasting Drive

**Breaking News!** - the location of our 1st Wednesday dinner & social gathering has changed to Wilbur's Grill at the Viscount Hotel, 4855 E Broadway from 5pm. Please email Doug Dechant [ddechant@wbhsi.net](mailto:ddechant@wbhsi.net) and tell him you will be there.

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## Holiday Party - December 8



On Saturday December 8th we held our Holiday Party at Al & Linda's place up in the foothills overlooking the lights of Tucson. We were so privileged to have our party in their beautifully decorated house. There was an excellent turn out of members who chatted away all night and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the evening. This year we had an outside caterer provide the food, and what an excellent spread it was. Linda liaised with Jack at Ric's Café to ensure everything went smoothly and a team of young ladies circulated with the starters before serving the delicious main course. Dessert dishes were supplied by members so all in all we had an excellent holiday dinner.

Our chosen charity this year was Rural Metro's support of Toys for Tots and everyone brought a

toy for this very worthy cause. The highlight of the evening was the arrival of a fire truck and three firemen to collect the toys.

Our outgoing President, Doug Dechant, spoke in appreciation of the job done by the Board and Officers over the last year and announced the result of the ballot for Board Members. This confirmed the continued service of most of the board with the exception that there will be a new President. Diana Raymond has kindly volunteered for this post.

The evening was such a success that we will most probably repeat the format again next year. Indeed we already have a couple who would like to host next year's holiday celebration. Until then have a happy and healthy 2013.

Fred Secker



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# More Holiday Party Photos



Next Event!

## Mystery Drive & Tanque Verde Lunch

January 20, 2013

The New Year is upon us and our first JCNA event is fast approaching. For those of you that have not already signed up for, and sent your money in for the Tanque Verde Brunch, but intend to join us, it is time to make your commitment.

This is a much enjoyed event that Claire and I have put on yearly for several years now. Last year we took a hiatus from the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch, but we are going back there this year, as it is a favorite with many of our members. Those who have been there before remember the delicious, freshly carved Prime Rib, amongst other delectable dishes and a dessert table to die for. The cost has gone up a bit from past years and is now **\$20.00** per person, but well worth the money. The last date you can sign up for the brunch is **Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013**. So if you are planning to dine with us please send in your check made out to JCSA to:

Claire Hampton  
11460 E. Placita Rancho Grande  
Tucson, Az. 85730

The Mystery Drive will start Sunday morning at **10:00 am** from the parking lot in front of the Starbucks Coffee Shop at the Crossroads Festival Shopping Center on the northeast corner of Grant and Swan. So please arrive there no later than

9:45 am, to insure you are there for the driver's meeting. Coffee and snacks to tide you over are available at Starbucks for anyone to get them through to the brunch. Bathroom facilities are also available at Starbucks. The drive will be around an hour and a quarter to an hour and one half. If the weather is agreeable I plan to do the drive in the XK140 with the top down, so you know this will not be a fast drive.

It is not necessary to participate in both events. If you just want to do the drive and skip the brunch that is fine, or if you just want to meet us at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch for the Brunch, that is good also. The brunch is scheduled for **12 Noon**, so please be there about 11:45 am.

We will not have special parking this year as there will be two other car clubs having brunch about the same time. One will be the Model A club and the other the Studebaker Club, so it will be a great chance to see a bunch of other neat vehicles. It will also be crowded, so we are only able to accommodate 30 people for the brunch, and so please get your check in as early as possible to insure your reservation.

Herbie Hampton



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## My Hobby

This month sees the beginning of a new series of articles entitled "My Hobby" just to show that there is indeed life outside the Jaguar firmament. Hobbies can generate huge enthusiasm so hopefully there will be a stream of articles vying with each other to be the next to be published. Meanwhile I will start the ball rolling with an account of my interest in the sport of Radio Controlled Model Sailboat Racing. Note carefully the word "Racing" because this is not pootling around with toy boats on the local duck pond. This is serious competitive stuff where rules are applied just the same as in full size sail boat racing.

### The Club

When two or more hobbyists are gathered together then shall there be a club. And indeed it did come to pass that the PMYC was created. The Pima Micro Yacht Club has been in existence for two years and now boasts 24 members, not all of which are active sailors. We regularly get 6 or 7 boats racing each week and the rest of the members are constructing boats or plucking up the courage to join the hurly burly on the water. When the club was formed it was decided that we should all build the same boat so that we could compete on a level playing field. The kit we chose is the Victoria, made by Thunder Tiger in Taiwan. Construction is very easy and costs less than \$200 for everything needed to get sailing. It is 30 inches long and 42 inches high and has two servo motors, one to control the sails and one to control the rudder. Included in the price is the radio transmitter which is used to send signals to the servos to adjust the sails and steer the boat. We meet every Monday to race at one of three small lakes at Lakeside Park, Reid Park or Christopher Columbus Park.

### The Racing

We set out a pattern of bouys to race around and then we are ready for an afternoon of intense concentration. The race course is normally triangular such that the boats have to be sailed up wind,



down wind and every direction in between. To add to the challenge the wind direction is rarely steady and can vary greatly in strength. The skipper who is quickest to detect these changes will get the best results. The most important phase of the race is the start. A mechanical timer counts down from 2 minutes to zero and during this two minutes the skippers control their boats to cross the start line as close to zero as possible being very careful not to start early because this incurs a stiff penalty. The next task is to sail upwind to the first bouy which is the most demanding phase of the race because obviously it is not possible to sail straight into the wind and therefore a series of zig zags must be skillfully executed. After rounding the upwind bouy life becomes a little easier as we are no longer trying to sail into the wind and we can make a mad dash around the two remaining bouys and over the finish line.

### The Post Mortem

There is always a lot to talk about after a hard days racing and what better place for a convivial discussion than a local watering hole such as McGraw's Cantina.

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Fred Secker

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**For all of you that have already sent in your membership renewal for 2013, I thank you very much. For those of you that have been procrastinating, Please, Please, Please, get your checks in the mail ASAP.**

If you have read your latest Jaguar Journal, the November/December issue that just came in the mail, you might have notice the article on club renewals. It seems that the JCNA has advanced the date for member clubs to renew. It is now January 31, 2013. And naturally in order for that to happen, we need our current members to renew before the end of January. I realize that this is a bad time of the year to ask for money, what with the Holiday season upon us, but we need you to get your renewal check in the mail ASAP, so that you don't end up being dropped of the JCNA roster.

The JCNA is raising its national dues from \$22.00 a year, which it had been for a long time, to \$30.00 a year, starting with the 2013 renewals. Since our

club raised its local dues last year from \$60.00 to \$65.00 a year in order to have a little more operating capital on hand, the board has decided to absorb the JCNA cost increase from its own share of the dues. This means that we will have even less funds for local club's expenses than before last year's increase, but the renewal cost for club members will remain the same as last year, \$65.00.

So if you are looking forward to the Mystery Drive/Tanque Verde Brunch or any of the events such as the Pancake Breakfast, or the wine tasting tour, or any of the other great events we do, you need to send your check in **NOW!!!!** If you just enjoy a leisurely dinner and friendly conversation at our monthly dinners at Ric's Café the club needs your support, so please renew today.

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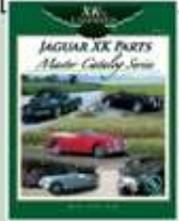
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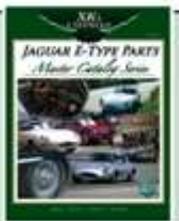
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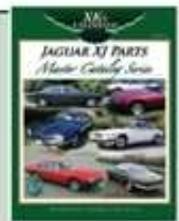
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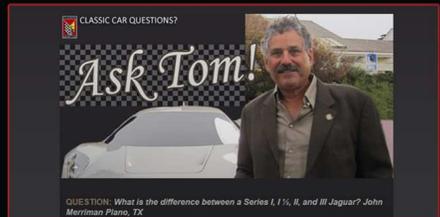


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