

June 2018

# Desert Jaguar

Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



**Jeff & Bethanne Simpson's award winning XK 150, (page 4)**

## Coming Events

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| <b>June 6</b>       | <b>First Wednesday Dinner</b>              |
| <b>June 3</b>       | <b>Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club Concours</b> |
| <b>Oct 20</b>       | <b>Jaguar Concours in Phoenix</b>          |
| <b>Oct 31-Nov 4</b> | <b>JCNA International Jaguar Festival</b>  |
| <b>Nov 17</b>       | <b>JCSA Concour d' Elegance</b>            |

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## The Prez Sez

This month's newsletter will be a little shorter than most (Editor's note—Not Really). Our VP Newsletter Editor, Sharon Weatherbie and her husband Mike will be on a well-deserved vacation.

Starting in June the Club goes dark for the summer until September. We will still enjoy our First Wednesday dinners at Firebirds in the La Encantada Shopping Center, but we will not be holding monthly events. Many car clubs in Arizona go dark in the summer as many of their members leave for their other homes in cooler climates. Therefore, it is a good time to lay back, enjoy a cool one at Firebirds and stay in the shade.

Our next event will be in September with the President's Brunch.

Last year we did this in Sonoita and everyone enjoyed a beautiful drive and a really great brunch. I am still planning this year's brunch so more to come on this.

In September, the Inland Empire Jaguar Club holds their Concours in a unique setting in California. It is a very popular event so more to come on this. Our sister Club in Phoenix will be holding their Concours on October 20<sup>th</sup>. I urge you to attend and represent JCNA.

The LA Club will be hosting the International Jaguar Festival in beautiful Santa Barbara October 31<sup>st</sup> thru November 4<sup>th</sup>. This promises to be an incredible event in an incredible setting. As I indicated last month, our Concours will be on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you are looking to compete for Regional and National Concours points or if you just want to be around some of the most beautiful cars ever made, these are some great events to attend. As the summer goes on, I will keep you up to date on all of the activities being offered by ours and the surrounding JCNA Clubs.

Stay cool and be safe this summer.



*Openings still available to tour the United Kingdom*

The Jaguar Associate Group of Los Angeles (JAG) still has openings for their exciting trip to the UK in September. If you would like to join them please click on the below link for more information:

<http://www.jags.org/newseventstechnical/jaggoestouk.html>

Thanks,

**Jaguar Clubs of North America  
presents International Jaguar festival 2018**

**October 31-November 4, 2018, Santa Barbara California**

Jaguar Owners Club Inc., Los Angeles, California, [www.lajagclub.com](http://www.lajagclub.com)

The Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) has selected the Jaguar Owners Club, Inc. Los Angeles to host the 2018 International Jaguar Festival. The event location is the Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort (Fess Parker Hotel) on the beach in Santa Barbara California. The event will include a national competition in Concours d'Elegance- Champion and Driven Divisions, JCNA Rally, and JCNA Slalom. Also, displays of current and new Jaguar Land Rover Products, Ride and Drive campaign, scenic tours of the Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and Santa Ynez Wine Country. The PETERSEN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM, kicks off the IJF Event. A Saturday Night "MONTE CARLO NIGHT" benefit for Veterans for the JtR "JOIN THE REGIMENT" program, training VETS to become technicians and management in JLR Dealerships.

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**JCNA International Jaguar Festival 2018 - Santa Barbara, California**

**October 31st - November 4th**

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## Concours in Colorado

The Rocky Mtn. Jaguar Club will be holding its annual concours on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Broomfield County Commons Park, 13201 Lowell Blvd., Broomfield, CO 80125. The park will open for concours entry at 7:30 am, Rags Down at 10 am, Judging from 10:30 to 12:30. Awards Dinner at the Kirby's at 5 pm. Please see the <http://rockymountainjaguarclub.org/> web site for more details and to sign up. Questions, please contact Steve Kennedy, [skennedy@ecentral.com](mailto:skennedy@ecentral.com), 303-489-3955.



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## Photos from the Rainbow Bridge JCSA drive April, 2018

By Bethanne and Jeff Sompson



## Jaguar XK-150 Drives Again After 40 Years

Jeff Simpson

When we bought the car 36 years ago with the intention of using it as a father-son project, it was pretty forlorn. While we worked on it off and on over the years, the real work had to wait until I retired. With the encouragement of my wife, son, and friends, the restoration went from "This will never get done" to "Well maybe" then "How about a ride around the block!" I did most of the work myself, learning that I was usually dissatisfied with work I paid others to do. I certainly learned a lot along the way, not just about old Jaguars but planning, expectations, costs, and the value of very helpful friends and family.



We finally decided to take the car on an extended shake-down cruise even though there was still work to be done. The short drives around town led me to think it was ready to go, but there is nothing like a real road trip to identify what still needs sorting out. The plan was to attend the British Car Days event in Los Cruces, New Mexico, with an overnight stop in Bisbee on the way there and in Silver City on the return to Tucson.

We started out from Tucson with a group of friends in four other British cars. After about fifty miles of highway driving, the temperature gauge started creeping up and up until we couldn't ignore it and had to pull over. No coolant system leaks could be found. It seemed all the water loss was from the radiator overflow. So began a series of stops, waiting for the radiator to cool enough to open the cap and add water and go a little further. We did this over and over until we had used all the water our group had. While waiting for more water, just short of Bisbee, we called an auto repair shop to organize a new radiator cap. They managed to get a new cap by

the time we arrived. On testing the problem cap, we found it would hold zero psi. With the new cap in place, the temperature seemed to hold so on we went to Los Cruces. It is amazing how such a simple part like a radiator cap, brand new, can cause so much trouble.

The Los Cruces British Car Days event turned out to be very well organized and well attended, with lots of great cars and people. At the awards breakfast on Sunday we were very surprised and pleased to receive "**First in**



**Class"** and the "**Presidents Trophy**".

The drive to Silver City was very scenic with twisting, turning and long straight sections and higher altitude. We began to get a feel for the car, and our confidence in it steadily improved. The XK-150 seemed to run better and better as we went along. The next morning, we returned to Tucson hoping to miss a possible dust storm. We got back into the garage with a long list of items to change, fix, or finish.

The trip in this car was a long, long, time in the making, but the car exceeded our expectations and we are looking forward to our next trip.

**Congratulations to Carolyn Arnquist  
the "fastest woman" in all of JCNA for 2017**

# Firebirds Grill

## First Wednesday Dinner – June 6

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## JAGUAGRAM – WRITING CONTEST

**2 CATEGORIES: SHORT STORY and RANDOM**

**Calling all JAGUAR ENTHUSIASTS to submit entries.**

The Jaguar Car Club of Victoria (Canada) is hosting the JAGUAGRAM - a writing contest. We would like to invite all members of JCNA affiliated clubs and other Jaguar enthusiasts, to participate.

Please click [the flyer](#) for more information and the official rules.

Registration/submission is through our website [www.jaguarclub.ca](http://www.jaguarclub.ca) or email to [JCCV@shaw.ca](mailto:JCCV@shaw.ca)

We look forward to receiving your entry(s)!

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President, The Jaguar Car Club of Victoria

Committee Chair, Jaguars on the Island 2018



### Bob Scarff

The long and fulfilling life of Robert W. Scarff ended in the early morning hours of April 28, 2018. Bob was just a month away from celebrating his 101st birthday. He was a long time member of the Jaguar club and the oldest living member. He drove a 2001 XJ8 Sedan.

Our condolences to his wife of 70 years, Flo and their family.



### Maggie Secker

Our beloved Maggie Secker passed away peacefully May 3, 2018. Maggie, along with her loving husband Fred, was a long time member of JCSA. In addition, Maggie was our web master for many years and she won two JCNA North America awards for her excellent JCSA website design.

Maggie was a wonderful, warm and caring person who raised two very successful sons. Our sincere condolences to Fred and all of their family.

She will be missed by all of us at JCSA.

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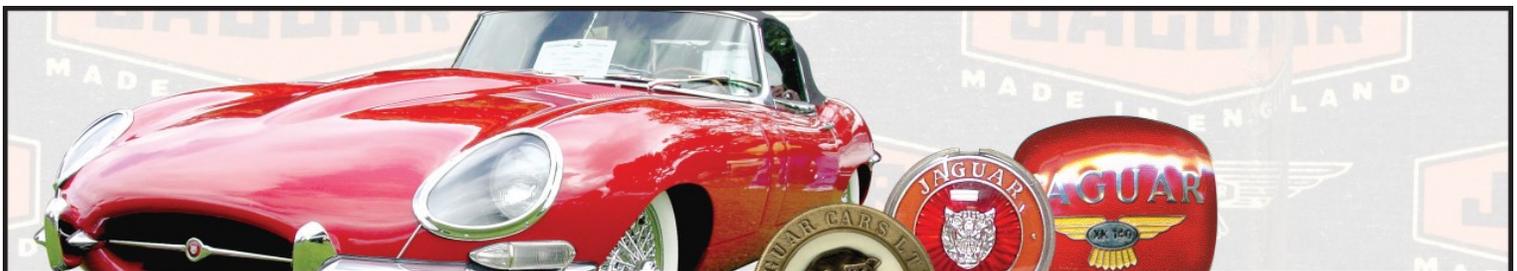
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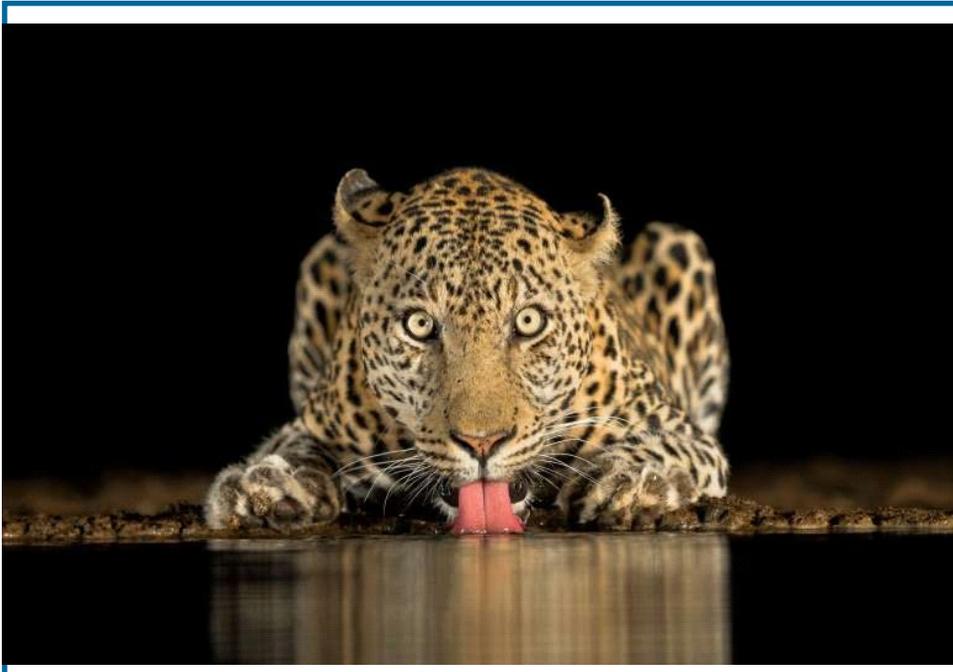



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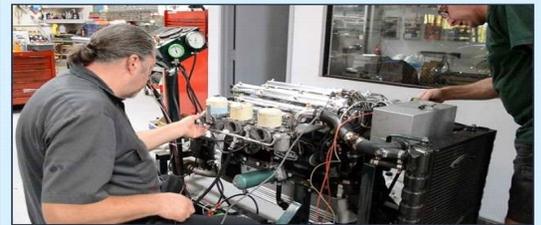
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