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# Desert Jaguar



Monthly Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



**A**fter the Jaguar F-Type Project Seven, Range Rover Sport SVR and the Continuation Lightweight E-Types the Jaguar Land Rover Special operations (SVO) division is plotting its next historic resurrection, and there's a chance it could be the Jaguar XKSS. but the word "could" must be emphasized because the XKSS is one of about four finalists - a "major contender" - among a long list of 65 ideas for the Special Operations to devote itself to. SVO projects need to have some kind of story behind them, a qualification the XKSS doesn't lack. In the 1950s Jaguar raced the D-Type to three Le Mans wins among its list of victories, but retired as a factory team at the end of 1955. When Jaguar decided to turn 25 unused D-Type chassis' into road-going cars, the XKSS was created. The company built the 25, but a fire at the Browns Lane factory destroyed nine of them. It is those nine that will be in the continuation run, should the XKSS get the nod.

Jaguar has already sold the six E-Type Lightweight models, each one for more a million pounds (\$1.52M US). The XKSS could undoubtedly command even more, with its legendary roots; the 1956 model that Steve McQueen bought for \$5,000 (and Jay Leno recently drove is said to be worth 30 million). We have to think that even if the XKSS isn't chosen right now, it will certainly get the green light at some point.

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## The Prez Sez

These 70 degree days in the middle of winter are wonderful are they not? That is why we live here in Tucson of course. However we should never take this sublime weather for granted but enjoy it to the full. And one of the best ways to do that is to jump in your Jaguar and roar off down a country road with the wind in your hair and the sun on your face. Wonderful stuff ! Which is exactly what a bunch of us did on St Valentine's Day. Once again we had a great turnout of 14 cars. Read all about the fun we had on page 3.

Our next adventure will be on March 22 when we will take a drive to the Sonoran Desert Museum for brunch and a look around this world ranked Zoological Park. The free flying raptors alone are worth the visit. See page 4.

This time of the year in Tucson the rodeo comes to town and what a great spectacle it is. If you have not been before you simply have to go along and



soak up the atmosphere. The bull riders are world class and go up against the local guys to see who can stay on board for a seemingly never ending 8 seconds.

Another terrific event which you may not be aware of is the dirt track racing out at the USA Raceway south of the city on Los Reales Road. This dirt oval reverberates to the sound of powerful machinery twice a month and is a sight which is hard to beat. Imagine 20 open wheel sprint cars coming at you sideways at full throttle within inches of each other. Wow! Next event I will be at is on March 21st - see you there. [www.raceusaraceway.com](http://www.raceusaraceway.com)

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Happy Motoring,

*Fred*

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### Video of the Month

For a GREAT VIDEO of our Valley Verde Trip click this link:  
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### The Year Ahead

March 22	Sonoran Desert Museum
April 12	Breakfast Run
May 16	Mount Lemmon Drive
September	Driving Event in collaboration with Royal Jaguar
October 24	Concours
November	Overnight driving event
December	Holiday Party

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Our Next  
Event!

## Sonoran Desert Museum

Sunday March 22



### Drive, Brunch and Visit

Here on our doorstep we have a world class facility that is regularly listed as one of the top ten zoological parks in the world because of its unique approach in interpreting the complete natural history of a single region, the Sonoran Desert.

The grounds comprise 21 acres with two miles of walking paths, 16 individual gardens, 1,200 native plant species and 56,000 individual plants. The animal collection currently includes 230 native mammals, reptiles, amphibians, insects, and birds including a multispecies hummingbird aviary. In January 2013 the Warden Aquarium was opened focusing on the region's rivers, native fish and conservation efforts and the salt-water gallery showcases tropical species from the Gulf of California.

Visitors can see two live animal shows: Live and (sort of) on the Loose, showcasing often-misunderstood venomous reptiles, and Raptor Free Flight, home to one of the most accessible avian demonstrations in the U.S. The demonstration flies only native species and showcases one of only two raptor species in the world that hunt as a family group, like wolves, Harris' Hawks.

On Sunday March 22nd you will have the opportunity to drive your Jaguar, have brunch at the Ocotillo Restaurant and visit the Sonoran Desert Museum all in one package.

**So Come Join Us for a Very Special Day Out**

We will meet at San Xavier Mission parking lot at **9am** for 9.30 departure for a scenic drive to the museum where we will have brunch at 11am finishing in plenty of time to see the amazing raptor show at 2 pm. Group entry tickets are \$12.50 pp. Chan & Jude are organizing this outing so please make your checks out to C. Dayton and send to Chan Dayton at 1926 N Laguna Oaks Dr, Green Valley, AZ 85614



## Valentine's Picnic Drive



All lined up ready for the off

As St Valentine's day fell on a Saturday this year we had the perfect excuse for a sweethearts drive and picnic. And so it was that 14 cars and 28 Jaguar lovers (like the pun?) assembled bright and early (10 am) at our oft used meeting place at exit 269 on interstate 10. Having been warned they should show respect to St Valentine by decorating their cars or themselves with some Valentine's frippery many made the effort and some maybe overdid it a little!

We set off in convoy along the freeway for a bit and then joined Hwy 83 for a few seconds before veering left onto the Old Sonoita Highway, a seven mile stretch of twisty roads which is very little used and ideal for enjoying our Jags. I am told that the officers of the law do not know of this secret road track but I am not suggesting for one minute that one might

creep over the speed limit there.

Rejoining 83 we ambled through unspoilt scenery and on to Sonoita where we turned right along Sonoita Creek before arriving at Patagonia where we tip toed through the town knowing full well that enforcement can be very rigid here.

Patagonia Lake State Park awaited us and it was no surprise to see that it was full to the brim with campers, anglers, bird watchers et al because of course it was not only St Valentine's Day but also President's weekend. Never mind we had reserved a Ramada so we settled down, in delightful surroundings, to enjoy our picnic and the conviviality of a super bunch of club members. Some folk walked off their repast with a stroll along the lake shore then we bid farewell and made our own way homewards after what was a most enjoyable JCSA outing.



Cars are the Stars



# More Valentine's Pix.....



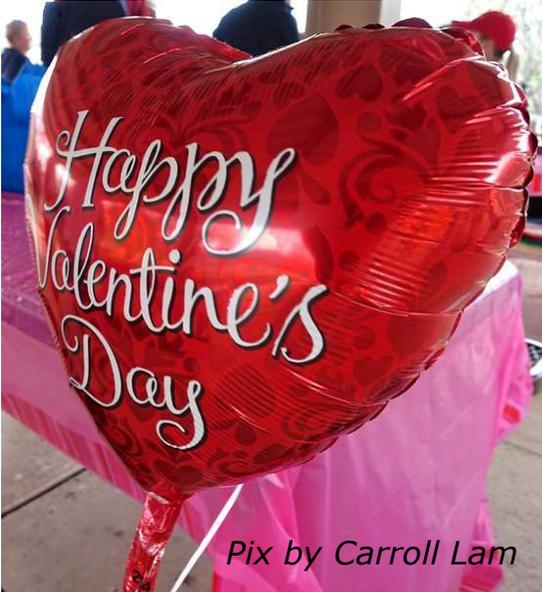
Our Ramada by the Lake



Picnic Fare and Cup Cakes Galore



A little over the top maybe but it was fun!



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# Art of the Jaguar



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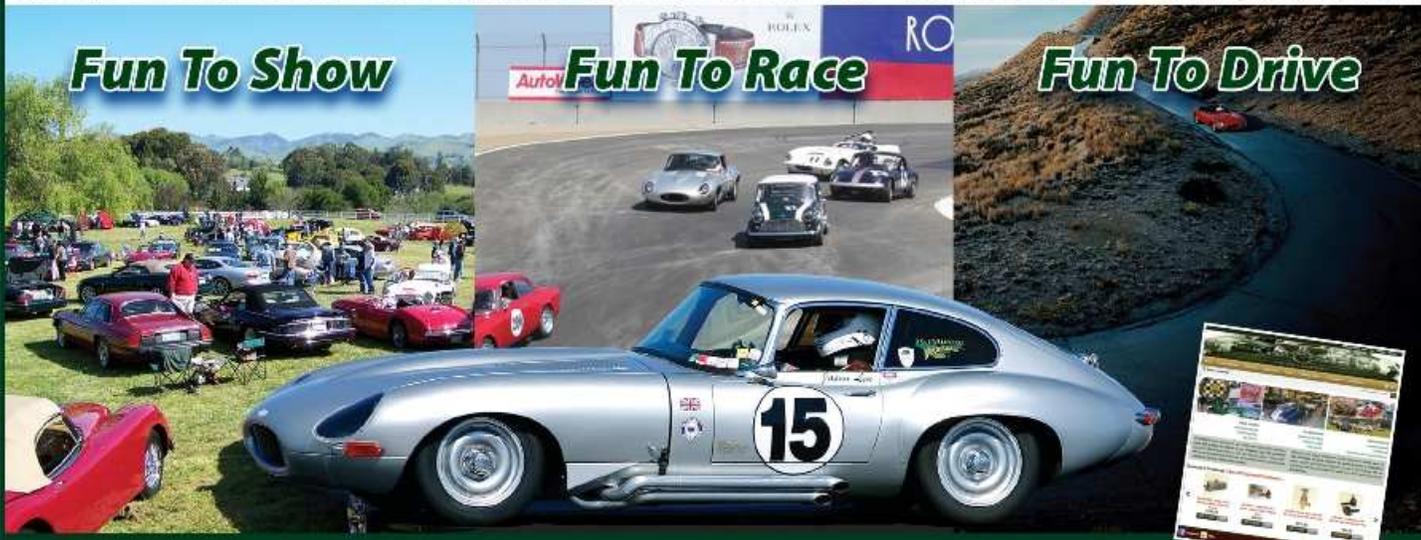




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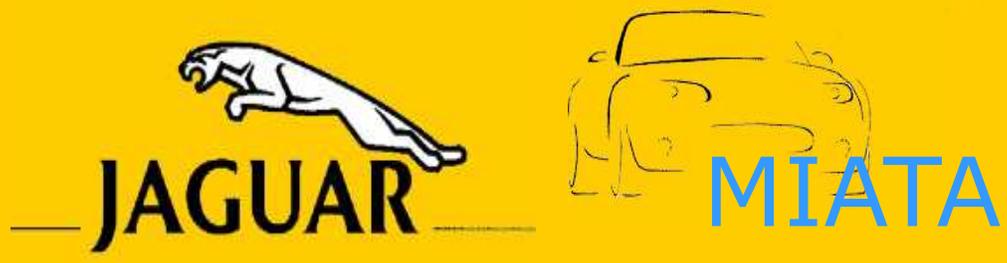
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