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Desert Jaguar



Monthly Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



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The Prez Sez

This issue, being the first of our summer newsletters comes to you from across the pond where Maggie and I have settled in for our six months sojourn. I can report that the weather has been rather kind to us migrant snowbirds and spring is firmly sprung with budding branches, chirping chaffinches and sunny skies (some of the time). And what was the first thing I did on arriving home? Open the garage, uncover my beautiful XK150S Roadster, turn the key and press the starter button. Vroom went that wonderful XK exhaust note and off I went for a most enjoyable drive around the local countryside. What a joy!



personal memories are erased forever. See the results of our enquiries on page 5.

In March the JCNA held its AGM in Philadelphia and our club was represented by Doug Dechant who was also there in his capacity as SW Regional Co-Director and JCNA Membership Co-Chair. His comprehensive report is on page 6. While in Philly Doug kindly accepted an award on behalf of yours truly for the best newsletter travel article of 2014. As you can imagine I am very proud of my award which was for the article on the XK Jaguar tour to Transylvania last June.

The history of our club goes back a long way. Right back to WW2 in fact so a suggestion surfaced that we contact some of the early members of the club and find out about the formative years before

Happy Motoring,

Fred

JCNA Members Benefit - Discount on New Jaguar Purchase

Jaguar Land Rover are providing a discount on all new Jaguars purchased by a small group of owners clubs and JCNA is one of those clubs. Members will purchase their new Jaguar from a dealer as usual and then a discount will be applied. The dealer will then be reimbursed by JLR.

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JLR has issued an Operations Bulletin giving details of the scheme which you can read in full at:-

<http://www.jcsaz.com/gallery/links.html>

Video of the Month

Here is a GREAT VIDEO of our visit to The Sonoran Desert Museum:

<https://youtu.be/ehxKSQYRh4>

Upcoming Events

May 16	Mount Lemmon Drive
September	Driving Event in collaboration with Royal Jaguar
October 31	Concours
November	Silver City Overnight
December	Holiday Party

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Mount Lemon and the Iron Door

New Date

Friday May 8, 2015

Please join us for this last driving event of the season as we traverse the beautiful Catalina Mountain to reach Ski Valley and the Iron Door Restaurant. It will be 20-25 degrees cooler up there so come prepared. The date was changed to avoid a conflict with the British Car Club drive and we chose a weekday to avoid the heavy weekend traffic.

The Plan

Gather at Udall Park on Tanque Verde Rd just east of Sabino Canyon Rd at 10 am for a 10:30 departure.

Gas up first! There are no gas stations on the drive up or in Summerhaven.

When arriving at Udall Park, please park in a pleasing line so that good pictures can be taken for the next newsletter. Departing the parking area in convoy at 10:30, we turn right onto Tanque Verde Rd. and continue for about 2.4 miles before turning left onto E. Catalina Highway. After about 4.5 miles, the road becomes General Hitchcock Highway and will start to twist and turn as we climb through several distinct climates. There are many beautiful vista points, but we will only stop at the San Pedro Vista, which will be on our right about 17 miles up the highway. Please park in another line for a great photo opportunity of our Jaguars "in the wild". Continuing up the mountain, we will turn right onto N. Mount Lemmon Road which leads to Ski Valley and the parking lot at the Iron Door Restaurant. Again, please park in a pleasing line for pictures.

We have reserved seating at Noon and will be on the patio, weather & bugs permitting. We would like to have everyone dining together so please be at the restaurant at Noon.

The **Iron Door Restaurant** serves a wide variety of salads, sandwiches, homemade soups and features their famous chili and cornbread. Whether you choose to eat light or have a hearty meal, you will enjoy the beautiful surroundings and excellent service. Treat yourself to a lovely drive, wonderful lunch and maybe even dessert in this beautiful mountain area. Separate checks will be provided.

After lunch, you may take a stroll in Summerhaven, browse the shops or even take a hike. The time is yours and enjoy your drive back down the mountain! You may choose to stop at several of the vistas on your way back including the most popular Windy Point vista.

Please RSVP to Jim Hart at jehart17@hotmail.com or 520-760-5667 by May 1 so we can finalize the reservation at the Iron Door.



Saddlebrooke Drive and Brunch

It was a rare cloudy, cool day in Tucson, but the Breakfast Drive brightened the day for eight cars plus four others who joined us for brunch after the tour.

The route and the brunch were organized by Tom and Daria Durham and encompassed a very interesting drive around Marana, then north to Park Link Drive, then down Route 79 to Saddlebrooke.

A driving experience in Marana? You mean that rapidly growing, flat, agricultural town northwest of Tucson? Yes! While we did find some beautiful hills and desert, to make up for traversing flat cotton fields the tour booklet contained a lot of "factoids" about Marana's very interesting history. For example:

- ◆ We went near the location of the Juan Bautista de Anza campsite on his expedition in 1775 which resulted in establishing San Francisco.
- ◆ We got information about the extensive Native American ruins in Marana over the last 4,000 years, including the oldest canals in North America which means those flooded fields that you see from I-10 have been around quite a while.

- ◆ We went by the Pinal Air Park and found out that 10,000 pilots trained there in WW II and it then became a base for CIA covert activities for their air supply operations during the Viet Nam War.

After our tour of Marana we headed north to the Park Link Drive which runs between I-10 and AZ Route 79. Park Link Dr. is amazing because it runs for 18 miles through virgin desert, a significant portion of which is open range, and there are no buildings on the road. The road slowly increases in elevation by about 1,000 feet over the 18 miles, so you can watch the desert change. At the beginning the desert is quite barren with little vegetation. Then after a few miles more types of cactus and trees appear. Soon thereafter the desert becomes a saguaro and cholla paradise and stays that way until near the top when the saguaro and cholla become more scarce.

Then south on beautiful Route 79 (which was originally part of legendary US route 89-- the north-south equivalent to Route 66) until we turned into Saddlebrooke and found our way to the beautiful Mountain View Bistro for our brunch.



On March 24th, 2015 a small group of club members had the privilege of having lunch with two of the early members of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona, Shirley and Roy Greenwood who were among a group of Jaguar enthusiasts who got together in Sierra Vista to form what they called the Classic Jaguar Club of Arizona.

At the time the club was formed Shirley was married to Albert Engel and they owned an XK150 Coupe. Her present husband Roy had an S-Type. The prompting for the formation of the club apparently came from Darlene Vilicki who owned an XK140 and still owns the same car to this day, now residing in Monterey.

The first president of the club was Lt Col Ronald Bodeen who had an XK120 and the first club meetings were held at his house in Colonel's Row in Fort Huachuca. Another founding member was Dave Wathen who had an E-type.

Shirley grew up in Santa Monica where she belonged to a group of car crazy folk that included such legends as Phill Hill and Ritchie Ginther. Shirley dated Ritchie and it was he who taught her how to double de-clutch in her MG-TD. This MG is still in the family and now resides with her son in Fountain Hills.

Shirley and Roy are still as passionate as ever about classic cars and were so pleased to be given a ride in our Jaguars, Roy in an E-Type and Shirley in a modern XKR.

History of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona

The Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona is one of the oldest clubs in North America, originally founded in the late 1940's by soldiers stationed at Ft Huachuca, Arizona who returned from Europe after World War II. The club at that time was called the "Classic Jaguar Club". They were bringing back Jaguar automobiles after their occupation duties in England. The club consisted of Sergeants through Colonels but they all loved their Jaguars. As more members were from the Air Force stationed at Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, the club was moved to Tucson in the early 1960's and renamed the "Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona" to encompass members throughout the southern part of the state. The Club was legally incorporated under the laws of the State of Arizona on March 13, 1976.

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During the 1980's the club had two major events in addition to the normal monthly meetings and get-togethers, the Concours d'Elegance and the All British Car Show. The All British Car Show was held during the Fathers Day weekend inside an air conditioned mall in Tucson and the public could buy votes for their favorite car. All the proceeds from the voting was donated to a local charity. This event drew all makes of British Cars and motorcycles for display and was one of the most attended weekends in the mall's annual schedule.

The club was frequented by members of the Hollywood set when they were in Tucson to film at Old Tucson. Two of the more notable attendees were Clark Gable with his white XK120 with its red wheels, and Stewart Granger with his XK 120.



Shirley and Roy Greenwood



JCNA AGM Report

The JCNA Board of Directors arrived at the Sheraton Philadelphia Society Hill on Thursday evening and on **Friday** there was a Board of Director's Meeting where the Board reviewed everything that would also be covered on Sunday and in front of the General Membership on Saturday. Several committee reports and proposals were tweaked. Some issues not involving the full delegation were passed, including offering Mike Dale, the previous Jaguar Cars President, under Ford, a Lifetime JCNA Membership, and we also renamed the Outstanding Dealership Award to bear Mike Dale's name. Mike was very beneficial in establishing JCNA as an independent entity when Ford wanted to end any Club affiliation. Several administrative issues were clarified and passed.

Friday Evening everyone boarded busses to the Simeone Foundation and Automotive Museum. They have one of the world's greatest collections of racing sport cars. There were some local member's Jaguar's brought in to the Museum in addition to new Jaguar's, new cars including the new XE. A nice casual meal was served, accompanied by a Dixieland band and a birthday cake for a 104 year old local club member.

Saturday was the AGM. It is always impressive seeing over 100 people sitting around a large table configuration participating in a meeting.

Concours:

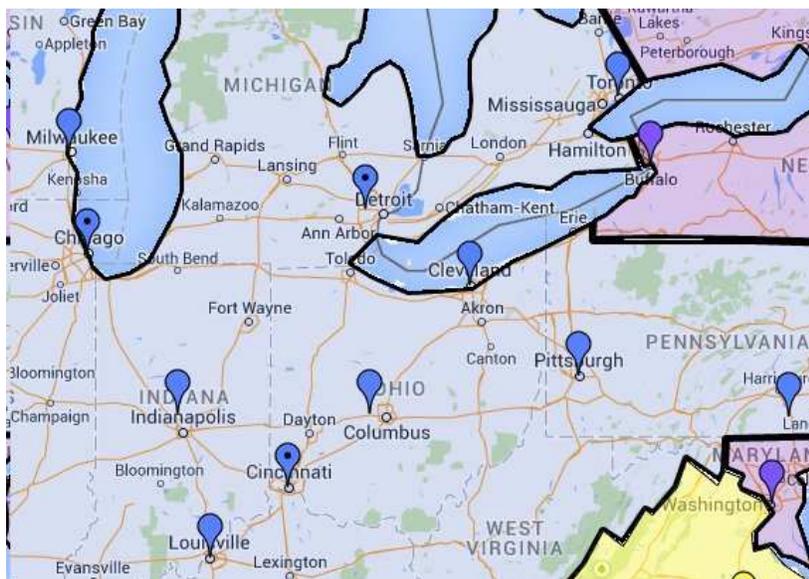
- There are currently 45 Concours classes. Some will be combined so there will be an overall reduction of 8 or 9 classes. C01A and C01B, Pre XK's will be combined. C08 and C09, Early small and Large Saloons will be combined, just like Driven Class., C10, C11 and C12, XJ, S1, 2 and 3 will be combined, just like Driven Class. C17 and C18, S and X-Types will be combined, just like Driven Class, C20 and C21, XF and XJ will be combined, D12 and D13, S and S-Types will be combined. S01 and S02, Factory and Private Race Cars will be combined. S04, Replica's may possibly also be combined into this class. This is being done because of so little competition in some of the classes. Most cases the participants just have to show up to get a high placed trophy. This should reduce a little of the work to put on a Concours. The Concours Committee and JCRC are working out the new class designations. They may be something that is actually related to the cars, such as C-120, C-140 and C-E1.
- All Concours Judges must be Certified, with the exception of one judge in the pre OV section.
- Please review the new Concours Guidelines for more rule changes.

All these revisions were approved for the 2015 Concours season. The new 2015 Concours Rule Book is now available and includes these revisions.

There is a long term JCNA plan to require a National Champion to only be awarded only after earning that title at the JCC or WS National meet. Three 100's would only earn a Regional title without competing head to head, against the best in North America. This will take a while to implement. You can provide input to the JCNA Concours Committee.

Membership:

- JCNA recorded an all new high of 6500 members at the end of 2014, and around 67 Clubs spread around North America.
- A map of JCNA locations was shown, showing all the locations of JCNA Clubs, Jaguar Dealers and MAL's, Members at Large (an example of a selected area is below).



Continued

Jaguar Challenge Championship and Western States Meet:

- The Jaguar Challenge Championship is coming up in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin this coming September 16 to 20, 2015. This will be the last Challenge Championship for JCNA.
- Starting in 2016 both the Challenge Championship and the Western States will be combined into an annual event under JCNA. This will help with Jaguar Cars financial sponsorship as there will only be one JCNA event a year. The new name will be the *International Jaguar Festival*.
- For 2016, the *International Jaguar Festival* will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona in conjunction with the JCNA AGM from March 31 to April 6, 2016.

Jaguar Cars:

- The JCNA car sales discount has been very successful. JCNA members bought about 1300 new vehicles during the 6 month period of the offer. Even with the big discount expiring, JCNA members still get \$1000 off a new car purchase. Stay tuned, there may be another very good sales incentive for JCNA members towards the end of this calendar year.

JCNA Financials:

- This is the first year in 10 years that we have been able to put money back into the bank after running a deficit or near deficit for the past 10 years.

Elections:

- Gary Kinzel has stepped down as North Central Regional Director to concentrate on the Jaguar Foundation, a separate non-profit organization. He is being replaced by Mike Meyer from JCO.
- George Camp (SE) was elected and the new President of JCNA and Barbara Grayson (NW) was elected as the new Vice President

New JCNA Web Site:

- The new web site was shown during the BOD and AGM. It has so many more features and many more are planned for implementation shortly. Within the next few weeks www.JCNA.com and the new web site will be on-line. In the mean time you can see it at <http://jaguar.sitewiredprojects.info/>. Please review the new web site and provide any inputs to the new Electronic Communication Committee at ECC@JCNA.com.

Saturday Evening was an awards dinner followed by JLR VP Kim McCullough as key note speaker. She talked about the new product introductions that Jaguar will be making in the next 18 months: the new aluminum XF, the new XE sports sedan and F-Pace high performance crossover. That was followed by the presentation of the Year End and Special Awards.

Sunday morning there was a Board of Directors Meeting to get things rolling on the new year.

- The hotel hosted a fire alarm drill, complete with fire department to give us a memorable sendoff.

Doug Dechant, SW Regional Director

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