

# Desert Jaguar

Newsletter of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona



## Calendar

Sept. 4	First Wednesday Dinner	Oct. 2	First Wednesday Dinner
Sept. 14	President's Brunch	Oct 4-6	IEJC Concours
Sept 29	Pikes Peak Concours	Oct 26	JCSA Concours
		Nov	14-16 Silver City Trip

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## *From the Desk of the President*

We are closing out summer and our yearly black out period with the President's Lunch on September 14<sup>th</sup>. However before I get into that and other Club business, I want to say goodbye to a friend.

Carroll Lam, our Club Secretary passed on this last August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carroll was just not my friend and fellow JCSA Board member, he was a good friend to many of you. Carroll had many talents, and as our Club Secretary he excelled. Besides being an excellent Club Secretary, Carroll, working with our webmaster, put together videos of our Concours, driving events and several info articles on Jaguars on our website. As we finish out 2019, we will do it without Carroll, which will be very difficult.

Our President's Lunch will be held at the Union Pub in St. Phillips Plaza on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Please join us because there will be an important discussion of Club staffing for 2020. The future of our Club depends on your involvement and input.

Then, on October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Concours d'Elegance. Holding it at La Encantada Shopping Plaza was very successful last year, so we will be there again this year. We will hold our reception and awards dinner at North's Italia restaurant. Our hotel of choice is the Embassy Suites across the street from the La Encantada Shopping Plaza.

If you would like to help judge, please contact Cam Sheahan at:

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If you can help set up and park the cars, please contact Jeff Simpson at:

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If you would like to help with the restaurants or just general setup, contact Doug Dechant at: [dougdechant@gmail.com](mailto:dougdechant@gmail.com).

Thank you, have fun and be safe, Doug

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# ITS BACK TO ST. PHILLIPS PLAZA!

## *Presidents Brunch At the Union Pub*

*Saturday, September 14 2019*



**JCSA is going back to St. Phillips Plaza for this years President's Brunch**

**It will be held from 11:30AM to 1:30PM in the Union Pub's Private Dining Room.**

**The tariff is \$20pp and includes your choice of the following:**

*Salads and Soup:*

*Chicken Caesar*

*Spinach Chicken*

*Soup of the Day*

*Main Course:*

*Fish and Chips*

*Classic Pepperoni*

*Grilled Chicken Sandwich*

*Falafel Wrap*

*Drinks not included*

Three ways to pay the tariff: Cash/check at the door (**please RSVP in advance**) or mail check to:

Doug Dechant, 3161 E. Crest Shadows Drive, Tucson 85718

**There will be a discussion on the staffing of our Board of Directors and the future of the Club in 2020**

*You are invited to the  
Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona's 47<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Concours d'Elegance*



**The Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona's 47<sup>th</sup> annual  
Concours d'Elegance is coming this October 26<sup>th</sup>!**

This event is a great opportunity for you to show off your beautiful Jaguar to compete for awards and acclamation. As usual, our Concours is sanctioned by the Jaguar Club of North America. This means you can compete for awards nationally in the class of your particular Jaguar. Or, you can just put your beauty on display for our usual crowd of visitors to admire. We expect entrants from throughout the southwest US.

Our event will be held again at La Encantada Shopping plaza at Campbell Ave and Skyline road in Tucson. There will be a Friday night mixer and a Saturday night awards dinner at North's Italia restaurant, all in the La Encantada Shopping plaza. So keep this October weekend open on your calendar and tell your friends and neighbors!

Once again for you members outside Tucson, we have selected the Embassy Suites for the Concours hotel, as it is conveniently across the street from La Encantada Shopping Plaza. We have arranged for a special rate of \$149/night for Friday and Saturday. Please call the hotel directly at 520-352-4000 to secure this rate.

**Welcome new JCSA members, Becky and Mike Bales and their  
2004 Jupiter Red XKR Portfoli**

Becky says, "Mike and I just acquired a 2004 XKR Portfoli in Jupiter Red with **7,300** miles! It's absolutely beautiful and my upcoming 60th birthday present, from my amazing husband!"



# Firebirds Grill

**JCSA First Wednesday Dinner– Sept. 4 and Oct. 2**

Join us for our monthly social dinner at **Firebirds Grill** at La Encantada on Campbell and Skyline. This is an informal fun-filled evening spent with other Jaguar lovers, a perfect spot to socialize and meet new members.

**Order from the Special Mountain Time menu before 6pm.**

**Half Price Drink Specials between 3pm & 7pm. Get there between 5 & 6 for mix and mingle** [www.firebirdsrestaurants.com/locations/tucson-az](http://www.firebirdsrestaurants.com/locations/tucson-az)

**Needed by September, 2019**

## **JCSA Board and Committee Chairs for 2020**

We are in need of volunteers for the following JCSA Board of Directors and at least one Committee for 2020:

- **President**
- **Vice President/Events**
- **Associate Vice President Newsletter**
- **Concours Chair**
- **Secretary**

Most of the current Board members have been in their positions for at least two years. It is time for you to step up and help make this Club even better. **Please understand, although I plan to step down as President, I pledge to act as an advisor to the Board throughout the fourth quarter of 2020.**

We need to have these 2020 positions identified by the end of September, 2019. If you have an interest to give back to JCSA, please contact Doug Dechant.

## Carroll Lam, our Club Secretary passed on Friday, August 2, 2019



Carroll passed on at the University of Arizona's Banner Hospital. He was a great friend and an active contributing member of our Club.

Carroll demonstrated success throughout his life. After twenty years of service in the US Air Force, he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, no small achievement. He then went on to a twenty four year career with Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). Upon his retirement from SAIC, he formed his own video company here in Tucson.

Then one day, in 2014, he brought Donna's XJ8 into Royal Jaguar for service. As he was waiting, he walked onto the showroom floor and fell in love. There sat a beautiful 2014 convertible F-Type in a deep metallic red. He purchased it that day. Shortly thereafter he joined our Club and from that moment on, I enjoyed looking at the beautiful rear end of his F-Type, as he quickly pulled away from me during our drives and rallies.

I have told some of you this story before, but when Carroll purchased his F-Type, Jaguar offered him a week of racing training at Laguna Seca in California with two more weeks optional. Carroll signed up for all three weeks. At the end of the three week course, it was noted that Carroll was the oldest driver there, and also the second fastest, very impressive.

As our Club Secretary Carroll went above and beyond. He was our official photographer for events, our video master for our Concours, he organized drives and kept me in line with Club business. The Board will greatly miss his humor, technical expertise and professionalism.

Our hearts go out to his wife Donna, her son Judson, daughter Kimberly and three grandchildren. Carroll will be tremendously missed.

Doug



## CATS RETURN TO SILVER CITY

We've planned a wonderful trip for club members to Silver City, New Mexico November 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of this year. It starts with what a former trip planner called the Dramamine Lite from Safford to the New Mexico border. We'll stop in Safford for lunch (on your own) and then pick up Highway 180 and head to Silver City. Once again, we will stay at the beautiful Bear Mountain Lodge. [www.bearmountainlodge.com](http://www.bearmountainlodge.com). Our plans could stop there and the trip would be a success because life is wonderful at the Lodge. There are two handicap rooms on the main floor and ten other rooms in the lodge and nearby casitas. Each room has a private bath. Some have balconies and a few have Jacuzzi tubs. The setting is relaxing with paths to wander, vistas to enjoy, animals to delight in, and delicious cookies just for the taking. You will enjoy the beauty of the area, the accommodations, the hospitality generously offered, and the delicious food served at breakfast. The Lodge is just minutes from Historic Downtown Silver City. Once you are settled in, you have several options before dinner. My favorite is to rest, stretch my legs, and wait for cocktails and appetizers in the Lodge. For those of you with energy to spare, there is the nearby Western New Mexico University Museum that once again has the largest and most complete collection of Mimbres pottery and materials in existence. Another option is to wander the trails around the lodge or to hike the 3 mile Dragonfly Loop that takes visitors to some petroglyphs. In Silver City there are the Silver City Museum, the Youth Murals throughout town, and, of course, shopping. Can't forget shopping!!

Friday evening, we will enjoy appetizers and a liquid libation. Andy will once again bring a mini-bar but if you have a preference, please bring your own. We can supply our own liquor in the great room but not the dining room. Dinner will be at the Bear Mountain Lodge. If you have dined there before, you know how good the food is. If this is your first time, you are in for a treat. The menu Friday includes Chicken Gumbo (spicy), Poached Salmon with Basil Sauce, and Prime Rib. For dessert, you can select from Chocolate Raspberry Layer Cake and English Lemon Pudding with Berries (GF.)

After breakfast on Saturday morning, Andy and I will head out to the City of Rocks with those interested in that option. Drivers who wish to test their skills along twist and turns, can travel on the Trail of the Mountain Spirit ending at the Gila Cliff Dwellings. Shoppers can wander from shop to shop finding treasures for the holidays. A fourth option, if there is enough interest, is to join Linda, an owner of the Lodge, for a cooking demonstration/lesson. You can't go wrong no matter what your choice. Lunch will be a box lunch of flank steak or chicken in a salad or sandwich unless you opt to get something in town or you participate in the cooking event.

Those who choose to drive the Trail of the Mountain Spirits can eat their box lunch at a table near the ranger station and then head to the trail to the Gila Cliff Dwellings. If you haven't been and if you are able to manage the hike, you really must do this. It is the only place I have seen where you can actually go into the caves. The loop is about a mile. The first quarter is relatively level. Then you will want your knee braces, sturdy shoes, water, and walking sticks because the second quarter of a mile is comprised of a steep climb along a winding stairway. Once at the top, the sticks come in handy as you walk into the caves. A park ranger provides guided tours during the day with volunteers inside the caves to answer your questions. The descent is gradual.

Saturday evening we'll once again enjoy cocktails before dining at the Bear Mountain Lodge. Dinner selections this evening will include Duck Comfit, Argentine Beef (spicy), and Crab Cakes. For dessert, your choices are Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce and Chocolate Espresso Mousse (gluten free.)

After breakfast Sunday, we will head home. Those who wish to take the more direct route will head out NM 90 to I-10. Brave souls who haven't had enough twists and turns can travel the Dramamine route of years past or head into the White Mountains.

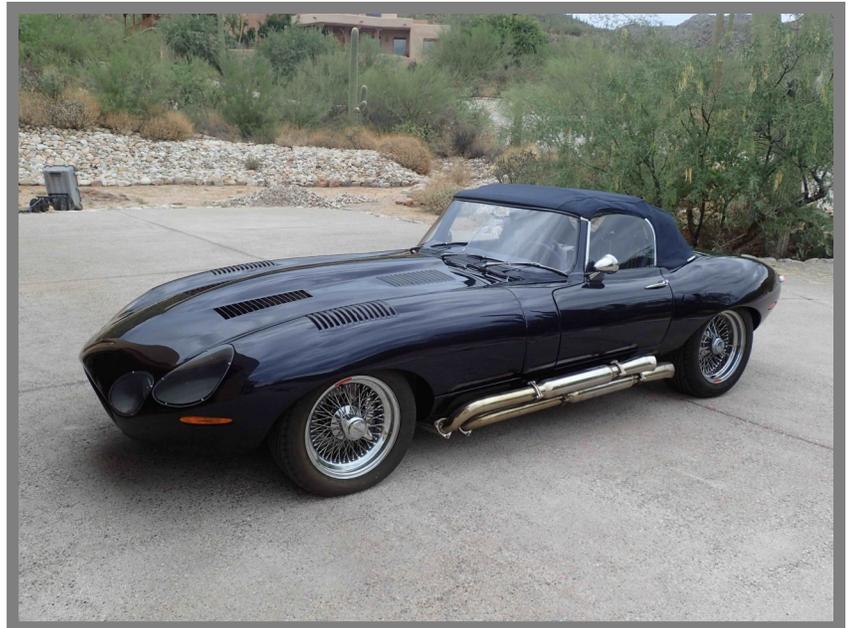
At the moment, all of the rooms at the Bear Mountain Lodge are currently booked. However, we do have a waitlist which we were able to clear just recently so do contact me if you wish to join us. You cannot make your reservations on-line and I am keeping track of the waitlist. My e-mail is [andycarol@comcast.net](mailto:andycarol@comcast.net). Often it is best to simply call 520.360.8669. We have a lot of fun and would love to include you this year. Carol Anderson

## Welcome new members, Don and Susan Coates and their unique E-Type

We recently relocated to Tucson from Santa Fe NM and are now sinking roots into the lovely Sonoran desert. I am a retired "cone-head" scientist guy. I used to work at Los Alamos and DuPont, and now I am enjoying my ground up car projects... living off the fat of the land so-to-speak. Susan, my wife, got bored, and went back to work as a computer jock at the U of A.

We look forward to meeting you all at the Jaguar club!

**This, we believe, is the only E-Type in the world with a one-off carbon fiber monocoque body and bonnet.** It is a total body-off restoration/rebuild of a 1970 Roadster with an eye for what the ultimate high performance race/street car would be, if Jaguar made such a car today using up-to-date tech. This is my fantasy of what the E-Type could be. It would take a small book to discuss this car, so we will have fun doing so if you like. There are many strange stories to tell for sure. Other car stuff is in progress as we speak.



You see, my original E-Type met an untimely end. While it was innocently parked, it was literally run over by a ding-bat person in a huge 4x4 who claimed they did not see it. (Que, sad song played by 1,000 violins.) I used to be a chemist for DuPont, and so I know how to make carbon fiber composites. Being in love with the car, I decided to save it (with great effort I might add) and to make it completely over. Kind of different yes? So the story has a happy ending, resulting in a unique, lighter, stronger rust free Jaguar that should outlast most of us mortals. I could write a book...



## Jagstravaganza 2019

The IEJC celebrates its 16th year of JCNA Concours in 2019 and we are once again returning to lovely mile-high Idyllwild CA for our 6th Annual IEJC Jagstravaganza.

Please note—we have shifted our event to OCTOBER. October 4th-6th, 2019.

The Inland Empire Jaguar Club has again secured the Historic Idyllwild Inn.

Please register your vehicle early to avoid any disappointment. Preregistration closes on September 27, 2019. Awards in all classes, including display class!

This will be a very special weekend; events will include a cocktail reception Friday night 10/04/19 starting at 6PM at cabin #9, Saturday JCNA Concours and Car Show 10/05/19 starting at 8AM, and an elegant awards banquet Saturday night at 6PM at Ferro in Idyllwild.

For reservations at the Historic Idyllwild Inn please visit <http://idyllwildinn.com/>. All members who mention Jaguar Club or IEJC will receive %10 off a 2 night minimum stay, or get the 3rd night (Friday or Sunday) for free! Register now most cabins are still available.

See you there!

Register for the 2019 IEJC Jagstravaganza - the annual meeting and Concours D'Elegance of the IEJC. We want to see you there!

Attendees will spend a beautiful early fall weekend October 4th and 5th in the mountains above Palm Springs, enjoy a Friday club social hour at the [Idyllwild Inn](#), cabin #9 starting at 6PM, Saturday Jagstravaganza car show and Concours D'Elegance starting at 8AM, and a Saturday night awards banquet at 6PM at [Ferro Restaurant](#) in Idyllwild.

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You are cordially invited to attend the 2019 Jaguar Club of Southern Colorado Pikes Peak Concours d'Elegance. Our Jaguar Clubs of North America sanctioned show is held each autumn in the shadow of Pikes Peak and in the heart of Colorado Springs' Motor City. Held in conjunction with the Jaguar Land Rover Colorado Springs British Motoring Festival, this is a British car lover's dream event. Come a few days early and stay a few more after the show and enjoy the many wonderful mountain driving opportunities such as the Cripple Creek and Victor area, Canon City's Royal Gorge, Pikes Peak or the mountain communities to the west of Colorado Springs. It's a perfect time of the year to visit Colorado in your Jaguar! Please join us on September 29, 2019 at Jaguar Colorado Springs, 565 Automotive Drive, Colorado Springs, 80905. Additional details are included on the attached Registration form.



## JAGUAR'S SALOON CHALLENGE

Jaguar needs saloons. They've been a backbone since the heyday of company founder Lyons but not enough people are buying them now. Last year, the compact XE, launched in 2015 to fight the [BMW 3 Series](#) and Audi A4, made barely 19,000 sales in Europe (around 25,000 in the previous year) against 170,000 for the leading [Mercedes C-Class](#). The mid-sized XF, recently refreshed and with the [Sportbrake](#) (estate) to help, does little better.

Replacements are nonetheless planned for both cars in the early 2020s, mostly because special long-wheelbase versions of both have recently gone on sale in China and Jaguar is prepared to bet the resultant volume will make them viable.



Big Jaguar saloon news is an [electric XJ](#), due to be shown this year and on sale in 2019. The car is believed to be a second application for the twin-electric-motor architecture introduced with the I-Pace, with all the benefits in smoothness and cabin space we've already seen. Jaguar wants the new XJ to be seen as revolutionary – as several of its predecessors were in their time – in a category diminished by the rising success of luxurious SUVs.

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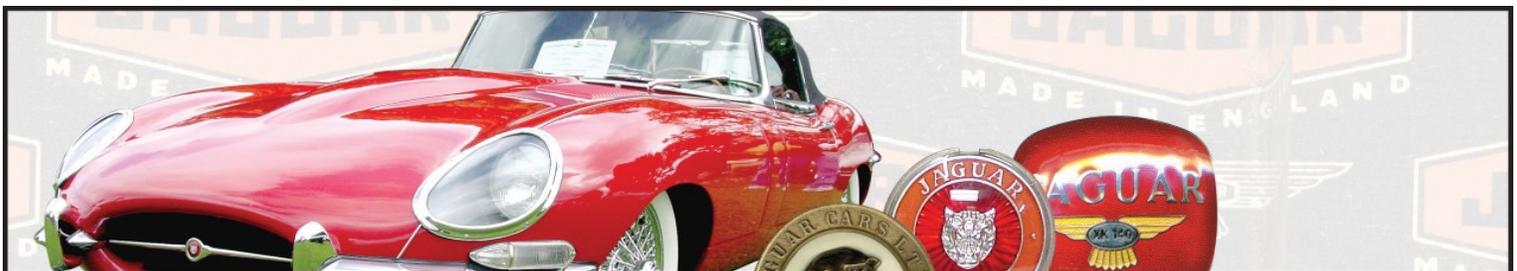
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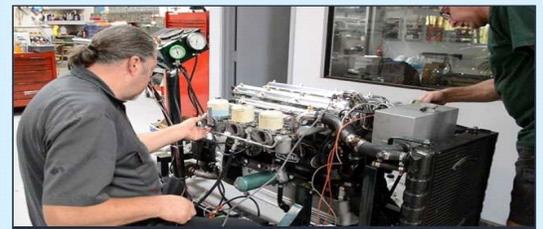
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