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1972 - 2022



2022 brings recognition of 50 years of the Club's existence which makes it one of the oldest Jaguar clubs in North America. The photos show the evolution of Jaguar signature cars from the 1972 E-Type to the 2022 F-Type. Look for the article on the Club's history in the following pages.



Abbe Meyer

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Hello all.

I want to start off by thanking the many members of our group who have stepped up to not only attend our events but also help plan them. The February First Wednesday dinner drew 32 attendees. Now I'm not positive but it's possible that it is the highest attendance we have ever had. It looks like March's dinner will also be well attended. The New Mexico trip to Carlsbad Caverns National Park has 20 people signed up. There is still time to decide to join us. It is so rewarding to have such wonderful turnouts and involvement, especially during a time when Covid is still present.

I would like to thank Daria Durham and Kelly Christianson for arranging the Ladies Day event and the planned March drive to Oracle State Park. I also want to thank Jeff Simpson for leading the January Tech Talk. Thank you to Colleen Kearney and Linda Willmore for the Tubac drive and delicious lunch at Elvira's. A big thank you to Doug Dechant for arranging the Tech Talks through Royal Jaguar. We have numerous events being planned for the future. If you want to help or have ideas for future events, please share them with me or any of the Board members.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona. I don't think too many car clubs can make that claim. We will be making extra efforts to make our November Concours d'Elegance events special this year, as well as our year ending holiday party. It is the involvement of all of you that make our Club so enjoyable for all of us.

Best regards,

Abbe Meyer

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March - April 2022

March 2 - First Wednesday Dinner at Firebirds

This year we will be alternating restaurants between Firebirds and North. Happy hour at 5:00, dinner at 6:00. If you plan to attend, please respond to president@jcsaz.com

Thursday, March 10 - Kannally Ranch House, Oracle State Park

We will be gathering for a drive to Oracle State Park where we can take self-guided tours of the Kannally Ranch House as well as short hikes on the Interpretive Trails around the ranch. Or, do some birdwatching and socializing at tables on the ranch house's sunny patio while enjoying the views. <https://azstateparks.com/oracle/> We will continue our drive to Catalina for lunch at Mi Tierra Mexican Restaurant. Please reply by March 8 to Kelly klychr1@yahoo.com 760-451-2288 or Daria dariadurham@comcast.net 847-404-9618

Saturday, March 12 - JCNA Judges Training

For all certified judges and anyone interested in how it works and becoming a judge. Begin at 10:00am and go over judging on a couple of cars - what to look for, how the forms are filled out, etc. Review the 2022 Rule Book and take the open book JCNA 2022 Judges test. Lunch provided about noon. This will be held at Carolyn Arnquist's warehouse at 4675 N. Valley Park Ave. Please RSVP by March 5 to Chris Brewer at cbrewerpls@outlook.com or 719-271-1601 so we know how many lunches to provide.

April 6 - First Wednesday Dinner at North

This year we will be alternating restaurants between Firebirds and North. Happy hour at 5:00, dinner at 6:00. If you plan to attend, please respond to president@jcsaz.com

April 20 - 22 New Mexico Drive

April 20 - Drive from Tucson to El Paso, stopping for lunch in Las Cruces. We will stay in the newly renovated Paso del Norte in downtown El Paso and have dinner at Anton 11, a bistro across the street.

April 21 - Depart early after a hearty breakfast and drive to the Carlsbad Caverns National Park. We will spend 2-3 hours in the caverns. Afterwards we will grab a lunch in Carlsbad and then take a fun drive to the Inn of the Mountain Gods near Ruidoso. That evening we will have cocktails and dinner at the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.

April 22 - A day of numerous choices. You may depart and stop by White Sands National Monument and the nearby White Sands Missile Range Museum on your drive back to Tucson. You could depart and visit Cloudcroft with its historic lodge. You could also take a far-out trip to Roswell to visit various creatures. Lastly, you could decide to stay another night and enjoy the beautiful scenery or go play a round of golf at the Alto Lakes Country Club.

RSVP to Abbe Meyer, president@jcsaz.com

Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona A Short History

Originally founded by soldiers stationed at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, who returned from Europe after World War II, the Club had its inception as The Classic Jaguar Club. The soldiers were bringing back Jaguar automobiles after their occupation duties in England.

On August 5, 1972, twelve Jaguar enthusiasts met at Ft. Huachuca to discuss problems with their respective Jaguars. The assemblage decided to form a club with officers, assigned responsibilities, etc., with the intent and purpose of helping interested persons in acquiring, rebuilding, and showing off Jaguars. The group was not interested in racing, but more in the technical aspects of where to get parts and how to rebuild Jaguars. The name "Classic Jaguar Club of Arizona" was agreed upon. Officers were elected and committee assignments made.

As more members were from the Air Force stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, the club was moved to Tucson 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 April 4, 1976.

At that time, as the only Jaguar Club in Arizona, it had members from Yuma,

Nogales, Phoenix area, and Lordsburg, New Mexico. In 1978 they sponsored the formation of a club in Phoenix to include the Northern part of the state which was named the Jaguar Club of Central Arizona. The club started holding a Concours d'Elegance soon after its formal chartering and continues annually.

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 XK120.



With strong leadership through the years and the great sponsorship of Royal Jaguar in Tucson the club has continued to flourish.

(Note: Most of the elements of the Club history are thanks to inputs from Len Wheeler, a long-time club member.)

Dove Mountain Drive, January 21

It was a beautiful day for the first JCSAZ drive of 2022. Thirty Jaguar fans started the event with coffee and donuts at Sam and Linda's house in the Tucson Mountains, with the club welcoming new members as well as two from Phoenix! Following an opportunity to catch up with much spirited conversation about our great cars, we drove first through Tucson Mountain Park for a photo op at Gates Pass. The drive continued through Saguaro National Park West, into Avra Valley and across Rattlesnake Pass which took us to Dove Mountain via Twin Peaks Road. A circular drive through the Tortolitas allowed us to see great views of the Tucson valley. Our final destination was Vero Amore Italian Restaurant where we all enjoyed a delicious lunch. Thank you to all who participated in the drive. Linda Willmore



With extra kudos and thanks from Renee and Cliff Piequet:

What a great experience. Well planned drive, gracious hosts, beautiful day and wonderful company! I can only imagine all the effort, expense and planning that go into pulling off such a well-orchestrated event. Suffice to say, Renee and I had a terrific time, met and re-acquainted with super people and absolutely urge everyone to attend future events if at all possible!

Tech Session, January 15

Today when you think of automotive "tech" you think of the myriad of computers and electronics controlling every system in our vehicles. For Jaguar that trend started in the early 1970's with the introduction of electronic ignition in 1971 and the introduction of fuel injection in 1973. So one might think that a "tech session" would focus on the computerization of our vehicles, but for many of us with early cars the objective is to get ourselves current with the "tech" of the 1950s and 60s.

Such was the objective of the Tech Session on January 15 hosted by JCSA member Jeff Simpson in his well-outfitted garage, and attended by seven club members. Topics included the design, maintenance and rebuilding of carburetors, distributors, and fuel pumps. Jeff has an incredible wealth of knowledge on these subjects, and he even included some interesting history in his discussion. I am sure that all of us who attended, regardless of their technical savvy, gained valuable information from Jeff's session. For me it was helpful with my goal of ultimately getting proficient with 70 year old "tech". Anyway, it was very informative and fun, and we thank Jeff for hosting a very nice event. Tom Durham



Tucson Desert Art Museum, January 13

The ladies of the Jaguar Club met at the Tucson Desert Art Museum <https://tucsonart.org/> for a guided tour, followed by lunch at the Eclectic Café. There were nine members and three guests. The Museum features Native American textiles and artifacts as well as contemporary Southwest paintings. Special exhibits included photographs documenting the conditions of displaced farmers during the Dust Bowl era and Single Women of the Old West with photos, drawings, and stories of the women who provided for themselves. Thanks to Daria Durham and Kelly Christensen for organizing the outing.



Tubac Drive, February 16

Despite rainy weather and chilly temperatures, 10 Jaguars and 19 members of the JCSA headed out on February 16 for the drive to Tubac. As one member pointed out "This is the weather these cars were built for!" The first stop was at beautiful Mission San Xavier del Bac for a brief tour of the historic church, and of course the gift shop! The group then cruised along to Elvira's Restaurant in Tubac and enjoyed a delicious and unique Mexican lunch in a colorful, eclectic setting. After lunch some members browsed through the attached gift shop or other nearby shops and galleries. It was a great get together despite the weather. Colleen Kearney



CAR TERMINOLOGY TRIVIA

Boots and Trunks

In the case of the English "boot", the origin is that in the 18th and 19th centuries, the coachman used to sit on a locker where he could store, among other things, his boots. For this reason, this was termed the "boot locker" and after a while an additional compartment situated at the rear of the coach was used, also called for the same reason the "boot" for short. Boots of course were mandatory in those times given the state of the roads.

As for the American "trunk", it should suffice to look at all the classic cars designed in the post WWI era, for which trunks were mounted at the rear end. In this affluent era, cars from manufacturers like Duesenberg, Cord, Buick, Lincoln were all competing for high end customers and these trunks featured many compartments for plates, whiskey flasks and all the paraphernalia needed to go for a picnic. Some cars (mainly coupés, or roadsters) had special compartments for golf clubs.

Source: <https://english.stackexchange.com/>

Meet New Members

Troy Jones & Colleen Kearney

Troy and Colleen are delighted to have relocated to Oro Valley from Alameda, CA, in December, 2019. Troy is a vintage English car aficionado and owner of a 1969 Jaguar E-Type convertible that he rebuilt himself, a newly acquired 2005 Jaguar KXR, and a 1982 Rolls Royce Corniche convertible. He enjoys judging Concours d'Elegance car shows. Colleen is an outdoor enthusiast and runner. She has run several full marathons, including NYC in 2018. She is also a National Outings Leader for Sierra Club, leading active, outdoor vacations to Hawaii and Utah. Both Troy and Colleen love Oro Valley and the beauty and mystery of the desert. They look forward to exploring all the area has to offer and to meeting new friends at JCSA.



JCSA EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATE

Your Jaguar club is in strong financial condition. Our local dues were used to partially fund the Concours and the holiday dinner. Other funds were used to maintain the website and a make a donation to the Northern Jaguar Project. As we reported previously, our members also generously donated \$575 for charity at the holiday party. In addition to our dues, we received about \$900 in advertising and a large donation from Royal Jaguar to support the Concours. We ended the year with a very small gain and about \$6,000 in the bank. That includes national dues that you've paid for 2022 but were not sent to JCNA until January. In more normal years, the club subsidizes other events throughout the year and we anticipate doing so in 2022.

Along financial lines, the Board is hoping to increase the number of advertisements in the newsletter that will go towards donations our Club makes to charitable organizations as well as supporting Club activities. Currently there are seven car-related advertisers; however, the plan is to expand space ads for services that Club members can recommend such as insurance, home repair, computer services, landscape, transportation, appliance repair, etc. Typically, these would be business card size for an annual (six issues) fee of \$60. Other annual rates are full page \$300, half page \$180, quarter page \$144. If you have referrals, please send an email to newsletter@jcsaz.com, and Karen Bell or Andy Anderson (Advertising) will follow up.

DEFINE A JAGUAR OWNER

Mark Mayuga, President of the Jaguar Owners Club of Los Angeles, was asked by the Malcolm Baster, editor of The Growler newsletter of the Jaguar Car Club of Victoria, to define his definition of a Jaguar owner. Both have agreed to share this in our newsletter.

Mark: After 60+ years of ownership, driving Jaguars, restoring, competing, and club involvement I have come to several simple observations: 1. Jaguar owners are creative romantics. 2. They don't follow the crowd. 3. They have their own style and direction. 4. Most own not to impress but to be impressed by the uniqueness of the brand. 5. They tend to be entrepreneurs and individualists. 6. They know what they want, they are aware shoppers and owners. 7. If you mention Mozart, they know he was a composer, not a new restaurant downtown. 8. They tend to be older or more aware of tradition, moderately conservative, leaning toward history and romanticism. 9. Brooks Brothers or Anne Taylor. 10. Quality and traditional materials matter, classic design is part of their value system. 11. Not necessarily techy. 12. Enjoy the finer things in life without competing, go their own way, not concerned what others think or do. 13. They own to enjoy, not to impress. 14. They keep their cars for a long time. 15. Wool, cotton, leather, they enjoy real materials. 16. They go to the symphony or a hip traditional jazz club. 17. Bud Shanks, Dave Brubeck, Vince Guaraldi, Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Gershwin, Bach, Mozart, Museum of Modern Art. 18. You get the picture...

The new Jaguar Owners seem to fit into this picture as they mature and are exposed to the older Jaguar club members. I have also seen a lot of former military as JAG owners, not sure why, maybe regional. Bottom line, Jaguar owners are independent souls, with style and class, individuals who follow their own trends and direction. Will they embrace the new electric movement, not sure, maybe. I think they will hang on for as long as they can, and venture slowly.

Malcolm: I know I shouldn't discuss my psychological woes in the Growler, but reading Mark's article in the previous column caused me to suffer a bit of an identity crisis. I needed to get out for a little while, so I put on my new polyester jacket in the just-now "in" faux-bomber style, hopped in my Jag, and headed for Mozart's, a new place downtown. It's a popular spot just now. I parked where I could see the car and observe the positive reactions I hoped it would generate from passers-by. I plopped down at a very smart Formica-topped table and ordered a Bud Light. I was pleased to hear that Guns n' Roses was playing in the background. I re-read Mark's article, hoping I could use it to fit in better. Unfortunately, my attempt to be romantically creative with the lady at the next table resulted only in a sore jaw. At least I am older, and do have some history, but I also must admit that I do not know who Anne Brooks or the Taylor Brothers are. Quality materials? Got that. Nothing like a good polyester or Dacron. But I seem to fail everywhere else. If I can't reform properly, I might have to sell the Jag and buy a rusty F150.

JAGUAR NEWS

No New Jaguars Before 2025, Current Models To Be Phased Out

Jaguar Land Rover CEO Thierry Bolloré in February made the announcement that Jaguar's full lineup will consist exclusively of electric vehicles as soon as 2025. But the automaker doesn't plan to simply redesign current models like the XF sedan and F-Pace crossover with battery-electric power. Instead, it plans a full reboot that will see new model lines introduced and the lineup likely pruned. It's going to be a long wait for new product, though. Citing comments made by Philippe Robbrecht, head of Jaguar Land Rover's French arm, Le Monde reported that no new Jaguar model will be launched before 2025. This is because Jaguar is taking its time to develop models capable of competing with the likes of Aston Martin, Bentley and Maserati, rather than the high-volume German brands it currently competes against. This is backed by comments made by Bolloré in a press conference following February's announcement, where he said, "we will reposition completely the Jaguar brand." He also said in the conference that the repositioning is why plans for an electric XJ originally due in 2020 were scrapped. Plans for a mid-size crossover to be called the J-Pace were also scrapped. Key to the repositioning will be the development of a battery-electric platform exclusive to Jaguar. As mentioned above, the lineup will likely be pruned, but this should also help reduce costs and as a result lower the company's break-even point. Source: Motor Authority, Feb 16, 2022.

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