



Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona

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Mt. Lemmon “Beat the Heat” Drive
June 19, 2025



The exciting annual summer drive up to Mt. Lemmon’s summit for cool air and scenic overlooks. See more below.

President's Message

Hello all. Well, we have officially reached summer in Tucson. The annual drive to Mt. Lemmon to escape the heat was quite a success. We had the most people we have had on a drive for quite some time. Food at the Iron Door was delicious, as always.

The summer months will be quiet, except for our first Wednesday dinners. We will continue to alternate between El Corral and Tesoro. We are still open to other ideas. The challenge is to find restaurants willing to allow us to order off their regular menu and have to separate checks.

The Holiday Party is set for the Arizona Inn on Wednesday, December 3. After several requests, we will also be doing a Silent Auction to benefit the Flowing Wells High School nationally recognized vehicle maintenance program. So... please think about an item or items that you could donate or solicit for donation. These could be gift certificates to a beauty salon, a restaurant, a shop, providers of other types of services, a timeshare or weekend at a hotel/resort, a Jaguar collectible, a piece of art work or anything else that you can think of. The school was very grateful for our last donation. The value of all donations are tax deductible, so please take this under consideration and bring your item to a first Wednesday dinner so that they may be collected and held until the party.

We are also planning another trip to Santa Fe for next Spring, April 7-9. We will try and stay in the same hotel as last time, go to the same steak restaurant, and go to a fabulous Mexican restaurant. Plenty of free time and maybe a drive to visit an interesting spot. So, please put on your calendars.

Enjoy your summer. Drive safe and enjoy your beautiful Jaguars.
Cheers, Abbe

JCSA CALENDAR

July 2 – First Wednesday Dinner

August 6 – First Wednesday Dinner

September 3– First Wednesday Dinner

October 1 – First Wednesday Dinner

October 22 – Tumacacori Natl Historic Park / Tubac

November 1 – British Wheels on the Green

November 5 – First Wednesday Dinner

December 3 – Holiday Party, Arizona Inn



Sonoita/Elgin Wine Country

May 21

On May 21 fourteen club members drove to the Sonoita/Elgin wine country – about an hour south of Tucson. The Sonoita Wine Region is Arizona’s first to have earned the American Viticultural Area (AVA) designation, thanks to its rolling hills and cooler temperatures. It boasts 20 wineries, of which we visited two: Autumn Sage and Deep Sky. We gathered for a late lunch at the Copper Brothel Brewery in Sonoita.

Mt Lemmon “Beat the Heat” Drive

June 19

Twenty-five intrepid Jaguar club members and guests braved the triple digit temperatures in Tucson to enjoy an hour’s drive to the top of Mt. Lemmon on June 19th. It was already over 100 degrees at Udahl Park where the group met at 10 AM prior to the drive. As they ascended to the 8500-foot summit, they enjoyed panoramic vistas of Tucson below, viewed the phenomenal rock formations that line the road, and saw their car thermometers dropping steadily to 86 degrees.

There was some concern that the Iron Door Restaurant in Summerhaven might not be able to accommodate 25 people, but they rose to the occasion with five tables on their patio reserved for the group. Members and guests enjoyed the shaded, breeze filled patio and animated conversation with their fellow travelers. It’s easy to see why the Mt. Lemmon drive has become a yearly event. Fran Thomson



MEET NEW MEMBERS

Peter Dourlein and Tanya Quist

Owner of a 2016 F-Type R purchased from a Los Angeles car dealer and shipped here in early April this year. Previously owned an XKR and was bitten by the Jaguar bug! It's an occasional use car mostly for fun rides and trips. Love the lines and power of the car but we hold/plug our ears when we start it in the garage!

Tanya is originally from Canada but has lived in several states in the US and has been in Tucson about 15 years. Peter moved from New Jersey and has been here long enough to be a "transplanted native!" We live here full time... when we are not out camping or traveling. We find JCSAZ to be warm and welcoming and look forward to future meetings and adventures together.



Greg Messner

My 2001 XK8 convertible was purchased April, 2005, from Bill Luke, Gilbert. The CARFAX records were great and they performed \$2k in work fixing things up. I have lived in many places, that's what you get working in the oil industry. I moved to Tucson 3 years ago to be closer to my ailing mother and other family.

When I was very young, I collected the MatchBox collectible cars in the early 60's. When I got the E-Type it immediately became my favorite car, it was so cool. Fast forward 60 years I am looking for a second car so I don't have to drive my Jeep Gladiator so much around town. I saw a 99 XK8 on a lot and the curves, the grill were so reminiscent of my little model car. I knew I had to have one! So, I shopped around and purchased one.

Looking forward to meeting other members.



Archie Breedon

My Jaguar is a 2005 Type X 3.0 V6 and has about 105k miles. I bought it in June of 2024, a result of trolling Craig's list. It is a third car but it seems to be my vehicle of choice at the moment. I am retired so no real need for a daily driver. It is a somewhat interesting car as it has a salvage title from about 55K miles ago, but when I had Scott Fricks look it over, we could not find any reason for the title. We did find some slight repaired damage which was listed on the Carfax. It did seem somebody cared for it as it has Bilstein sport shocks. I had to sort through a few small issues but as someone with more experience than I once said "Kitties sometimes cough up hairballs." So far, knock wood, it's doing fine.

My wife and I came to Tucson in 2020, me from South Carolina via 50 years in Escondido CA, her from Maine with a few more years in Southern California. We are enjoying the experience.



ALL THINGS JAGUAR

All-British Car Show, Monterey Bay, CA, August 11, 2025

The Jaguar Associate Group (Northern California) is hosting the return of an ALL-BRITISH car show to the already fantastic line up of Monterey Car Week events. Registration closes July 6. We invite all of our "cousins" to celebrate this historic event with us on the gorgeous lawn surrounded by the Santa Lucia Mountains. For anyone interested in making a weekend out of it, on Sunday we have put together a magnificent day spent in Pebble Beach with a drive and lunch at a private location. For registration and more information, please visit [Home | Jaguar Associate Group](#)

All British Field Meet, Portland, OR, Sept. 5 - 7, 2025

JCNA-sanctioned Concours d'Elegance and Slalom at the All British Field Meet (ABFM) held at the Portland International. This year the featured marque of the All British Field Meet is Jaguar so we expect a great turnout. Come join the fun!

<https://abfm-pdx.com/product/48th-annual-all-british-field-meet/>

JCNA International Jaguar Festival, Cartersville, GA, Sept. 25 - 28, 2025

The Jaguar Clubs of North America's Annual International Jaguar Festival will be hosted by the North Georgia Jaguar Club at the beautiful Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville, Georgia, just north of Atlanta, Georgia, on September 25-28, 2025. The Festival is hosting and celebrating the largest display of Jaguar cars for 2025 in North America. You're invited to be part of this grand collection of Classic British car Marque Excellence and Jaguar race cars will be on display. Registration:

<https://www.ngjc.us/IJF/registration.html>

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IEJC 12th Annual JAGSTRAVAGANZA, Oct. 3 - 5, 2025

The 12th Annual JAGSTRAVAGANZA event hosted by the Inland Empire Jaguar Club (IEJC) will take place in Idyllwild, CA, at the Idyllwild Inn. Our club wants to see you at one of the largest British car events in Southern CA! The Inland Empire Jaguar Club is proud to offer both a Saturday AND Sunday event! This means there will be double the entrants, double the fun, and two days to reach out to Jaguar and British car fans. Registration closes on September 27.

<https://icna.com/events/2025-inland-empire-jaguar-club-12th-annual-jagstravaganza>

<https://icna.com/sites/default/files/2025-06/IEJC%20Jagstravaganza%202025.pdf>

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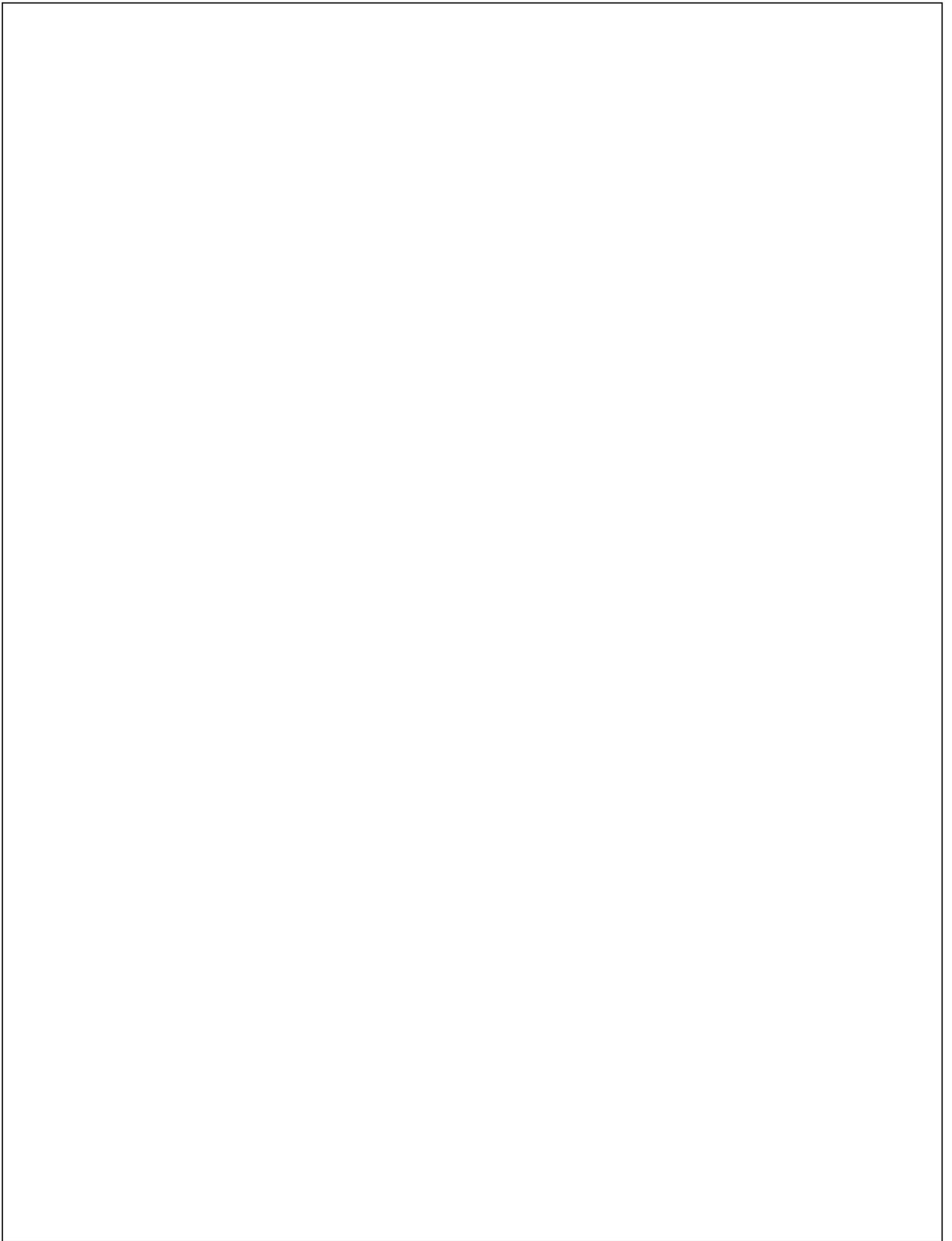
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