



Jaguar Club of Southern Arizona

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FALL IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA



For those of us who live here, we know that there are four seasons in Arizona. Our "Beat the Heat" drive to Mt. Lemmon this past summer surrounded us with beautiful green trees and cooler temperatures at 9,000 feet. Now the golden aspens are showing their colors. Early November will still have some trees on display, so think about driving up to this beautiful sky island for the day.

President's Message

Hello all. Most of the snow birds have arrived and the weather has finally cooled off. We are kicking off our Jaguar season with a joint drive to Peoria for the British Wheels on the Green. Our first Wednesday dinners will continue alternating between El Corral and Tesoro. The holiday dinner and silent auction will be December 3rd at 6pm at the Arizona Inn. A separate notice for the dinner will be sent out shortly.

Events for next year are currently being planned. If you have any event suggestions, please send them via email. If you would like to host an event and plan it, please let us know that too. We will post the tentative schedule of events in January.

The JCSA Concours d'Elegance will be held April 4 at La Encantada. Separate notices will be sent out for registration. If you are interested in becoming a judge for the event, please contact Jeff Simpson. He will be holding a training session as we get closer to the event.

Plans are also underway for a multi-day drive to Santa Fe. The drive will be from April 7-10. One overnight will take place at either the Lodge at Cloudcroft or the casino in Ruidoso. We will stay for two nights at the same hotel as we did last time with a dinner at the same steakhouse and a dinner at an excellent southwest restaurant we found on the last trip. We will also plan a special drive while we are there plus plenty of time for museums and shopping.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Board members for their work and dedication this past year. Your Board members include: VP Activities-John Thomson; VP Communications-Karen Bell; Secretary-Jack Royer; Treasurer-Jeff Beech; Membership Chair- Bob Bell; Advertising Chair-Andy Anderson; President Emeritus- Doug Dechant; Chief Judge-Jeff Simpson; and Concours Chair-Carolyn Arnquist. This club would not exist without all of their efforts. Thank you, thank you.

We wish for you and your families a wonderful healthy and safe holiday season.

Cheers,
Abbe



HOLIDAY PARTY
Wednesday, December 3
6:00pm
Arizona Inn
2200 E. Elm Street, Tucson

The holiday party this year will be held at the Arizona Inn, the classic Tucson hotel and dining venue. The dinner includes salad, seared salmon OR petite filet mignon, vegetables, bread, dessert, and coffee or hot tea. The cost is \$116 per person. Taxes and gratuities are included in the price. A cash bar will be available. A silent auction will take place this year, so bring your checkbooks to bid on many of the wonderful treasures.

Reservations and payment must be received by November 24.

Payment by PayPal/credit card, Zelle or check <https://icsaz.com/holidaydinner/>

HOLIDAY SILENT AUCTION
December 3

After several inquiries and requests, the decision was made to hold a silent auction at this year's holiday party at the Arizona Inn. We are soliciting any and all Jaguar related items plus anything else you would like to donate. Items might include gift cards to restaurants or local shops, a gift basket of pet toys or cosmetic items or candles, a timeshare resort, movie or theater tickets, a beautiful succulent plant arrangement, art work, or anything else you feel our members might be interested in.

All proceeds will once again go the nationally recognized Flowing Wells School District automotive program. The last time we did this, our donations were greatly appreciated. If you have an item, please email Abbe. president@icsaz.com. You can either arrange to give it to Abbe prior to the event or you can bring your item(s) to the holiday dinner. Please let me know by November 30 what you are donating and what you think the minimum bid should be. Bid sheets will be prepared ahead of time.

Please bring your check book to the dinner. Bid sheets and checks will be collected at the event. All checks will be sent in together to the school district. Checks should be made out to the Flowing Wells School District. Your name and address on the check will ensure that you get tax credit for your donation. All donations are tax deductible. If you choose not to bid on any items, you may still make a check donation and it will be sent in to the school district.

Thank you in advance for supporting this effort as it is truly appreciated by the school and the wonderful program that they have created to teach students so they may gain certification.

JCSA Board Member Nominations

Mid-November you will be receiving a ballot to vote for JCSA Board Members for 2026. You are asked that only one vote per membership be submitted. Those who have agreed to be on the ballot are Abbe Meyer, President; Colleen Kearney, Vice-President – Activities; Jack Royer, Secretary; Karen Bell, Asst Vice President – Communications; Jeff Beech – Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Boy, what a great year we have had. Seven new members were added to the roster and we ended the year with a total of 63 members. This year's events included visits to the Rolling Through Time Museum, Saguaro National Park East, Mt Lemmon, wineries in southern, and a two-day road trip to Sedona. We had a stellar 51st Concours in April and our annual Holiday Party will be December 3. First Wednesday Dinners continue and have been extremely well attended – if you haven't attended one of these lately, you are missing out. We have already started planning for next year which includes a road trip and many other activities. Plan on participating fully next year as a New Year's resolution.

Now it's time to renew your membership for 2026. The Board has again subsidized dues at \$10 per membership for the second year in a row which absorbs Jaguar Club of North America's (JCNA) rate increase made last year. So, the total dues remain at \$80 for 2026. Associate membership (primary membership in another JCNA club) dues remain \$30 per membership.

Since the Board has made an effort to benefit our local club, we hope that all members will choose to renew by December 15

RENEW HERE: <https://jcsaz.com/renew-membership/>

Bob Bell, Membership Chair

Drive to San Xavier del Bac Mission & Tubac

The October 22 drive included 14 intrepid club members who made their way first to San Xavier del Bac Mission for a self-guided tour, and then drove via the back way to a delicious lunch at Elvira's Restaurant in Tubac. A highlight of the lunch was everyone singing "Happy Birthday" to Pete Williams in honor of his recent birthday.

MEET NEW MEMBERS Dana Pence & Ellen West

As the story goes for many, it was the 1960s and British sports cars were the hook that brought me to Jaguars. After a few Triumphs and an MGB, I finally found my way inside a 1967 XKE coupe, followed by a '67 XKE convertible. Then life took over and that era ended, as it also did for many.

Forty-five years later, I met Ellen and we decided to travel life's road together. A fanciful conversation revealed that she had never owned a Jaguar but always wanted one. By chance, or fate, we spied a beautiful blue sports car in a parking lot in San Diego. After so many years I was unaware of what Jaguar had been up to and didn't even know the car. We snagged the owner for a chat, who revealed the car to be a 2010 XK. Within a week of returning to our home in Green Valley, we had our own first XK - a 2007 coupe and my love for Jaguars was rekindled.

That was more than four years ago, and since then we added a 2000 XK8 convertible and another 2007 XK - a convertible this time. We've also moved twice in these four years for enough garage space to accommodate the growing collection. And that brings me to the most recent addition.

A Craigslist ad drew us down to Nogales a few months ago to look at a sad, old 1963 Jaguar MK2. After a couple weeks of consideration and some haggling the car was delivered to our driveway on four flat tires. What had I done? What I had not done was restore a car in any sense of the word, but there's a first time for everything. It won't be a perfect job by any definition, but I'm already having fun and that's what it's all about.



NEW ADVERTISER

Julie Boardman, a JCSA member, has placed her first advertisement in the newsletter – see below. Thank you, Julie. And, also keep in mind to support our other advertisers.

JCSA Executive Board Meeting October 25, 2025

Present: Abbe Meyer, Karen Bell, Jeff Simpson, Jeff Beech, John Thomson, Ron Meyer

Activities Report

John summarized recent activities and presented a list of possible activities for next year. Abbe is planning a trip to Santa Fe on April 7-10. The JCNA Annual Meeting (AGM) will be held in Mexico City on April 14-19.

Treasurer Report

There is a current balance of about \$10,860. Ongoing costs are MailChimp and the JCSA web administrator. Incoming revenue is from six advertisers.

Communications Report

The web site is kept up to date with the assistance of the contracted webmaster. Karen will be looking into more custom Club polo shirts after the first of the year and before the Concours.

Membership Report

Currently membership stands at 63, including 7 new members this year. The Board approved a motion to subsidize 2026 dues by \$10 to be able to keep the total at \$80, as in last year.

2026 Concours. April 4, 2026

The location will again be at La Encantada. Jeff S. has a target of 25 judged cars and additional display cars. He will be scheduling a judging school after the first of the year. The Awards Dinner will be at El Corral. Ron Meyer presented models of the Concours awards he has produced on a 3D printer. The Board agreed that Ron should proceed with the designs.

Board Nominations/Voting

Electronic voting for 2026 officers will take place Nov 15 – 22.

ALL THINGS JAGUAR

**JCNA and Club Jaguar of Mexico Announces
2026 JCNA Annual General Meeting
April 14-19, 2026 • Mexico City, Mexico**

Club Jaguar Mexico will host the 2026 Annual General Meeting in conjunction with its 38th Concours d'Elegance. The Grand International Concours d'Elegance is Mexico's annual premier car event which will run during your stay in Mexico as well. The *Jaguar Journal* for July– August, 2025, has more information about this exciting event.

Jaguar EV Grand Tourer Reveal Delayed to 2026, Will Start at \$130K

The reveal of the Jaguar electric grand tourer, expected to be called the I-type, has been delayed until 2026, Jaguar executive Rawdon Glover revealed in an interview with ABC News. The production version of the Type 00 concept was initially supposed to be shown before the end of 2025, with deliveries expected by the end of 2026. The EV will start at \$130,000, while the original suggested price was close to \$200,000.

The first units were originally set to hit the road in late 2026, so it's possible the Jaguar GT will still reach customers within the initially announced timeline. One possible cause for the delay could be the recent cyberattack on Jaguar Land Rover that shut down the company's factories and IT systems for around a month.

Source: Car and Driver, Oct.31, 2025

<https://www.caranddriver.com/news/a69221123/jaguar-ev-grand-tourer-delayed-to-2026/>

The Jaguar Type 00's design is making waves, but its paint might be the real showstopper.

It's true that seeing it in person is a totally different experience from viewing a two-dimensional image on a screen. The brass provenance plate catches the eye, as does the travertine stone supporting the floating seats, and the minimalist interior. But it's the blue hue, called French Ultramarine, that is the most striking thing about this concept, especially the science behind it.

A custom color developed in-house by the Jaguar creative team, French Ultramarine looks like it tiptoes the line between a matte and satin finish. It glows from within like Superman's Kryptonite would look if Kryptonite were blue.

Jaguar developed a very specific pigment for this color alongside its in-house paint specialists, with the directive to go 100 percent on saturation.

Source: AutoBlog Sept 2025

<https://www.autoblog.com/features/everyone-is-talking-about-the-jaguar-type-00-design-but-you-need-to-hear-about-the-paint>

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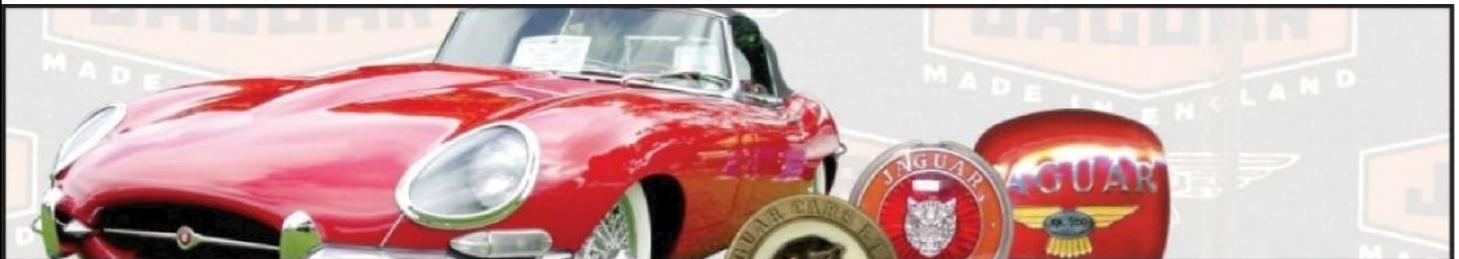
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