

# *DESERT CHAT*



May/June 2022



**Jeff Gennaro,**  
**President**

Wow, another great BEAR RUN JCCA Club experience! We will have a new Sonoita wine tour, Sept 30-Oct 1, and end the year with our annual Concours d'Elegance, November 4-6th, in Scottsdale again. We have tales and pictures of all events in each bi-monthly newsletter issue (see the April BEAR Run article here). Our volunteers are few, but they're mighty. I thank you all for your continued support. Participants, keep coming! We need the help.

The new JCCA Club merchandise feature is still in process on the website for selection and buying this year.

We have made 4th Saturdays as "Drive & Dine" event days throughout the year, making planning easier to join us. **Note the summer break of "Jags and Java"**. Check the website for info @ [jcca.club](http://jcca.club). See you soon!

**JCNA membership and clubs benefits offered.**

**MEMBERS**

- Score keeping for Concours, Slalom, Rally, for those clubs that participate.
  - Bi-monthly magazine, technical articles, history, features, club doings along with Classified Ads in JJ, JCNA Website, Club Newsletters and Club Websites.
  - A common communications network for intra-club activities, calendar of events with historical and technical information library access.
  - JCNA Tech Hot Line is just a phone call away. Access to Coventry Foundation "JAGUAR TOOL LENDING PROGRAM"
  - JLR NEW CAR PURCHASE discount program (where available).
  - 5% discount on collector automobile insurance (HAGERTY).
  - A common communications network for intra-club activities, and calendar of events.
  - New JAGUAR owner membership referrals, PASSPORT TO SERVICE.
  - JLR NEW CAR PURCHASE discount program (where available).
  - Book and Gift Store inventory in the JCNA Store
  - Authenticity Services for everyone through the Coventry Foundation
  - An excuse to bring like-minded good people together
- NATIONAL AND REGIONAL CLUB**
- Blanket insurance for Club Events and all Club Officers and Directors
  - The trophy awards program for Concours, Rally, Slalom, Club Newsletter, Service Awards.
  - Annual Awards for individuals/clubs outstanding in several categories.
  - Automobile Advertisers resources in the JAGUAR JOURNAL
  - North American and Regional hosted events
  - North American inter-club networking



**Mike Sbraga**  
**Membership Director**

Welcome Jaguar Club Central Arizona (JCCA) Member Aficionados, to the May 2022 Desert Chat. Our current JCCA membership is 89 Active Members and 3 Associate Members. JCCA is continuing to be an active car club. If you look on our JCCA website ([jcca.club](http://jcca.club)), you will see past events and upcoming events for 2022. We have our monthly "Drive & Dine" for the summer. It's an excellent way to stay in touch with all your Jaguar friends. See the website, or the Newsletter, for dates, details, locations. Suggestions are always welcome. We are looking for club members to become involved. Urgent need for a social media guru to manage the JCCA website, as well as in our other social media. Also, we can always use more help in planning & executing our events and suggestions of places to go and things to do. Our new members are younger and have newer model cars, which they enjoy driving too. Enjoy your membership and friends.

You can contact me at [membership@jcca.club](mailto:membership@jcca.club).

**Stay well my Jaguar Aficionados.**



**JOIN JCCA**



**Go to our website [jcca.club](http://jcca.club)**

\$80/yr includes JCCA benefits, bi-monthly newsletter, and the JCNA bi-monthly magazine and benefits.

**Officers:** Jeff Gennaro, **President**

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**Directors:** Phil Parker

Dennis Eynon

**Membership:** Michael Sbraga

**Chairpersons:** Rosemary Price

Activities: Dave Tuttle

Photos: Tim Martin, et al **2022**



## 2022 annual BEAR Run

Gathering in Tempe/Mesa at 8AM to sign-in, collect the hats, books, and the goodies, greet old and new friends with coffee, OJ and muffins before getting the 30+ cars in line to start the day-long drive up north. AZ weather sets the stage.



Denis Eynon, our venerable traffic manager each year, got the cars in a double line for the "official send-off". There were wonderful examples of makes from the U.S., Britain and Europe as always.





# READY, SET, GO!



From vintage an Alfa, Jag E-type and XJS, a newer Morgan and Mini, to a Vette and Viper, a Benz and a Caddie convt among a lot of others, all showed their style, color and sounds.



Packed and ready for the route up Hwy 87. Then driving west through the hills to Cottonwood for lunch, then over to Sedona and up to Flagstaff Hilton for fun and dinner.

# HAPPY FACES AT FLAGSTAFF HILTON!





## News from across the pond

D. Tuttle

In case you didn't hear, 2022 is the year of celebration, 100 years! Yes, might be hard to swallow (pun intended) but the Swallow Sidecar Co began in Blackpool between 2 friends, William Walmsley and William Lyons, building sidecars for motorcycles in 1922. 9 years later, they produced their first actual car as well. It was a re-bodied Austin 7, dubbed the SS100. Lyons then made the important move to Coventry in 1928. The better-skilled workforce there was needed to produce new models. These were based on such unlikely sources as Fiat, Morris, Standard, Swift and Wolseley chassis, acting as an actual "coach builder" as a popular activity in early British automotive endeavors.

Blackpool, closer to Scotland than to Coventry, was (and remains) a popular seaside resort. An unlikely landmark for the birth of such an iconic automobile, Blackpool has notably many of the original sites as landmarks for tourists and Jag enthusiasts to visit. There are any number of well-documented and sourced books covering both the evolution of Jaguar to Coventry and beyond, as well as Sir Lyons himself. Often overlooked, William Walmsley's contribution to the early years of what became Jaguar Cars Ltd. Without his handsome sidecar and design approach, there would be no Jaguar. It is recommended that his story be read if you are a real Jag enthusiast.

The 30's was a period of growth and change, resulting in a new line of cars making their mark primarily on the streets and country lanes of Britain. But the world put all the successes on hold while WWII raged. Struggling out of the rubble of destruction, 1948 would see a model that changed the fortunes of the company, and the entire car community forever. Enter the XK120! Designed for both beauty and speed, it rocked consumers and racers on their collective heels. Designated the 120, it made the statement that this car would achieve 120mph, a heretofore unachieved feat for a car offered to the driving public. It was soon followed by benchmark models of the 140 and 150, available in both coupe or open-car, continuing its flowing lines and impressive performance unlike anything else on the road. Stodgy and regal would find the brand later.

A Jaguar leap forward into the early 60's gave us the car that took Enzo Ferrari's breath away... the renown E-Type. Overshadowing its cousin, the Aston Martin DB-series, it became THE CAR to both trend-setters and racers alike. Through the decades, the company continued building both a sedan and sportscar model, maintaining its position as an innovative car company and an immediately identifiable marque.

Late in the 80-s there was a needed, though unlikely, knock at the door. It was the beginning of the era of global car companies. Ford brought much needed cash, quality and resources to add to the company for the next 3 decades. Purists will argue the move. If you lived with an early XJ then you lived with rust, Lucas and assembly issues. Anyone who has ridden in, or better yet driven, a V8 Jaguar knows what the "takeover" meant to the buying public.

Now in the 3rd decade of this millenium, Jaguar continues to evolve. Electric is here. SUV's are here. Along with Land Rover, developments looking into the future continue and JLR is better for it. Nostalgia is not ignored though. Attend any of the many club events, concourse, etc held each year around the globe and the smiles return. The "new" is sustained by the "old" and vice-versa.

# TECH CHAT



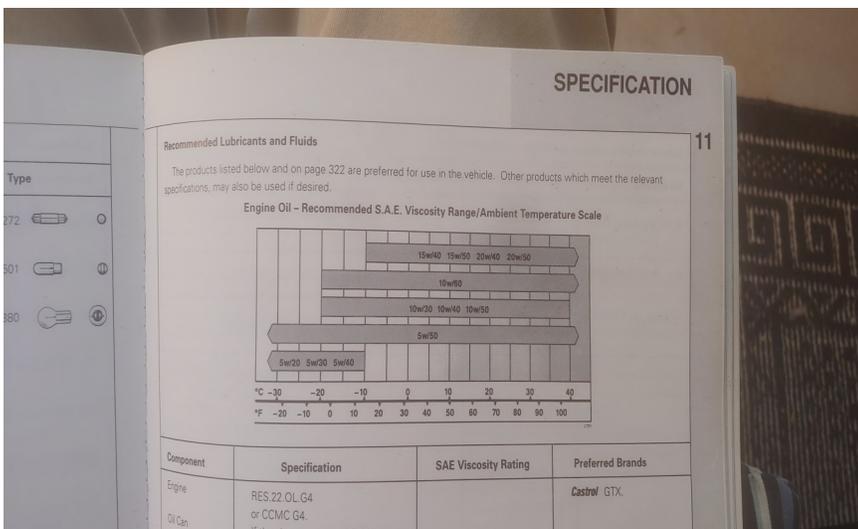
We're all familiar with *Winterizing* to prepare our cars for the changes in driving, and to protect our vehicles (and occupants) in adverse weather. *Summerizing* is just as important here in the desert. We certainly have adverse conditions that we should prepare our vehicles to handle the demands of 100+ air temps, road temps exceeding 140+ and unpredictable weather during monsoons. So, here are some suggestions in categories of Summer PM, fluids and tires. When in doubt, refer to your car's owners manual.

**Summer PM:** PM is "preventive maintenance".

A breakdown on a hot AZ road is miserable to say the least. Most are preventable with good maintenance that address the seasonal differences particular to this state.

**Fluids:** This covers the oils, water, gas and hydraulics.

Your owners manual may have a page like this one.



The most telling info on the page is noted at the bottom showing temperature ranges for different weight oils.

In Arizona operating temperatures can be extreme. It is recommended to use a heavier weight oil in the summer. Also, the different ages of cars require different types of oil, i.e. conventional, blend or synthetics. As example, my 93 XJS uses conventional oil and my XJ8 can use a blend, newer models may recommend full synthetics. It's important not to swap

or mix the types of oil used. Result? Change your weight of oil for "summerizing" from the weight of oil used for "winterizing". The suggested brand of oil should be used. It is common that oils used by independent shop won't be, unless specifically asked for by the owner. Along with brand of oil, the brand of oil filter is as important. Original equipment is best, but there are several other brands that meet OEM quality, i.e. Bosch, Wix, Mahle, Mann. There IS a difference in the quality of filter material, construction and internal design.

Plain water should NEVER be used in the cooling system, unless in an emergency! Your manual will dictate the correct fluid to use. Since the turn of the century, formulas (read color) of coolant have changed dramatically! Gone are the days of either green or "DexCool" (GM) choices. Sometime around 2010, there were 7 different OEM formulas of coolant! Never mix different formulas. The same for brake fluid. A nice trick, by the way, is a little Rain-X in the washer fluid bottle.

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Gasoline changes at the pump in summer. Added to the mix by ADOT is an increase, up to 10%, of Ethanol to reduce emissions. Oddly, this increase is NOT statewide as it addresses the “driving/population density”. If you want to start a protracted conversation with car-guys, bring up the subject of gas additives. Oh boy, what a mine field. There are a number of reputable aftermarket companies providing additives available thru most automotive parts store, i.e. Lucas, BG, Techron\*, Chemtool, etc. With the increase of Ethanol from the consumer pumps, these additives may give bragging rights more than actual performance or engine operation advantages. *Notable \*Techron... this is an additive from Exxon that is part of the formula that comes out of the pump year-round.*

The hydraulic systems (yes, systems) of cars for decades are important for not just steering and braking, but suspension, gearing and transmissions. **All** use different types of fluids. Ensuring those systems are “up to snuff” is imperative when “summerizing” since temps can effect both the effectiveness and resulting operation of those systems. Check your owners manual for type/brand used. Brake, transmission and steering fluids can differ depending on age and type of vehicle in particular.

(Early Jaguars actually used Lucas-brand Mineral Oil in some systems!)

Your model may not have a transmission dipstick (weird), so transmission operation and life are dictated by service intervals. Transmission service should include a filter kit as well. If your model does, there is a specific way to check level and condition, and it will tell you if service is necessary. Trans fluid should be “bright pink and not stink”, as the saying goes. Always check when at operating temperature and the car is running, secured in Park. The stick, like the oil dipstick, will have level marks. If it smells “burnt” and looks dark Red, it’s time for a change.

### **Tires:**

We frequently hear about tire pressures and wear. The owners manual is your guide. Tire stores will put a generic pressure in your tires unless you specify. Correct pressure is important for a number of reasons since pressure rises as temps ride, so should be checked only when tires are cold, before driving. Be vigilant on tire rotation and wheel alignment. Improper pressure can result in handling, braking, and traction issues. Add to tire pressure, tire wear is the other major factor in safety. Not only mis-alignment, but uneven/lack of tire rotation contribute to poor, or dangerous, tire performance.

The other often disregarded factor is tire heat. Tire ratings for speed usually are the deciding buying factor, but the speed rating is directly related to the heat a tire can withstand. A worn, under-inflated or unbalanced tire can go flat quickly. In extreme cases, the tread will break apart or even separate completely from the tire. “Re-cap” tires, particularly on trucks, are often blamed for the tire debris we see on our road. Pay attention when buying new tires if the speed rating AND temp rating meet your typical driving demands! Summer road temps can reach 150+. An informed tire service rep can explain if all this is new to you.

# 2022 JCCA Calendar of Events

## "Jag & Java " Meet-Ups



### Local Social Events

Pavilions Scottsdale Carshow  
every Saturday night, 5pm.

Scottsdale Pavilions Mall at  
101E and Indian School Road.

Warbirds at Falcon Field

Saturday Pancake  
Breakfast, 8am (\$8)

3rd Saturday of May

## Social Drives & Events



### Major 2022 events

Sonoita Wine Run

Sept 30-Oct 1st

Concours d'Elegance

Nov 4-6th

The Scottsdale  
McCormick

## Meetings/Fun



Visit these internet sites for  
2022 Jaguar events:

Jaguarheritage.com

ARIZONACARSHOWS.COM

JCSAZ.COM

WWW.JOANT.CLUB

Check the internet for other local  
and state events, as well as the  
JCSA (Jaguar Club of Southern AZ)  
and, of course, GOGGLE

## Special Events



**Coming non-JCCA  
local events:**

**Arizona MG Club**  
Annual BWOC  
November 7th, 2022

**Arizona Mini Club**  
Spring into Summer  
Rally

Saturday, May 14th  
azminiowners.org

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