

Tire Tracks



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Two sweets on display at Gateway

Midsummer Issue Celebrates Car Trips, Get-togethers and More Travel

Since your last issue (May) of Tire Tracks, a lot has happened. The four-day Tour into Utah and Colorado was a grand success despite some inclement weather. We enjoyed our annual picnic at Chavez Crossing, which turned out to be a perfect location. The food was great, and everybody was talking to everybody (at the same time), which is always good? An event scheduled for August will repeat the popular garage sale tour model, which has become something of a Sedona Car Club tradition. Who will win the sexiest item and the tackiest item prizes? And, finally, David's firm hand is moving along with plans for the Annual Car Show, so we should all start planning which car or cars to enter, and how we can make them show their best. Don't forget to volunteer your help. Everybody's effort is welcome and important.

The Blankenships are celebrating an open space in their garage; their '99, Miata all spick and span, has moved to a new home, with David and Julie Dirlam, in Prescott. Thanks for sharing information about the car with your friends. That's what brought a fast and fair sale. Now there is a place for the '98 M-B CLK, which made its maiden voyage on the Tour ... a great driver! We're looking forward to a second foray into Colorado, Steamboat, for the 4th of July.

David Lombardi brought his "keeper" booth, to the picnic. All bright and it's probably trailing behind their travel time they can while summer you a happy, safe summer. See you



Geo Tracker, fresh from his paint red, it caught everybody's eye. By now SUV as they rush to get all of the lasts. So, what are your plans? We wish all in August or September.

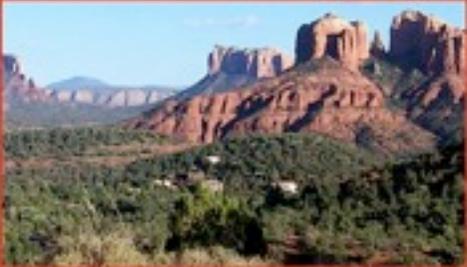
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Sedona Car
Club

Annual Car Show

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JAGUAR E-TYPE



the 17th of september, 2011
from 10:00 to 2:00; awards presented at 2:00
atop the airport mesa, in sedona, arizona





President's Letter

Wow! Summer definitely got off to a good start...our club's trip to Colorado and then a great annual picnic.

The tour Al Moss arranged, for us to visit two auto museums in Colorado, was greatly enjoyed by all of the participants, many members of our club and some fine new friends who are not members. The trip, itself, was fantastic. Through Northern Arizona's Indian Lands, then Monument Valley, Moab, Grand Junction, Gateways, and Canyon de Chelly. The museums were wonderful to see.

Tammy Allen's Unique Auto Museum had many really neat cars. The Gateway Auto Museum was fantastic. The facility was

beautiful. It's a resort, sort of like our Enchantment, with cars. Each car was displayed in a beautiful setting.

Rachel and I left the tour route after Gateway and went to Durango, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque with our guest tourer, Rachel's sister, Terry. I would recommend that anyone who didn't get to go on this tour take the trip on their own. It would be a great vacation.

A couple of weeks ago we had our annual picnic. As most readers know, it was held at a very pretty site right here in town, along the banks of Oak Creek. The food was great, prepared



President's Letter

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by "chef" Bob Van Steenburgh, assisted by yours truly. Almost all of our members attended and everybody had a great time.

I am sure the rest of the year will be as much fun with our club as the first half has been, especially if we continue to have such good participation by our members.

David

Classifieds: Cars for Sale

1990 Jaguar XJ-S Coupe

List of improved the this car:
 GMT 700 4 Speed replacing the that Jaguar originally Aluminum Radiator amp Alternator. Dryer, Expansion Intake Air Boxes with Cross Drilled Vented Rotors and Pads. New Back Front Shocks. New Back Adjustable Shocks. New Fog Lights. New Battery.



improvements that have mileage and performance of

Automatic Transmission, GMT400 3 Speed Transmission installed in these cars. with Dual Electric Fans. GM 94 Sanden AC Compressor, New Valve and Hoses. Modified K&N Air Filters. New front

I am the second owner of this Jaguar. The car was bought new in San Antonio, TX and I moved it to Prescott, AZ. I have all the maintenance records since I have owned the car. Call Dave Dirlam in Prescott at 928-778-0334.

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2003 Porsche Boxter S

A client of Jim Bradley's law firm wishes to sell her late husband's car. It is a beautiful convertible, midnight blue metallic, with blue top and grey interior. It has the manual transmission, alarm system, and, get this, only 13,000 miles. If you are interested, please call Jim's partner, Linda Wallace, at 928 282-1483.



On the second day of the Colorado Tour, the view, facing West from our lodgings in Monticello, UT.

Don Holle, of Albuquerque, NM, and David Dirlam, of Prescott, AZ, drove their beautiful British cars on our recent Car Club Tour to the four corners area. They are our guest writers for this issue, for which we offer many thanks. Their coverage of the tour follows, so ... enjoy!

Al's Excellent Adventure

Don Holle

Bring together a half dozen Jaguars, two MGs, a Model A Ford, a Porsche SUV, a Mercedes, and a smallish motorhome; a night each in Monticello, UT, Grand Junction, CO, and Chinle, AZ; then add stops at two of the finest car museums in the Southwest, put it all into about 1000 miles of driving through wind, rain, snow and some of the most beautiful canyons you can imagine, and what do you have? Four days of great western driving in the brisk month of May!

The Tour started out in Sedona on a bright Monday morning, and we partied in light rain that night in Monticello. Tuesday dawned foggy, windy and cold; fresh snow lay on the surrounding peaks. Off we went to Moab, then turned off to follow CO 128 along the churning Colorado River enroute to lunch in Grand Junction and a visit to the remarkable Allen Unique Auto Museum. The museum is stocked with a stunning variety of cars of all ages, many one-of-a-kind. Put this one and the Gateway museum on your bucket list. A restful night was spent by all but one of Jaguar driver who probably dreamed of his two flat tires. His third would come later.

Out of the chute at 0800 on Wednesday, we bade farewell to Grand Junction and followed Colorado 141 along the wandering Dolores River toward Gateway. Gateway is truly in the middle of nowhere, but it is home to the Gateway Automotive Museum. And it also offers an impressive resort surrounded by gorgeous Colorado scenery. Besides presenting as many beautiful cars as your eyes can absorb in one day, the museum is home to the "sold at auction for \$3,000,000" GM concept car, the golden Oldsmobile F88. Rumored to be Olds' bid to compete with the Corvette, it rests on a turntable in its own special room. It defines the word "unique." Wow!

Rain joined us again as we drove southward for lunch at "Blondie's Pizza" in Naturita, CO. This is another one of those scenic small towns that make driving through rural Colorado such a joy. Well-satisfied with pizza and salad, we cruised again through more canyons and on toward Cortez, where we left rain and snow behind. The roads cleared but the open-car drivers and passengers still suffered from the cold, wet wind. While gassing up in Cortez, the talk turned to the upcoming route to our overnight destination, Chinle, near Canyon de Chelly National Monument. Snow was a real concern, as our planned route took us over the 8,500' elevation of Buffalo Pass. Dark, heavy clouds covered the peaks in that direction and snow was clearly visible on the lower slopes. With the Donner Party in mind, most drivers chose an alternate route. A few braved the Pass and four inches of snow, but they all made it over with little difficulty, arriving in Chinle ahead of everyone else. The greeters tried hard to not look smug. It didn't work. A warm social hour, dinner, and a well earned night's sleep followed.

Thursday, after breakfast, the group divided up. Some drove along Canyon de Chelly to look down on the red rock formations while others chose other routes home. Those headed toward Albuquerque had a great lunch at the restored railroad hotel in Winslow, and gave thanks for a 30 knot tailwind, the first helpful breeze in many hundreds of miles of driving. The Tour was a wonderful experience and the car museums were just the icing on the cake. Thanks to all who made it possible. (edited by RLB)

DRIVING OVER THE CHUSKA MOUNTAIN PASS

By Dave Dirlam

I wanted to photograph Shiprock in stormy weather. After taking a few images we decided to backtrack and take the long way to Chinle. After turning around, a red E Type came roaring up the road. I made a U turn and caught up to Jerry who had pulled over to the side of the road. He asked if I wanted to go over the pass and I said sure. Donna and Julie just looked at each other. So we headed to Red Rock. We could see a dark cloud bank in front of us. As we left Red Rock it started to lightly snow. The higher we went the harder it snowed and the road became covered. The driving was slow but the traction was good. It is probably a beautiful drive but we could not see very far in front of us or to the sides. The trip down the other side was windy and very, very steep. As we got lower, the blizzard lightened and the road became clear. We continued to have snow until we were five miles from Chinle. We enjoyed the adventure; it was a trip for the brave at heart . . . or fools.



WHERE DID THE PEOPLE GO?



Did you know that Al would make house calls? Ellie Haga's TC had a broken spring on show day!



David Ellsworth, a founding member of SCC, came to the picnic, for the good company.



CLUB NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The current issue of Tire Tracks is the only one for June, July and August, 2011.

Tire Tracks will return in September. I hope we all will be traveling some. RLB

LITTER LIFTERS

Bob Van Steenberg will announce the Fall schedule in the September issue of Tire Tracks. Our thanks go to Bob. He is always there, alongside those members who volunteer. If you haven't volunteered yet, this is your call.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Having a single midsummer issue of Tire Tracks produces a bumper crop of birthdays and anniversaries. Our congratulations and very best wishes, to all!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...

Don Arey; 7/26
Steve Blank; 8/5
Gary Carson; 7/13
Mike Clark; 8/26
Larry Currie; 7/7
John Gain; 8/8
Martin Glinsky; 7/17
Lisa Glinsky; 7/5
Janice Gruneberg; 8/21
Tila Hagemann; 7/14
Bob Jorgensen; 7/26
Herb Kramer; 8/2
Rick Lamont; 7/2
Betty Monaci; 7/24
Alva Pittman; 8/12
Bob VanSteenburgh; 8/20
Lon Walters; 7/8

Richard Young; 7/21

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

Ralph & Sharon Blankenship; 8/17
James & Sandi Bradley; 7/3
Bill & Joyce Fobair; 7/5
Bruno & Caroline Giberti; 8/12
Martin & Lisa Glinsky; 8/22
Chris & Janice Gruneberg; 7/19
Luke & Diane Lukich; 8/27
John & Lynn Orr; 7/15

BOARD MEETING

The Board did not meet in May or June. July. The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at 8:30 Am, at the Cousins' clubroom. Planning for the Christmas Party is on the agenda. All members are invited to attend.

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Upcoming Events, Tours and Meetings

Summer Hiatus, Tuesday, 6/14/2011, to Saturday, 8/20,2011.

August Event: Annual Garage Sale Rally. Saturday, Aug. 6th.

Details to come.

September 17, 2011: Sedona Car Club, Annual Car Show

Setup,8:00 to 10:00

Public hours: 10:00 to 2:00

Awards Presentation: 2:00

**October: Thursday, October 13th, 2011: A Guided Tour
of the Page Springs Fish Hatchery.**

lunch at the Grasshopper Grill, Cornville, to follow.

(On August 25th, 2000, 25 SCC members enjoyed this tour).

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