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This scene captures much of what is so good about the British Car Motoring Conclave

Great location on grass and near trees, bright sunshine, a beautiful red E-type in the foreground, Brian Redrupp (with his British accent) talking to another visitor, a new F-Pace Jaguar, two other E-types, with various British cars in the background and a Jaguar “Leaper” in the foreground. Not visible are all of the other 40+ Jaguars on display and the club tent with chairs, drinks and food. Thanks to Ray Horrall for this photo.



This Month's Events

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Meeting are held every month except March, July and December when special meetings are arranged.

Board meetings, open to all, are at a members house at 6:30 pm on the 1st Tuesday of every even numbered month.

For new memberships there is a one-time \$20 additional charge covering name tags, club patch, decal and membership cards. Use the form in this newsletter or printed from the web site or sign-up on-line. Non-members subscriptions are \$30/year; Canadian and foreign are \$36/year. Membership is open to owners of Jaguar automobiles and to others interested in furthering the enjoyment of them.

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General Meeting on 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Jaguar/Land Rover dealership in Colorado Springs.

See the web site for leadership and event information at jagclub.org

The Presidents Page

The recent English Motoring Conclave was a rousing success, especially for the Jaguar marque. At mid-day I counted 42 Jaguars, many of them owned by club members, many of them not. But I believe we were successful in getting at least four or five new couples who committed to join. Good for them! As I always tell prospective members, you want to belong to a group that knows about any potential preventative maintenance that might be associated with your automobile. And there is not a better group to share social events with either!

But probably more than that, it is always the food available under the RMJC tent that sells our club. A finer lunch at an all-day car show cannot be found! Thanks to all who brought dishes to our pot luck and thanks, in particular, to Deanie Kennedy and Judy George for making the mercy run to pick up our sandwiches.

The next important event you should put on your calendar is the annual Bids for Kids charity fundraiser on Friday, October 7. As most of you know, this event has been raising money for the Adaptive Rehabilitation program at Children's Hospital for years, and more recently for Ridge View Academy, as well. The fundraising was begun by the civic group the Denver Roundtable and sponsorship has since been joined by the Rocky Mountain Region Porsche Club and by our own club. Our own Brent McGibbon has been representing us well all year on the planning committee for this event and it is finally here. Registration is \$90 per person or a table of eight for \$640. Our club has one table so far, it would be great if we could get another one. All the money goes to these charities. The September Cat Tales had more information and so does this issue, or you can also go to denverroundtable.ejoinme.org/bids4kids.

Even though the leaves have just begun to fall from the trees, it's not too early to talk about our upcoming Holiday Party. Be sure to put the date, Saturday, December 10, on your calendar.



This year's party will be at the Hyatt Place Denver, Cherry Creek Hotel at 4150 E. Mississippi Ave, Glendale. Registration will be \$55 per person, same as last year. Dinner entrée choices will include Flank Steak Roulade, Chicken Piccata, or Salmon with Leeks and Caper Sauce. Each plated dinner will include a spinach salad with sugared pecans, gorgonzola, and cranberry dressing, and dessert will be a red velvet cake. You will be serenaded during dinner by Modazz, a popular Denver jazz band, courtesy of Brent McGibbon. And as always, there will be our gift exchange to follow dinner. Registration will soon be available, but remember to get this evening on your calendar now!

It's that time of year again to be thinking about club elections and who you want to represent you on the Board. If you think you might want to serve on the Board please contact either me or any Board member soon.



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These photos are a small selection from Steve Kennedys Conclave shoot!

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General Meeting at Piccolo's Sept. 13th by Steve Kennedy

Photo by Bob G.



A FIRST - FIVE NEW MEMBERS AT A MONTHLY MEETING L-R

Chris Cooper, 04 XJR salon
John Davis, 17 F-Pace
Dwight Eisnach, president
Doug Hanna, 04 X-type
David Massy, 58 XK150 OTS, 04 X-Type
Doug Stegman,
Jeff Held, 71 E-type, 78 XJ6L, 04 S Type

President Dwight Eisnach called the monthly meeting to order at 7:30 pm. It was a very full meeting with 34 members present, including 5 new members.

Dwight talked about the upcoming Conclave and asked everyone attending to bring a side dish. Brian, Bob, Frank, Harry, and Dwight are helping Deanie with registration and getting everyone into the park.

October 1st is the Jaguar Club of Southern Colorado's concours. It will be held at the Jaguar dealership that Saturday.

The 2016 Pikes Peak Concours d'Elegance and British Motoring Festival is October 1st. Friday night will be a cocktail party at the home of Thom and Lisalynn Buckley. If you haven't signed up for either of these shows yet, please don't wait any longer - they need to know if you plan to attend and what model(s) of Jaguar you will be entering (for the Concours). Complete information and registration details are available at www.JagClub.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact them and they'll get you pointed in the right direction.

They are looking forward to seeing as many Jaguars as possible at the Concours or any other British vehicles at this combined event.

Friday, October 7th, Bid for the Kids to raise money for the sports program for Children's Hospital. Registration ends the end of September. Balistreri Winery, 1946 E. 66th Ave, Denver, 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm. The cost is \$90 per person. All of that money goes to the program. There is a tour of the winery and a live auction. There is a half page description of the event in our August and September newsletters.

September 24th, High Planes Raceway is offering the opportunity to run your car on a closed track, \$210 per car.

September 24th, the Cussler Museum is holding an open house for RMJC members. It is at Indiana and 66th.

SW Regional Director elections were sent out in the most recent Jaguar Journal. There are four people running for this position.

Teresa is still asking for photos of Jaguars for the club calendar. The deadline is October 15th.

For the evening program, Mike Ramirez told the story of a barn find XK 120 FHC. The car is located where Mike stores his trailer and Jaguar. It has been stored there for some 30 years. Please see the complete story on page 11 of this newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

British Car Conclave Report by Dwight Eisnach

Hundreds of classic cars and motorcycles were on display September 18 at Oak Park in Arvada at the 33rd annual English Motoring Conclave all with one thing in common – as always, they were all British makes, even the right hand drive Australian 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air. Leading the field (in numbers at least) were 42 Jaguars gathered around the RMJC tents, many of which did very well in the People's Choice judging.



The day before, about 100 people took part in the annual Ride the Rockies tour which started at Oak Park and wended through Lookout Mountain, Blackhawk, parts of the Peak-to-Peak Highway and back through the Golden area.



A bottleneck was encountered in Blackhawk as there was also a hot rod show at the same time which crowded the narrow streets of the gambling town. But the slowdown failed to dampen the fun of a leisurely fall drive at aspen time.

As usual, there were dozens of Nortons, Triumphs and BSA cycles, as well as seven Aston Martins, lots of MGs and Triumph autos, and, of course, the Morgans, the Rileys, Morris Minors and at least one classic Rolls, as well as many others.

A spectacular pot luck spread of sub sandwiches, Bob Grossman's famous fried chicken, and lots of side dishes and desserts left no one hungry. The club was well represented by at least 25 members who shared the lunch with several prospective members, family and friends. And Mother Nature chipped in to give us a sunny and gorgeous early fall afternoon of blue skies and warm temperatures.

Thanks to our own Gary George, one of the founders of the Conclave, for helping to organize the day and to those who arrived just after sunrise to help with registration and parking cars. This intrepid group included Deanie and Steve Kennedy, Frank Oakley, Vince Lane, Harry Fegley, Bob Grossman, Valerie Kirby, and Dwight Eisnach.



People's Choice ribbons went to club members Valerie Kirby, Deanie Kennedy, Chris Barrington, John Wheeler, Ray Satter, Ray Horrall, and Dwight Eisnach.

Photos from the Ride-the-Rockies and the Conclave



Ray & Marge H. getting ready to "Ride the Rockies"



The Kirbys with their ribbon-winning 1960 XK 150



Chris Barrington and his ribbon-winning 1960 Mk2



The XK8s of Eisnach, Oakley and Fegley



Nora Hennecken's XJS with the club tent in the background

**More
Conclave
Photos**



Shirley K. and Jackie R.



Ribbon winners with the club trailer
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XK 120 Barn Find by Mike Ramirez



I purchased an automobile trailer four years ago and was fortunate to locate a storage facility one mile from my house.

About two months ago I happened to be at the rental facility to pay the rent. The owner of the facility asked me if I knew anything about a 1954 XK120.



I responded, not much, and then he asked me if I wanted to see one. The owner explained to me that he had built this facility in 1982. At that time a gentlemen brought this car to put into storage. He never returned to see this car again. The owner of the vehicle recently died and had no living relatives. He was in a witness protection program, which probably explains why no relatives could be located.



Unfortunately, the automobile had been in an accident and the front passenger fender is a mess.



With Bob's assistance I was able to open the bonnet to inspect the engine; the odometer shows 45,715 miles. The owner is currently trying to get the title.

He does not know what he wants to do with the vehicle, but would at least like to collect his \$3,000 back rent! He has had various offers, but is undecided on what to do with this asset.



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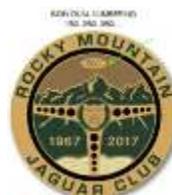
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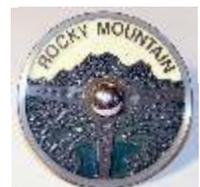
Setting up the Conclave Registration booth early on Sunday morning

50th Anniversary of RMJC Car Badge

RMJC Members. We are offering a very nice 50th Anniversary RMJC Car Badge, that will be brass with green mountains, and numbered from 1 to 50. The cost is \$35 each. The Anniversary car badge has been made to be very similar to the original 1967 car badge that Gary George has. His had a chrome headed carriage bolt in the center for mounting purposes. The new badge will have two cast fasteners on the back, be supplied with the mounting hardware and will have the Growler in the center. It will be three inches in diameter, as was the original.



Please contact Steve to order yours right away. Anticipated delivery is around the end of July.



Jaguar News by Henry Platts

Hello Everyone, I am happy to report my 1961 E-Type Roadster is being slicked for paint. I am excited that this car will be very close to 100% original in terms of parts used. All of the fasteners have been re-coated in their factory appearance, obviously a third party will determine how well my team has done! The sheet metal is 100% original and the leather interior will hopefully be becoming from Connolly as they are back in business. I have been absent from all the meetings due to my rigorous graduate school schedule. But rest assured, when the car is complete you will see me around! I am also searching for some tools as my tool roll has some incorrect tools. If anyone has some, please let me know.

On the Jag Market I will now highlight a few recent sales. I had the good fortune to be contacted by a good friend who was working at the Finest Automobile Auction held in Aspen



Colorado on September 27th. The fall colors were wonderful and every car was sold very reasonably. I suspected that while Aspen is an amazing location it was a touch remote and the Auction house is new. There were few bidders in the room it was unlike any car auction I had been to very informal. As expected, the auction was in favor of the buyer.

A gorgeous dark blue over red 1952 Jaguar X120 Coupe sold for \$90,000, this car was honest and did not appear to be an auction special. The paint may have been lacquer as the paint had a few imperfections similar to those found in lacquer. This car sold for

\$25K under the low reserve. None the less, I wanted this car with those black wall tires! A dark red over beige 1951 MKV sold for \$80,000, thirty thousand below the low estimate. This car was very nicely done as well. Both cars were reported numbers matching and had JDHT certificates. The most unusual car at the auction was a 1943 Volkswagen Type 166 Schwimmwagen, it sold for \$116,000 and \$34,000 under the low estimate. This weapons grade aquatic vehicle was suffering from a burst gear box as I noted there was oil in the floor of the vehicle. All prices are listed with auction premiums included. For more information take a look at the www.thefinest.com

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What's it Worth - by Gary George

Why do you own a Jaguar? Is it for resale value? Iffy at best. Prestige? Maybe. To leave to your heirs? They probably don't want it and the accompanying expense. Jaguars are like fine jewelry or silver or china or other things that accompany a fine and comfortable life style. When it comes time to sell your Jaguar what do buyers look for?



The current premier factor for collectors is originality. Collectors want "matching numbers", original paint, upholstery, radios etc. In other words, museum pieces. Throw in provenance, celebrity ownership, racing history and a few other factors and you have a car that the auctioneers can say "this car is alleged to have". Makes for a good show and a better commission. Do you own a Jaguar for the same reason I do, pure fun? Then enjoy your car to the fullest. If it needs paint then paint it whatever color you like. Needs a new engine or transmission - put in the one that pleases you, five speeds are a good choice. If shows are your thing get the car to the best condition you can and then park it, don't use it for anything else or else figure on about 2 hours cleaning for every hour on the road.

There are levels of shows. Jaguar concours are probably mid level but require a very high level of originality and condition Pebble Beach etc are probably out of our league. Neighborhood shows are a lot of fun and in most cases are not even judged,

Now as to resale value. Remember that everyone loves a bargain. You will probably not realize the

money that you spent on the car. If someone says "I don't want it because bla bla" they are probably not telling you the real reason. The person who says I can't afford it probably can and his ego is not affected by saying "I can't"; he just got cold feet or found another similar car somewhere else for less money. The person who says "I'm looking for" is probably a tire kicker. We are currently in a buyer's market for cars and other collectable's. If investment is your motivation there are probably better places for your money. If you find a sure thing let me know. No gold mines or beach property please.

When you are through with your Jaguar let it go. Hopefully to someone else who will enjoy it as you have? In the meantime be sure to insure your car for the maximum possible as you will save yourself a lot of grief if something terrible should happen to it.

Motorcycles are a big part of the English motoring scene at the Conclave



Fuel Pump Adventures - by (newest club member) David Massy

I had a huge grin on my face as I followed a line of Triumphs and MG's up Lookout Mountain road navigating the twists and turns for the Ride the Rockies Tour of the English Motoring Conclave. I discovered some great roads in my XK 150 that I had not explored before.



Unfortunately, my grin subsided a little as the engine died coming out of Golden. It was pretty clear immediately that the fuel pump had failed as I'd ignored the warning signs a few days before of not always hearing the click, click, click and struggling to start. Fortunately, I found a nice shady spot under an overpass to come to a halt, and thanks to the many people stopped to check if I was OK.



A call to Hagerty Roadside Assistance had a flatbed come and give me a lift home about an hour later in a relatively hassle free experience. It wasn't exactly the way I'd planned to come home but the car and I were safe and sound.

It was great to come to the show in Arvada the next day to get my annual British car fix. However, I did miss showing my own car as I'd been looking forward to the weekend for some time. Club members at the show were helpful on fuel pump advice and offers of assistance. Bob Grossman's advice proved particularly helpful although his assertion that it was a thirty-minute job to replace the fuel pump proved to be less than accurate in my less experienced hands!

After searching around the Internet for SU fuel pumps I settled on a rebuilt model from XKs Unlimited in California that advertised as being much improved on the original specification. It also offered a return of the old pump to help keep costs down. Maybe I should have investigated rebuilding it myself but I was keen to get back on the road for some fall driving in the mountains.



The fuel pump arrived a few days later and looked great coming out of the box. I allocated my Friday morning to ensure that I could get this thirty-minute job completed as I thought it'd probably take me a little longer since I don't regularly work on my cars.

Disconnecting the inlet fuel line confirmed my fears that I'd get a lot of petrol (gas) coming out as the tank was well over half full. I tried to catch the fuel but it was soon clear that there was more fuel than I had the capacity to catch so I reconnected the line and headed to the parts store where I purchased a spare gas can and some rubber pugs to block the flow.

The rest of the process while straightforward did take time and more than a small amount of cursing as I struggled to get the connections tight to avoid a drip of fuel from the new pump. In total the complete task took about four hours. It was very reassuring to hear a much faster click, click, click from the new pump as I turned the key and she started right up.

I did learn some things about petrol/gasoline in the process.

1. It is **nasty stuff** that really hurts if it flows down your arm to enter that scrape on your elbow that you got from crawling under the car.
2. It **eats the disposable latex gloves** I tried to use making them useless at protecting your hands.
3. A day later I **still smell petrol** where ever I go despite a complete change of clothes, multiple hand washings, a shower and a long soak in the bath.

Hopefully I'll start to smell a little nicer soon. I'm happily now back on the road with my grin fully restored for some fall winter driving and hoping to catch some Aspens in the mountains just when they are turning.

It's Time for YOUR RMJC 2017 Calendar

Fellow RMJC members, please join in the fun and participate in making a calendar to showcase our beautiful cars as well as your favorite places around Colorado. Just submit a picture showcasing your Jaguar in your favorite setting – perhaps under a canopy of Aspen trees in the autumn, a red rock formation, a field of spring flowers in bloom, or maybe a snow capped mountain in the background. The photos will be compiled into a calendar at least 8 x 10 in size, so please be sure to use the best quality setting on your camera so it can be enlarged. Cost will be determined at the time of printing, but at this time we expect the price to be under \$20.00 each. It will also be dependent upon if we do a 12, 18, or 24 month calendar.

We would like to have the completed calendar ready in time for the RMJC Christmas party and of course it will make a wonderful gift for friends and family who share in the enthusiasm for the mark. Please indicate your interest to me, Teresa, at Teresa.Ross@me.com and submit your photo to me **via email by October 15th, 2016**. That gives us a little time before the holidays to get the calendar laid out and sent to the printers so we get it back in time to distribute before Christmas.

Clock Photos In addition to the calendar that Teresa is doing, Steve is doing Clocks with the photo you supply for \$25. For the clock photo, you need to hold the camera in what is called Portrait format, long ways top to bottom. You also need to stand back further than you usually do. By the time the photo is cropped and made circular for the clock, the high background goes away and the picture clock looks just fine

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For Sale, 1997 Jaguar Vanden Plas

4-door sedan, Beautiful teal/green, burl walnut trim, hand tailored leather seats, 63,625 miles always garaged \$6,900.

Ward 720-341-11483 wbarcafer@aol.com

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FOR SALE: 1968 Series 2 E-Type

FHC This Jaguar has been "in the club" for many years. In 2014 it was awarded 9.986, 9.982 and 9.920 in two state and one regional Concours. 82k miles. It's a 4 speed with AC that blows cold and with updated components underhood and enhanced cooling system.



Contact Bill Orth at "Farlands Classic Restoration" at 303-877-6477

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FOR SALE: 1996 Jaguar XJS Beautiful British Racing Green with tan leather interior and top. 59,600 miles. Many local and regional concours awards. Always garaged. Good maintenance history with Jaguar Heritage Trust Certificate. One of last 100 cars produced. Asking \$16,750. Contact Jim Beck 941-932-0394 or jwbeck99@hotmail.com

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David Massy not only joined RMJC at the Sept. meeting but accepted the challenge to write a story for the newsletter. And a fine job he did - see page 17.



From:
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To:

It's great to see a new member step up and contribute to the club.

Thanks David

EVENTS 2016

January 2016

- 12 Monthly Meeting at Piccolo's
Joanie Jones, life in Cuba
- 23 Brown Palace Tour

February 2016

- 2 Board Meeting at Oakleys'
- 9 Monthly Meeting at Piccolo's
Year-In-Review video
- 13 Cars/Coffee in Parker

March 2016 (no Piccolos Meeting)

- 19 Presidents Dinner - Cool River Cafe

April 2016

- 3-6 Int. Jag. Festival - AGM
- 5 Board Meeting at Beesons'
- 9 1st Judges School @ Kennedys'
- 12 Monthly meeting at Piccolo's

May 2016

- 7 Oakleys Tune-Up
- 7 Hagerty Racing Legends show
- 10 Monthly Meeting at Piccolo's
- 15 2nd Judges School
- 22 Dust Off - Estes Park - Klinks'
- 28 Front Range Airport Show

June 2016

- 5 Ability Connections Show
- 7 Board Meeting at Redrupps'
- 14 Monthly Meeting at Piccolo's
- 24-26 RMJC Concours in Breckenridge

July 2016 (no Piccolo's Meeting)

- 9 Summer Party at Lanes'
- 30 Race for Kids Cancer with RMVR

August 2016

- 2 Board Meeting at Eisnachs'
- 7 Slalom
- 9 Monthly Meeting at Piccolo's
- 19-21 Concours in Albuquerque

September 2015

- 13 General Meeting at Piccolo's
- 17 Ride the Rockies
- 18 British Car Conclave

October 2016

- 1 JCSC Concours
- 4 Board Meeting at Grossmans
- 7 Bids for Kids - Balistreri Vineyard
- 11 General Meeting at Piccolo's

November 2016

- 8 General Meeting at Piccolo's

December 2016 (No Piccolo's Meeting)

- 6 Board Meeting at Kennedys'
- 10 Holiday Party at Hyatt Place in Cherry Creek, (Co & Mississippi)

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