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Presidents Page by Frank Sullivan

I'm enjoying the warm Florida weather at my brother's house in Venice. This Great Blue Heron and a Wood Stork stop by about every evening wanting a handout. We give them only big Gulf Prawns since that's one of their natural foods.



March 28th is the date for the annual Presidents' Dinner at Landry's Seafood Restaurant. If you don't like seafood, we have chicken and mushrooms on the menu as well. For \$45 you can reserve chicken, or grilled salmon, or jumbo grilled shrimp. For \$62 you may order the steak and lobster combination. This is our opportunity to honor past presidents of RMJC and to recognize members with their service pins. It's a fun dinner and a chance to make winter go a bit faster by getting out for a wonderful social evening. Wear your Jaguar bling and Union Jack ties for some memorable photos of an evening out.

Be certain to mark June 26-28th for our Concours d'Elegance at Breckenridge's Beaver Run Resort. Those of you who attended in 2013 will remember the very nice Spencer's Parking Lot we used and the convenient indoor parking.

On April 25th, Frank and Jean Oakley will host not only his open garage day but also our new members party. Thank you both for taking on this double duty project for the club! Look for details of this event in next months newsletter.



If you attended the Piccolo's general meeting on February

10th, I perhaps pushed a little too enthusiastically on a membership drive for 2015. There didn't seem to be much interest in recording many activities. To make it easier, I'm asking everyone to pass out the RMJC postcards and keep a monthly tally of the number of cards you pass out. At general meetings, bring your count of cards passed out and the winner each month will get something from my wine cellar or a surprise related to Jaguars. We'll do monthly prizes instead of grand prizes at the end. Also, you'll not need to use the score sheets I passed around—just keep your own tally. This should make it much easier for everyone. We'll have a stack of postcards to pass around at the Presidents' Dinner.

Please remember that there is no general meeting at Piccolos in March because we have the Presidents' Dinner. The next general meeting will be on April 14th. While you have your schedules out, be sure to pencil in one of the judging schools on either April 18th or May 9th. Both will be taught by our chief judge, Gary George.

Howard Mumm underwent emergency brain surgery on February 15th for complications due to a brain bleed that was causing extreme pressure on the speech and balance centers. After four days in ICU, Cyndi has reported he is home and doing well; definitely a man difficult to keep down. His recovery is going great, especially in light of this life threatening event and surgery. We all wish him a quick and full recovery.

Please send your prayers to Howard and Cyndi.



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March 20-21, The AGM in Philadelphia, PA

Make your Reservation for the Presidents' Dinner!!!

March 28th, Saturday, Presidents' Banquet at Landry's

Be sure to mark your calendar to attend the Presidents' Banquet on March 28 at Landry's Seafood Restaurant. This is a dinner where we celebrate all the past presidents of the club. Dress is "festive formal" so all you guys out there, wear your Union Jack ties! For ladies, bring on the Jaguar Bling! We'll take several group photos to post in the newsletter. The evening will begin with mingling and a cash bar at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

This year we are trying a two tier menu to provide more variety. Chicken and Mushrooms, or Jumbo Grilled Shrimp or Salmon are \$45 per person and for heartier appetites there will be a "Steak and Lobster" option at \$62. You may pay on-line from the website or send a check to Deanie Kennedy.

We will continue to recognize members with the RMJC Pin Program. Any member who has been with the club 5 years at the end of 2014 will receive a pin..

Landry's Seafood is the restaurant you can see from I-25. To get there, exit I-25 at Arapahoe Road, go east and turn south onto South Boston Street. Boston Street turns into South Clinton Street so just keep going south until you see the restaurant on your right. There are parking lots on either side of the restaurant. The address is 7209 South Clinton, Englewood.

This driving event, May 15-17, conflicts with our Dust-Off but may be of interest. See the Hagerty Silver Summit Classic Car Adventure by Dave Hord, Hagerty on page 19 of this newsletter

***Plan now for the 2015 Challenge Championship
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in Sheboygan, Wisconsin - Rocking at Road America
It may seem early but nearby lodging is fast filling up***

See pages 36 & 37 of the Jan-Feb issue of Jaguar Journal for details

If you have questions about membership contact me at 303-489-3944 or e-mail to dkennedy@ecentral.com



Western States 2014 is in the past but it left us with memorable moments

On the very narrow sky drive west of Canyon City



Vince Lane winds his E-Type around the Slalom course



Membership Recruitment

At the "Car & Coffee" (page 14) event this 12 year old boy with a camera took quite an interest in our E-Type. He said he had "never seen a real one" before but was quite knowledgeable.

After he took photos from every angle I invited him to sit behind the wheel.

He could be a new club member for us someday!

Gordon



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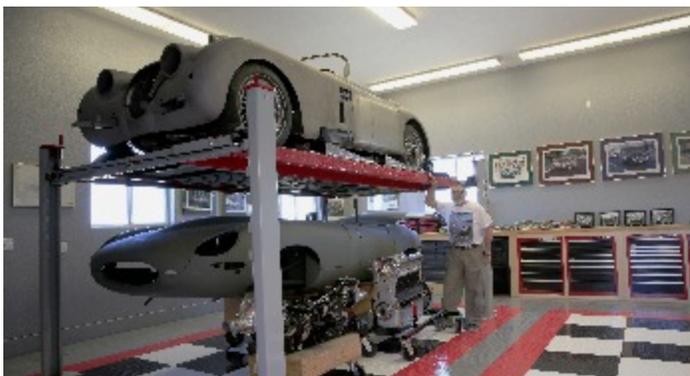
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Dave Reed (newest RMJC member) - My History with Jaguars

I had a mentor in the 50's who took in underprivileged kids such as myself and helped them with science fair projects (My dad was killed in WWII and my mom cleaned houses to raise my brother and me). One of my favorite memories was riding in Dr Hinckley's (my mentor) XK120 OTS back home after a weekend working in his shop.

In 1961 I saw my first E-Type and fell in love. Working summers in the factories I managed to get an XK150, but ended up selling it later when I went to graduate school because I couldn't afford insurance in the Boston-Cambridge area. When I got my first job as a geophysicist I found an E-Type coupe, but it too was sold to help buy my first house.

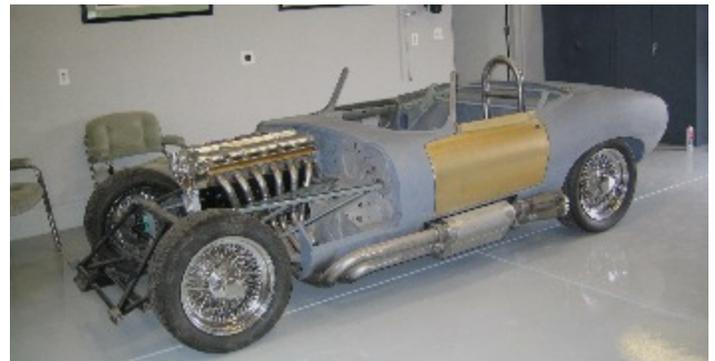
I then started a new quest to acquire jaguars to be fun projects when time and money became available. Many years and projects later, I started learning the skills to restore the cars. In 2001 I had just retired and bought a house in Franktown for our family (wife Patti and son Brian) to enjoy. My wife suggested that I build the workshop I always wanted so that was good. I decided it would be nice to return the favor by remodeling our house and doing some landscaping. Finally my wife mentioned that I better get after all the car projects I had been planning so that's what I am now doing.



I decided to have Classic Showcase do two cars for me and that I would work on four projects. Classic Showcase is just finishing a 67 E-Type OTS for me in Black over Red which I will be showing later this year (see cover). They are also starting on a 59 XK150S OTS.

I am working on a 60 XK150 OTS and have finished a lot of the body work (A and B post, sills, boot area etc). I've also been doing the body work on

another 67 E-Type OTS. My plan is to finish these two when I get my cars back from Classic Showcase to use as a guide. I also have a 63 E-type coupe, but the body is in pretty bad shape so I haven't decided how to go with it yet.



Right now my passion is my version of a Lightweight E-Type that I'm working on. I have aluminum doors and boot lid, an aluminum Lindner Nocker bonnet. In addition, Lou Fidanza from the old Gran Turismo Jaguars, built me an engine and dyno tuned headers to go in it along with some other performance goodies. I'm also working on mating a Tremec 6-speed to the engine.

Hopefully working on all these cars and figuring out how to do them will help keep my brain active.

Dave



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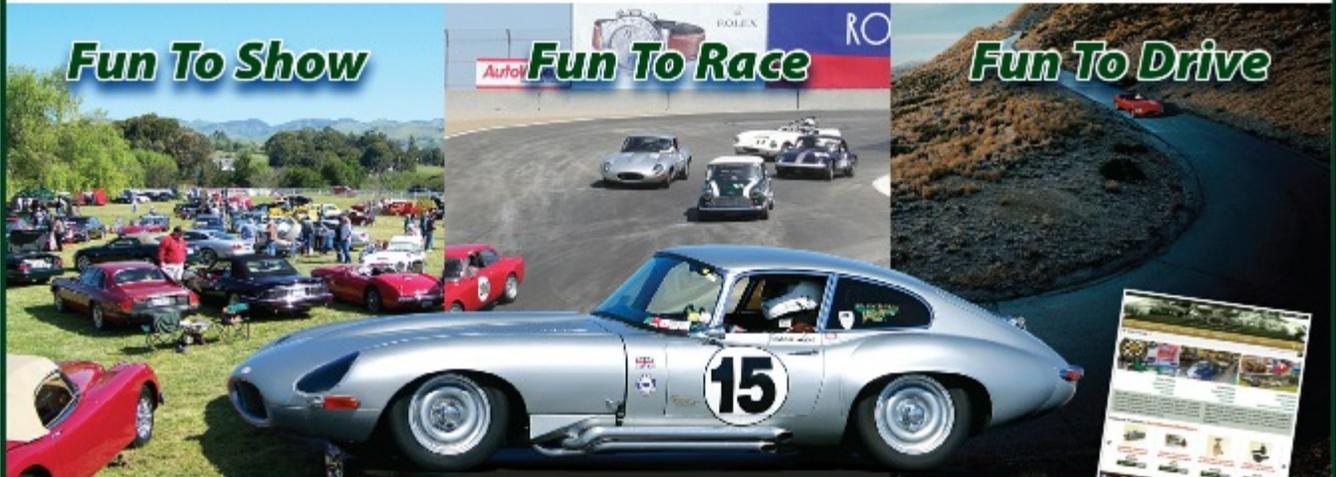
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Welcome to Paul Leuenberger as new advertiser for our Newsletter and webpage.

See Frank's comments about this company in the Monthly Meeting minutes on page 11.

RMJC February 3rd Board Meeting by Steve Kennedy

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Sullivan at 7:45 pm at the home of Bill and Betsy Beeson. Other board members were Gary George, Dwight Eisnach, Bill Beeson, Vince Lane, Cyndi Mumm, Deanie Kennedy, Jacki Redrupp, Gordon Kenney, and Steve Kennedy.

Concours planning always considers whether we get more attendance in town and save some money or go out of town and have a mini-vacation. This year the concours will be June 26-27-28, with Breckenridge likely being the location; rooms are around \$135/night and it has good security in the parking lot.

We do not have a track located yet for a slalom event but Steve and Bob think they have a possibility. If someone else finds something, let Frank know. The target date is June 20th.

Newsletter and Web Advertising rates were discussed. We will raise rates from previous years but not as much as tentatively planned in the August 2014 meeting.

Frank says he needs Natalie's help on the web site with handling the PayPal dues. Gordon recommended the board give Frank authority to contact Natalie for help on an As-Needed basis in the coming months. A motion to authorize \$300 a year for continuing support was approved.

JCNA published their Membership survey results in the last Jaguar Journal. There are errors in the pie chart and bar graph but the text is correct.

Gordon would like to change giving the dealers and service facilities full newsletters monthly to only giving them a flyer as a cost-saving measure. Deanie says having the full newsletter available has helped bring in new members. After a discussion the decision was made to continue distributing full newsletters to all the dealers and service centers.

Frank talked about holding a contest as to how many new members our current members can bring in. Vince suggested using a one page flyer in place of the current post card size hand-out we currently use.



The combined "Open Garage work session" and the "New Member Orientation Party" will be April 25th at the Oakley's. The summer party will be July 11th at the Redrups. The Drive for the kids will be October 9th but instead of a Drive it will be an Art Painting contest, wine tasting event and Live Auction. For more info, see Cyndi.

Deanie gave a financial report saying there is about \$6,000 in the bank account. Jaguar Cars has funded an additional \$2,500 for the 2014 Western States event and this amount will be split between RMJC and JCSC and will cover the initial deposit the club had donated.

Gordon asked what the club funds have been spent on as about a year ago there was about \$10,000 in the bank. Deanie said that between the \$1,500 web redesign and ongoing support, several charity donations and funding things like the Christmas Party, that our nest egg has diminished.

The board meeting was adjourned 9:20pm.

Arizona Auto Auctions by Henry Platts

The 2015 Arizona Auction week saw the continued rise of Jaguar prices. Six auctions took place with 55 Jaguars selling for approximately \$7 million. Early production 1961 E-Types with outside bonnet latches, welded bonnet louvers and flat floors are leading the price surge.

RM Auctions sold nine Jaguars, totaling over \$1.8 million. Their top Jaguar sale, lot #240, an immaculate early '61 black on red E-Type roadster, sold for \$440,000, making it the highest priced Jaguar of the week. Gooding and Co sold 9 Jaguars for over \$1.7 million. Two examples, lot #32, an early 1961 E-Type Roadster and Lot #123 a '62 roadster with flat floors and welded bonnet louvers, sold for \$363,000 each. Barrett Jackson sold 21 Jaguars for over \$1.4 million. Their top sale was lot #7000, a 1964 black and tan E-Type roadster that sold for \$181,500.

The most unusual Jaguar of the week was Lot #744, the 1969 Xray Custom Roadster built by Ray Fahren on an XK150 platform. Fahren was a noted show car builder of the era and the founder of the World of Wheels organization. Barrett Jackson sold it for a bargain \$33,000. Bonhams sold 11 Jaguars for over \$1.2 million. Lot# 105, an early '61 E-Type roadster sold for \$275,000. Lot #105 has participated actively in JCNA events, remained with one family for over 50 years and received a thorough restoration where it received its current BRG over biscuit, a color change from its original cream over red interior. Russo & Steel sold five Jaguars for a combined \$369,875. The top sale was Run # S748, a special equipment silver over black 1952 XK120 roadster, it sold for \$143,000. Silver Auctions offered three modern Jaguars, none of which sold.



Auction houses have different methods of reporting auction results, most commonly the published figures are “hammer prices” that is, the winning bid. Sometimes the hammer price plus the premiums are included. This article uses the published figures of each auction house, combining them to determine total values. For further research or clarification please visit the attached websites for complete auction results.

Jaguar prices continue to trend upward. The stratospheric rise in the values of blue chip collectible cars is attributed to the increase in values of their siblings, in our case, 120s, 140s, 150s and E-Types. This is great news and should create more interest in some of our favorites. The 20th Annual Amelia Island Concours D' Elegance and its associated auctions will take place in March. As of now the highlight of the Jaguar sales will be RM's lot #124 a D-Type with extensive racing history. Keep an eye out for pictures, sales numbers, and stories from the event.

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RMJC February 10th Monthly Meeting by Steve Kennedy

The February monthly meeting was called to order by President Frank Sullivan.



He introduced new member Dave Reed who certainly qualifies to be a member as he has the Jaguar disease real bad. He has an XK 150, XK 150S, two 67 Es, and he is building a light-weight E-Type.



The **AGM** will be in Philadelphia on March 20-21 this year and the Kennedys will be attending.



Gordon put on a great Year-in-Review slideshow; he always has interesting photos that he has collected all year long for this presentation.



Frank told about Paul Leuenberger from American National Insurance that does "Agreed Value" insurance and they insure newer collectable cars from 1995 to current (303-619-9891).



The **President's Dinner** will be on March 28th at Landry's Seafood, 7209 S Clinton St, Englewood, CO 80112.

April 18th will be the **first judges meeting**.

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The **Spring Dustoff**, organized by the Eisnachs and Fegleys, will be May 17th.

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The **summer party** will be Saturday, July 11th at the Redrups.

The **Challenge Championship** will be in Sheboygan, Wisconsin September 16-20th. It is a 16 hour drive and Frank Sullivan and the Kennedys plan to attend. Let them know if you would like to join them.

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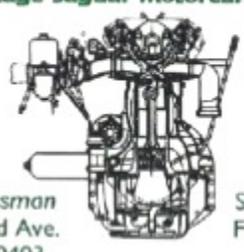
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Adventures in Appraising by Gary George

Recently I have had a few Pre-purchase assignments. Most appraisers that I know don't do them because the potential liability is too high but I am a sort of a risk taker so I do them.

Not long ago (2 weeks) I got a call from a woman in Boston who was snowed in and couldn't get to Cheyenne to look at a car that she wanted to buy, 80 inches of snow at that time in Boston. I agreed to go to Cheyenne to check the car out. It was pictured as a beautiful series 1 Jaguar coupe. Some things about the pictures didn't seem right but what the heck it was a nice day for a ride so I took the job (that and the money was good). I drove to the place where the car was said to be and drove up in front of a real pot lot. Not the place for a fully restored Jaguar. When I got to the door no one was there. The door was open in the bay next door so I went in. The men inside said the car was on a transport to the East coast. With a little more conversation I found out I wasn't the first to come there looking for cars that did not exist. I called my client who might have already sent the money if she had not been snowed in (actually she was ready to send the money as soon as she got my report).



Subsequently I got a call from another man who had gone to look at and pick up a Mercedes that he had put a deposit on, no car. The next weekend I met one of our members at the Tri state swap meet where I had a booth. During the conversation she told me that she had found a

couple cars that were vastly under priced in Auto Week and was about to send the money for them. I found out it was the same place and was able to stop the transaction. Yesterday I received an email from a colleague in Arizona with a similar story about an auto scam going on eBay.

Moral of the story: like your Momma told you "if it sounds too good to be true it probably is" check it out before you spend the rent money on something you haven't seen. Don't depend on pictures, pictures lie. I have known many con people in my lifetime and they are not the people you want to spend time with. They have the best story. They are the most believable. The stories that the perpetrators told in these instances were very believable.

There are good buys out there but at least look or hire someone you trust to help you.

Jaguar Car Sales in U.S., 2014, (YTD through November 2014)

Data from goodcarbadcar.com

F-Type = 3,664

XJ = 3,954

All Jaguars = 14,090

XF = 5,108

XK = 1,364

Ford F-150 P.U. = 679,496

editor

Cars and Coffee in Parker, Feb. 14, 2015 by Gordon Kenney

This very popular event is starting up again in the SE metro area at the "Vehicle Vault" facility in Parker (1 block N. of Lowes) and is scheduled to occur on the third Saturday of each month from 9 to noon. Bill Beeson, with his C6 Yellow Corvette convertible, my son Greg with his Subaru Brat and myself with our 68 E-Type arrived about 9:30 and were lucky to find a place to park. There were probably 150 cars there and the lot was neatly full. Our son Brad and his wife Cathy came about an hour later in their 91 Miata. All kind of cars were there including an unrestored 21 window VW van, an English style motorcycle with Bulldog with goggles in the sidecar, 3 new Ferraris with price tags totaling 1 million dollars, a very nice 1968 Camaro that was purchased new by its owner, street rods, a Olds 4-4-2, and many Mustangs. Our E-type was the ONLY Jaguar there and probably was photographed more than any other vehicle.



Many cars would use their departure down the adjacent street as a showcase for "burn-outs" as they left in clouds of tire and engine smoke. One late model Mustang made a spectacular exit as he turned onto the street with tires screaming only to spin, hit the curb and his whole right rear wheel broke off, axle stub and all, and the car limped to the curb on three wheels. Twenty minutes later a "lady", maybe his wife, drove up to the disabled Mustang, shouted several choice phrases at the disabled car's driver and then drove away. "Valentines Day" means different things to different people.

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Each year, the Golden Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Golden area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2014 Golden Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Golden Award Program and data provided by third parties.



About Golden Award Program

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Hagerty Silver Summit Classic Car Adventure by *Dave Hord, Hagerty*

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I'm contacting you today with a new event which I believe will be of interest to you club members. Classic Car Adventures has been running the Hagerty Spring Thaw out of Vancouver BC for the past 6 years, and we're bringing our unique formula of low-budget, high-value events to Colorado! May 15-17 2015 will see the inaugural running of the Hagerty Silver Summit Classic Car Adventure. The BC event has been quite popular with our Jaguar friends, and I imagine we'll find some enthusiasts within the Colorado club as well.

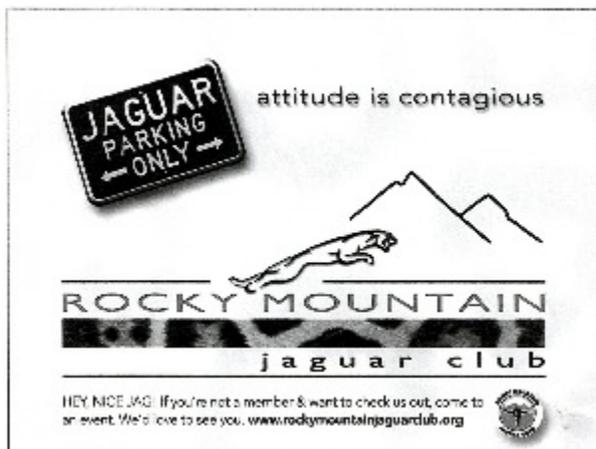
The Hagerty Silver Summit is our 100% tarmac classic car adventure which explores the fantastic roads and sights of Colorado. This budget-minded adventure for pre-1979 touring and sports cars follows our famous recipe for excitement. This un-scored, non-competitive event

consists of approximately 700 miles of driving over three days. Starting from the new Hagerty Collector Car Insurance office in Denver, the event uses easy to follow way-finding instructions which are detailed and clear. No special calculations or rally knowledge is required. An entry to the Silver Summit includes two nights hotel, dinner on both evenings, route book, rally decals and a gift bag of event 'schwag'. We promise three days of adventure, filled with great roads, great cars and great people.

Further event details will be posted at <http://www.classiccaradventures.com/events/hagerty-silver-summit>

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To:

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EVENTS 2015

March (No Meeting at Piccolo's)

- 20-21 Annual General Meeting (AGM), Phily.
- 28 Presidents Banquet at Landry's

April

- 7 Board Meeting at Redrups
- 14 General Meeting at Piccolo's
Bob Grossman - Judging E-Types
Frank Oakley - Tune Up Day Invite
- 18 First Judges School - location TBD
- 25 Oakleys Tune-Up & New Member Party

May

- 9 Second Judges School - location TBD
- 12 General Meeting at Piccolo's
Terri Armstrong - ACC show
Frank Hummel - Judging XK-150's
- 15-17 Hagerty Silver Summit
- 17 Dust Off, by Eisnachs & Fegleys

June

- 2 Board Meeting at Sullivans
- 7 Ability Connection Co Show (CP)
- 9 General Meeting at Piccolo's
Cruise with a Vet
- 26-28 RMJC Concours d'Elegance

July (No Meeting at Piccolo's)

- 11 Summer Party at Redrups
- TBD Slalom (tentative)

August

- 4 Board Meeting at Mumm's
- 11 General Meeting at Piccolo's

September

- 8 General Meeting at Piccolo's
- 12 Ride the Rockies
- 13 British Car Conclave
- 16-20 Challenge Championship, Wis.

October

- 3 JCSC Concours
- 6 Board Meeting at Lane's
- 9 Children Hospital Sports Program
- 13 General Meeting at Piccolos

November

- 10 General Meeting at Piccolo's

December (No Meeting at Piccolo's)

- 1 Board Meeting at Kennedy's
- 5 Holiday Party