

***Slalom of Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> - Philip Weyers 1974 S3 E-Type***



***Bus trip to observe the total solar eclipse***



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**Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Piccolo's**

**Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Ride Rockies**

**Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Conclave**

# The Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club - RMJC

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...Daniel Webster

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## President's Page by Dwight Eisnach

After a day of reflection, I can honestly say that I'm glad Linda and I went on the recent solar eclipse trip. For those intrepid RMJC, Triumph, MG, JCSC club members, and friends and family, that joined the bus trip to the path of totality you were all troopers. We all survived a five-hour ride to get to a private ranch in Wyoming and a 12-hour return trip in which we could almost count every concrete joint in the roadway of I-25 on what seemed to be an interminable 230-mile sea of red tail lights. I don't think it would be exaggeration to say that Wyoming was overwhelmed on August 21 with sun seekers.

But it was more than worth it, and I'm certain that the 50 or so folks aboard would agree! Along with about 900 other Sirius travelers who had exclusive use of the Fitzhugh Ranch 20 miles south of Douglas, the day amounted to an hour and-a-half of a mesmerizing experience to witness the awesome wonder of the universe. It was capped by the two-minute and 20-second glimpse of totality that produced a slight wind, a 20-degree drop in temperature, and an eerie darkness settled over the landscape that fell somewhere between twilight and darkness, but with a much different feel. Most people will never see the sun's corona with the unaided eye unless it is during this moment of totality. If you missed it, I'm sorry, but you will get to try again on April 8, 2024 when the next total solar eclipse to pass over the U.S. will occur. The closest that one will come to Denver is over parts of Texas, and the next one to pass over the Denver area will be on August 12, 2045.

I want to thank Gordon Kenney and Bill Beeson for finding and arranging our trip with Sirius Travel and for setting up our hotel stay the night before; kudos to you two! I also want to thank Deanie Kennedy for arranging a private dining room for us the evening before at C.B. & Potts, and for providing a great wine and cheese buffet at the site to supplement our lunches. What a great club we have with so many willing to volunteer to make sure our events are enjoyable for all!



Again, don't forget the Colorado English Motoring Conclave at Oak Park in Arvada on Sunday, September 17. And if you're interested, the annual Ride the Rockies drive is the day before. We need volunteers to help set up the field on Saturday, September 16, and to work registration and parking cars at 7 a.m. the day of the show. If you will help with either please contact Gary George.

And the annual Bids for Kids dinner and fundraising auction is Friday, October 13 at Balistreri Vineyards in Commerce City. Registration for the event is \$90 per person, but if we can get eight people to commit to the event we can get our own RMJC table for \$640, which brings the per person cost down to \$80. I will reserve a table at the \$640 rate but only if eight people contact me by September 10. Otherwise, those who register can do so individually at the \$90 rate.

And finally, we will soon be putting together our slate of candidates to put forward to membership to serve you in 2018 and we are very much in need of a member to step up and run for president. It has been an honor to serve you in this position for the past two years but it is time for a new someone to come forward. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested!

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# Upcoming Events & the 2017 Schedule

See following page for details

**Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, General Meeting at Piccolo's**

***Drinks and Dinner at 6, meeting at 7:30***

**Sept. 16, Saturday, Ride the Rockies, see page 6**

***gather at Oak Park for a 10 AM departure***

**Sept. 17, Sunday, Conclave, see page 6**

***club will provide the sandwich, bring a side dish!***

## *2017 Event Schedule*

### **June**

- 4 Dust-Off as Rescheduled
- 6 Board Meeting at Redrupp's
- 10 *RMVR at Pueblo Motorsport's Park*
- 11 ACC car show
- 13 Monthly Meeting at Piccolo's
- 17 *Georgetown English Car Show*
- 25 RMJC Concours in Roxborough Park

### **July (no Piccolo's Meeting)**

- 8 Summer Party at Reed's - Franktown
- 21 *Mecums Auctions - Denver*
- 22 *Wildlife Sanctuary Car Show*
- 22 **WARBIRDS - Front Range Airport Show**
- 29-30 **Rallye Against Kids Cancer with RMVR-HPR**

### **August**

- 1 Board Meeting at Eisnach's
- 8 Monthly Meeting at Piccolo's
- 13 Slalom at FRA
- 21 Bus trip to Solar Eclipse in WY
- 26 *Morgan Adams Concours at Centennial Airport*

### **September**

- 8-10 *Co Mile at Front Range Airport*
- 12 **General Meeting at Piccolo's**
- 16 **Ride the Rockies**
- 17 **British Car Conclave**
- 21-24 *Telluride Festival Cars & Color*  
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### **October**

- 1 JCSC Concours
- 3 Board Meeting at Oakley's
- 7-8 *RMVR at Pueblo Motorsports Park*
- 10 General Meeting at Piccolo's
- 13 Bids for Kids at Balistreri Vineyards
- 21 RMJC 50th party at Kennedys

### **November**

- 14 General Meeting at Piccolo's

### **December (no Piccolo's Meeting)**

- 5 Board Meeting at Kennedys
- 9 Holiday Party - Heritage Eagle Bend

*Note: Events in italics may be of interest to our members but participation is not organized by RMJC.*

# The Conclave is Coming !!!

## SEPTEMBER 16th

Start your Conclave weekend with "Ride the Rockies" tour, Saturday, September 16th.

Hosted by the Colorado English Motoring Conclave, owners of all two, three, and four-wheeled British vehicles are invited to a day-long motoring tour of the Rocky Mountains.

Don't wait until Sunday to begin the fun. Make the Conclave weekend complete by participating in the "Ride the Rockies" tour. Join your fellow British motoring enthusiasts in the beautiful Colorado Rocky Mountains.

The tour will leave the Oak Park Conclave site and wind its way casually to a lunch time destination high in the mountains. For those who want a bit of fun and adventure along the way, the tour will incorporate a Gimmick Rallye. Awards will be presented to the top 3 scorers.

**DATE:** Saturday, September 16th

**LOCATION:** 8:30 AM Vehicles will assemble at Oak Park.  
10:00 AM "Ride the Rockies" leaves Oak Park.  
*Awards presented on Sunday.*

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$20.00 in advance.  
\$25.00 day of the event.  
*(price also includes Conclave)*

## SEPTEMBER 17th

The 34th Annual Colorado English Motoring Conclave, Sunday, September 17th.

Once again, the City of Arvada has offered Oak Park for the Conclave. If you have come to the Conclave in the past, you know what a great day this can be. With your help we will have well over 500 British cars and bikes in attendance.

Bring a picnic lunch or buy food and drink from the Kiwanis club (*all profits go back to the community*), and have a picnic under the trees.

Bring your parts to sell at the Swap Meet or bring your list of parts you need to buy. Above all, bring yourselves and your vehicles, for your participation is necessary to make this event the highlight of Colorado British motoring.

**DATE:** Sunday, September 17th

**LOCATION:** Oak Park, W 64th Place. (see map) in Arvada.

**AGENDA:** 7:30 AM Registration begins. 12:30 PM "Most Favorite" voting ends.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$20.00 in advance. \$25.00 day of the event.  
*(see registration, includes Ride the Rockies)*

For further information call: Gary George (303) 477-0189 days  
Scott Story (303) 755-1426 evenings

## REGISTRATION

*Mailed registrations must be received by 9/9/17*

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### VEHICLES COMING TO MEET:

Year	Manufacturer	Model	Car	Race Car	Motorcycle

## Entry Fee

Please mail by September 8th

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Registration fee: 1st \$20.00 2nd \$10 per vehicle received by September 1st/3rd or more free, *provided you are the owner of each vehicle*. \$25.00 and \$15 per vehicle after deadline or day of the show. **Entry fee is good for both days.**

Free poster and dash plaque to all Pre-Registered entrants.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Swap meet space: \$20.00 per space received before September 1st. \$25 After Sept. 1st or day of the Conclave (*private parties only*). Space reserved till 9:30 am then resold

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED (*there can be no refunds*)

## PLEASE SIGN...

RELEASE AND WAIVER: I am aware of the hazards inherent with motor vehicle events and, specifically release and indemnify the organizers, supporting car and bike clubs and the City of Arvada and North Jeffco Parks and Recreation Department, collectively and separately, from any and all liability for personal injury or property damage incurred by me or my guests, while participating in this event. I also agree not to start any loud vehicles during the day of the event and to abide by the City of Arvada's rules regarding no smoking. No "FOR SALE" signs and no *trucks or trailers in the park.*

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2017

Please remove me from the mailing list!

## Another Jaguar In The Club

The newest addition to the club is a 2013 XF 3.0 AWD California car with 68,000 on the clock. It belongs to Jennifer and Frank Albert and is unnamed as yet.



# Minutes from Board Meeting of Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> by Steve Kennedy

The board meeting was called to order by President Dwight Eisnach at 7:35 pm. In attendance were Dwight Eisnach, Gordon Kenney, Bill Beeson, Vince Lane, Frank Sullivan, Bob Grossman, Jacki Redrupp, Deanie and Steve Kennedy.



Conclave: The Conclave will be September 16 (drive in the mountains) and 17 (show at Oak Park).

Treasurer's Report: Deanie says we have \$4000 in checking and \$7000 in the money market. The concours did well and we received \$800 from JLR.

If you can help layout the park on Saturday, contact Gary George, 303-477-0189, gfgv12e@aol.com .

RMJC collected \$400 for Toys for the Kids, but we have lost contact with who to send it to, they stopped responding. Steve is working on it.

We still have about 20 car badges left. If you are interested, they are \$35 each, contact Steve, skennedy@ecentral.com



Slalom: We currently have 31 people signed up.

ACC Wrap-up: The total contributions were \$149,000.

Solar Eclipse: The bus pickup point is the Fairfield Inn, 12080 Melody Dr., Westminster, CO 80234, at 4:15 AM. They expect lots of traffic so they want to get on the road early. They will serve breakfast burritos on the bus. A box lunch will be served around noon, you might want to bring a snack and water. They are only providing two bottles of water per person for the WHOLE day, bring water. There are potties on the bus. Bring a portable chair, the entire eclipse lasts a couple of hours. There will be a vendor with snacks at the site. Also, do wear shoes with some protection, we will be in a field and there could be snakes.



The night before we leave on the bus, we have reservation at 5:30 at CB & Potts near the Fairfield. We will meet in the Fairfield lobby around 5:00 and walk over for an early dinner. Deanie currently has reservations for 20, but if you would like to join us, send Deanie an email real quick, dkennedy@ecentral.co

It was good to see both Frank and Linda Sullivan.

She has had a hard last year with medical issues but is doing well.



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David Durstine from the Triumph Club joined us on the Eclipse trip.

Here he is using eclipse solar glasses as a pre-filter to his point-and-shoot camera.

He took the photo below of I-25 traffic Monday morning exiting to Glendo.



At the eclipse site there were several telescopes set-up and most owners were happy to share a "peek".



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# Minutes from Monthly Meeting August 8<sup>th</sup> at Piccolos by Steve Kennedy

The meeting was called to order by President Dwight Eismach at 7:10 pm.

Dwight read the list of member names for those who had birthdays in August.

Slalom: The Slalom is Sunday, August 13th. Bob needs volunteers by 7 am for track layout and tech check. You will be required to show your driver's license and insurance card. The Drivers Meeting is at 8 am. At 8:30 all drivers must walk the track with Bob.

Solar Eclipse: The bus pickup point is the Fairfield Inn, 12080 Melody Dr., Westminster, CO 80234, at 4:15 AM. They expect lots of traffic so they want to get on the road early. The night before we leave on the bus, we have reservation at 5:30 at CB & Potts near the Fairfield.

Conclave: The Conclave will be September 16 (drive in the mountains) and 17 (show at Oak Park). If you have not already registered, there was a registration form in the July newsletter and the web site is <http://www.thecoloradoconclave.com/pages/regform.htm> The Conclave Committee does need help Saturday and Sunday and they do need new members on their committee.

If you can help, contact Gary George, 303-477-0189, gfgv12e@aol.com .



Denver Round Table: The Bid for the Kids will be Friday night, October 13th. Besides a great dinner, there will be a silent auction. Gordon showed a presentation about the help that the Denver Round Table provides including all the ski equipment which is cus-

tom made for that child. All the money goes right to helping the children. In years past RMJC has had a table that seats 8. Contact Dwight if you would like to join other RMJC members at that table. The cost to go to the Bids for the Kids is \$90 per person, or a table of 8 is \$640. So if we can get at least 8 people from RMJC to commit to going the cost per person is \$80. Gift Donations need to be to Brent bemcgibbo@aol.com, by the end of September.

RMJC Elections are in November: We need volunteers for President. Brent McGibbon and Frank Oakley volunteered for the board.

Thank you to Dave and Patti Reed for a great summer party.

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## RACE AGAINST KIDS CANCER, July 29-30

Organized by RMVR at High Plains Raceway; it my 3rd year as Chairman of the Race. We had some 115 registrations which is down a little, but worked out financially successful for both Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing and the Morgan Adams Foundation.



We had a huge goal again of raising \$150,000 and given prior years performance, it should be no surprise that we were at \$164,000 going into the weekend and ended up at a whopping \$189,000 raised. The photo shows me leading a pack in my 1967 MGB GT: Rupert Barrington Action Photography.

# Report on Slalom of Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> by Bill Beeson

## RMJC Summer Slalom

The Slalom returned to the RMJC events schedule this summer with tremendous response from members and friends. We were pleased to welcome 37 drivers to our Front Range Airport course. The Drivers meeting was one of the largest I have seen.



Three Jaguar clubs were represented by our own RMJC members, the Jaguar Club of Colorado Springs, and the Jaguar Club of New Mexico. Our friends from Jaguar Colorado Springs (Red Nolan) joined en masse, as is their habit with some choice Jaguars, to play. We also welcomed members from the Triumph club to this year's event.

Several members of the JCNM enjoyed setting up the course, staging the cars, and running the timing equipment in preparation for their own Slalom that is coming up soon. They did a fine job and should have an excellent event. RMJC members, plan a trip to New Mexico to slalom with JCNM in the Land of Enchantment.

The tabulation of best times in on the "Classified ad" page in this newsletter



The competition included many different Jaguar types from the 1960's XK and Mark II's through the present day F Pace. The soon to be classic XK8's showed up, as is the typical case, all ready to race and well represented by Beeson, Eisnach, Humphrey, Baker, and Oakley. Randy Early's XK150 and Rory Andreykowski's Mark II provided crowd pleasing wire wheeled classic examples of the way it was when many of us were much younger.



# More from the Slalom



Unfortunately, Number 86 of Bob Grossman suffered some mechanical issues preventing Bob from his usual fast laps.



Very quick times were secured by a number of drivers in modern F Pace and F Types.



XF's also posted competitive times from 47.91 (in top 10 times) to 52.42. This shows that the 4 door Jaguars are fun to drive too.

Everybody's favorite E Types were well represented by Nick Wilson-Series 1 Coupe, Vince Lane-Series 2 Convertible, and Phillip Weyers-Series 3 Convertible. The oldest of these E Types, managed to

clock the quickest time of the day of 42.48 seconds thanks to Nick's fast hands and heavy foot.



Nick is a perennial contender for quickest time in his modified E Type. Phillip in his Series 3 was close on his heels with a flame throwing run of 42.88 seconds. It was fun to see him throwing that 12 cylinder beauty around the circuit.



## More from the Slalom

The F Pace of Frank Oakley got quite a work out by a few different drivers, clocking an impressive 44.59 with Tim Hall at the wheel. Keith Winton backed this up in another F Pace with a time of a rapid 46.06, but unfortunately clipped a cone for a two second penalty. For anyone who may have thought otherwise, this proves that the F Pace is a true Jaguar sports utility.



Several other marques were represented ranging from two Porsches, Mustang, TR6, BMW, Bugeye Sprite, Bentley Continental GT, and a first ever Citroen wagon. All of these were delightful to watch as they mastered the JCNA sanctioned course.



Once again, it was a family affair with several kids and grandkids joining the fun. I myself had my grandson as navigator.

The day turned about just about perfect... sunny, but not too hot with a nice breeze and the afternoon rains held off until after we had cleaned up the site. Thank you to all of the participants and spectators for a wonderful day of spirited driving and camaraderie. See you at the next Slalom.

**Bill Beeson**

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## Solar Eclipse Event - "The Plan" by Gordon Kenney

This event started last November with the idea of a group of RMJC members making a trip to see the "Total Solar Eclipse of 8-21-2017". It would be a once-in-a-lifetime event for most of us. Both Dwight E. and Bill B. thought it a good idea and Bill offered to co-host the project.

**Plan "A"** was to ask RMJC member Art Stricker, who lives in Scottsbluff, NE in the Eclipse path, to reserve a block of 20 motel rooms in Scottsbluff for the event. After a few days we learned that motels were mostly booked and the few scattered rooms left were going for hundreds of dollars more than usual.

**Plan "B"** was to go to a location near the Eclipse path. Someplace like "Little America" in Cheyenne would work. They were booked.

**Plan "C"** that Bill and I considered was a group drive up and back from Denver on Eclipse day but we didn't like the idea of a 400-500 mile one day drive on busy roads.

Then plan "**D**" developed as getting a group onto a chartered bus for the day to make it a group event and without having to do the driving. Bill very quickly found "Sirius Travel" in Boulder. Their company, Started by Victoria Sahami several years ago, is in the business of taking people to view total solar eclipses all over the world. They were chartering a dozen or more buses which would start in Denver, take us to a good eclipse site in WY, provide food, water, and bathrooms and return us the same day.

**We had a plan!**

In order to ensure that all of our members were on the same bus we asked that one bus be designated as the RMJC bus and people who made reservations could specify that group. We also decided to open the group up to anyone who wanted to join us and included the Triumph and MG clubs and many of our individual friends.



We invited Victoria to come to the January monthly meeting at Piccolo's to tell us more about the event.

We ended up with 34 people in our group with about 20 from the RMJC and the rest from the other car clubs including JCSC as well as a few who were just friends of our members.

Since the bus would load very early in the morning we requested the Fairfield Inn at I-25 and 120th be the location for our pickup. Most of the RMJC group stayed there Sunday night before the trip and enjoyed a group dinner together.

Bus at 4:30 AM!



## The Eclipse - Bill Beeson

After about 10 months of waiting since the idea of RMJC participating in the 2017 Solar Eclipse somewhere along the total eclipse center line was first posed, Betsy and I joined several club members at the Fairfield Inn in Westminster on the eve of the eclipse. Around 5:30pm about 25 of us trekked over to CB & Potts for an early dinner in order to try and squeeze in a fair number of hours of sleep before our 3:30am wake-up call the next morning for the tour bus at 4:30am. The excitement of being directly beneath the darkest part of the total eclipse was evident at dinner as we shared our anticipation of what was about to happen. This total eclipse was the first one across the entire US in about 100 years. The path of it crossed 14 states. The rest of the country experienced a partial eclipse. The next total eclipse across the entire US is predicted for April 2024. Our tour bus would take us to the total eclipse path center line on a ranch a short distance south of Douglas, Wyoming. During dinner there was speculation concerning the time it would take our bus to reach the ranch site and what we would experience at the time of the actual total eclipse. There was a little bit of grumbling about the early morning departure, but most of us understood the necessity of it. Thousands of people were projected to be on I-25 headed north to eclipse path line and major delays were predicted. The dinner conversations were spirited and filled with laughter, proving that an adventure with friends is the best kind of fun.

Our appointed 4am group meeting time came way too soon for us, with Betsy and me waking up much earlier with anticipation of the day ahead. It was dark, very dark, and cool waiting for the bus to arrive at the hotel. Many waiting appeared to be barely awake and speaking. Our bus arrived on time and departed at 5am, with all of us eager to get to Douglas. Just north of Westminster we hit the bumper to bumper traffic that was to be our companion for many hours.

We were very thankful that we were not driving. It was slow going. Once above Wheatland Wyoming, the

southern edge of the totality band, many cars and motorhomes were packed along the frontage road and in fields. Five hours and only about 220 miles later we arrived at the ranch, a little stiff. The eclipse at this location was to begin at 10:20am so we had to hustle a bit to get set up with our chairs and eclipse glasses.

Right on schedule the moon started across the sun. Looking up through the eclipse glasses we could see that a sliver of the sun was now black. The excitement of the folks there was palatable, with "oohs" and "ahhs" and "look at that" coming from all around us.



Barbara and Vince Lanes' Anniversary

The moon continued to occupy more and more of the face of the sun for about an hour, with the temperature slowly dropping along with the light. Our shadows sharpened to crisp black outlines, the

more the sun covered the sun. Then came the spectacular light show we had all anticipated. As the last sliver of the sun was about to disappear, there was a momentary flash of sunlight and followed by darkness. The air temperature immediately dropped from high 70's to the mid 60s and everything was eerily still. With eclipse totality, we were able to remove our eclipse glasses and look directly at the sun which was completely blocked out with only its corona visible. The only way that we can describe the total eclipse is... AMAZING!



## The Eclipse - Bill Beeson

Not only was it amazing to see the sun absolutely covered, but taking a 360° view of our high mesa surroundings revealed what appeared to be a dull red sunset on the horizon in every direction. This sunset experience was never anticipated and therefore almost stunning. Unfortunately, our attempts to capture it in photos just did not do it justice.



**John Davis, Ann Prinz & Shirley Kenney enjoy the view**



**A kitchen colander makes a multi pinhole camera showing many images of the sun during the partial phase**

But, the eclipse continued to amaze. The view of the corona for the couple of minutes of totality was mesmerizing and ever changing, expanding and contracting around the shadow of the moon. Then it seemed that as quickly as totality started, it was coming to the end with that beautiful “diamond ring” flash of sunlight. We know now how the diamond ring event got its name. It is the most brilliant thing we have ever experienced. My first response to the end of eclipse totality was, “Wait, I want to see more!” I know I was not alone in that sentiment. We could have sat there for hours watching the total eclipse.

With a final chorus of “wows” and “aahs” from the spectators, the total eclipse was over and the moon’s shadow continued its path across the sun, revealing more and more of it. We watched it recede from the sun and enjoyed our lunch over the next hour, then boarded the bus for our return trip home. That trip is another story and one that is truly for the record book.

We are so happy that we traveled with our good friends to see this miracle of nature. It was truly amazing and possibly a once in a lifetime event.

Photos and story by  
Bill Beeson

**Brian built a pin-hole box to see the sun safely.**



# More from the Eclipse



The Kennedys and Georges set up camp about 100 feet from the buses. Deanie had brought a cooler of snacks for the group.

Steve took several of the photos in this report and got a good one just past the “diamond ring” effect where the sunlight streams through deep canyons on the moon while the rest of the sun is blocked.



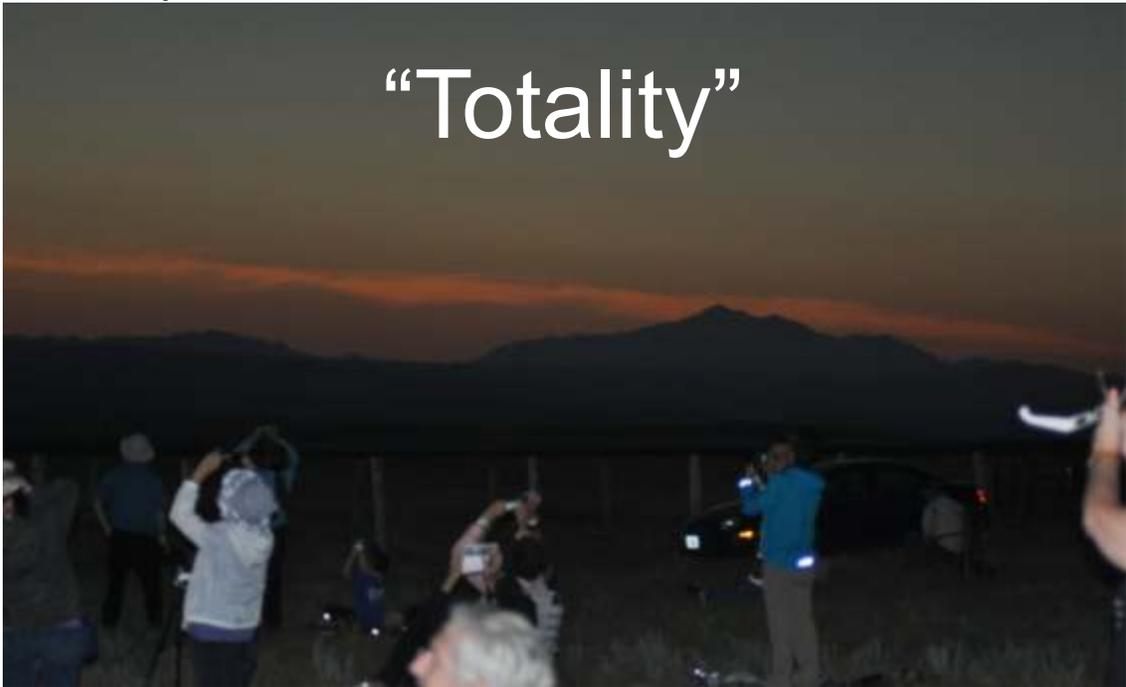
The “diamond ring” photo taken by James Verhey of Co Springs.



At right is a photo of a painting done by Frank Sullivan of the eclipsed sun and of the corona as he saw it in NE. He described the lines as “crawling worms”.



At about 11:46 total eclipse occurred, the sky became dark, the air cooled and people gazed in awe at the dark sun surrounded by the glowing corona as we experienced 2 ½ minutes that we will always remember!



## Clock Photos

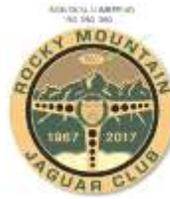
Steve is doing Clocks with the photo you supply for \$25.



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.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of RMJC Car Badge

RMJC Members. We are offering a very nice 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary RMJC Car Badge, made of 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 has two cast fasteners on the back, is supplied with the mounting hardware and has the Growler in the center. It is three inches in diameter, as was the original.

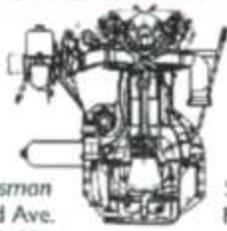


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29	Phillip Weyers	42.88	E Type S3	24	Jacob Larson	50.4	
14	Tim Hall	44.59	F Pace	35	Don Armstrong	50.43	Mustang
7	Mel Salter	45.15	Porsche Boxter	3	Deanie Kennedy	50.7	F Type
43	Tim Hall	45.32		37	Zach Reeves	50.79	Sprite
25	Shane Kratke	45.98	BMW	19	Debra Bosler	51.8	Porsche 911
15	Peter Thomas	47.11	F Type	42	Ace	51.82	
40	Phil Weyers	47.27	Bentley	32	Laron Cosley	52.43	XF
30	Kevin Heim	47.91	XF	18	Mark Bosler	52.45	TR6
27	Keith Winton	48.06	F Pace	8	Rory Andrykowski	52.87	Mark II
33	Adam Baker	48.42	XK8	16	Dwight Eisnach	53.14	XK8
21	Karl Larson	48.89	F Type	17	Vince Lane	53.99	E Type S2
28	Jean Marc Morrand	48.97		22	Margaret Larson	54.24	
12	Jack Humphrey	49.15	XK8	36	Denny Reeves	55.37	Sprite
23	Conner Larson	49.23		26	Mark Marlack	56.69	F Type
34	Travis Baker	49.53		2	Bob Grossman	58.97	Mark II
6	Bill Beeson	49.65	XK8	4	Shawn Bowman	60.03	Citroen
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