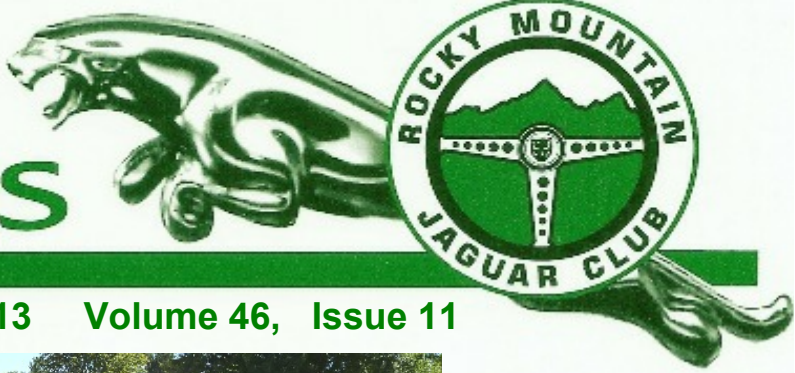


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Lauren with his SS100

Oakley's Party and Conclave 2013

Fall Drive and Ice Cream

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Presidents Page by Howard Mumm

Cyndi and I attended the Celebration of Life for Lauren Pratt this past week. The entire front row of the Methodist Church parking lot was blocked off for Jaguars, and we filled it to capacity. Most RMJC members came to the memorial wearing British and Jaguar regalia in memory of Lauren's long association with our club. Lauren was a good friend, and a wonderful RMJC member, and above all a Jaguar enthusiast. He will be missed by all of us. Read the tribute article on page 9.



The Fall Drive and the Conclave are over, and the leaves are telling me it is time to put the Jag in the garage. Of course my Jag is in the Coparts lot in Brighton awaiting the salvage auction block. So when I would usually be cleaning up and detailing the Jag for its winter sleep, I am detailing our Ford Explorer. Not quite the same, but we have the cleanest Explorer engine in Douglas County. Frank Oakley and I, (mostly Frank) also changed the dreaded 4.6L ,3 valve V-8 spark plugs on the Explorer this week. Doesn't sound like much of a project until you learn there is a national class action suit against Ford for the OEM spark plugs breaking off in the engine. I was very lucky, as my plugs came out nice and easy. We also changed the fuel filter which is located where no man has ever gone, and without Franks' lift in his garage, it would stay unchanged for the life of the car. It is amazing the projects you decide to do when you don't have a Jag to clean.

All members should now be focused on our traditional Christmas Party December 7, at the Doubletree in the Tech Center on Orchard. This is a good time for us all to get together and celebrate the wonderful year we have had in the RMJC. New members especially should attend, to get involved in our legendary full contact Secret Santa Gift Exchange. We have a beautiful room for our party, an award winning chef preparing our meal, and a \$69 hotel rate to make the night stress free. I hope to see a great turnout for this last big event of the year.

Planning for the event calendar for 2014 and the Western States event is already under way. There are many opportunities to participate and to volunteer for events in 2014. So lets all get out there and Take the Leap!



**November 12th, Tuesday: General Meeting at Piccolo's
ELECTIONS - COME AND VOTE !**

then next month

**December 7th, Saturday, Holiday Party at Doubletree
Details on next page - register NOW**

*The announcement below is the beginning of a monthly update on
the 2014 Western States Event being planned jointly by our two clubs.*



September 2-6, 2014 Schedule of Events

Tuesday	September 2 Registration at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort
Wednesday	September 3 Tour and Rally to Cripple Creek
Thursday	September 4 Slalom in Cheyenne Mountain State Park Theme Night "WWII Returns" Gala, Dinner, Music, Tour
Friday	September 5 Western States 2014 Concours d' Elegance
Saturday	September 6 Pikes Peak Concours d' Elegance - #2
Sunday	September 7 Departure

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RMJC Holiday Party

Secret Santa Gift Exchange

Bring one gift per person; \$20 maximum

Saturday, December 7, 2013

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel – Denver Tech Center

West of I-25 on Orchard Road - 7801 E Orchard Road - Greenwood Village. CO 80111

5:30 Cocktail Hour - Indigo Ballroom

6:30 Dinner - Indigo Ballroom

Starters: Pick one

Salad: Chopped Nicoise

Romaine, purple potatoes, green beans, red onion, kalamata olives, chopped egg
Dressings served on table

Soup: Butternut Squash Bisque w/Arugula Pesto & Pignolis

Entrees: Pick one

Peppered Flat Iron Steak

Roasted Rose Potatoes, Crispy Pancetta Brussels, Demi Glaze

Grilled Scottish Salmon

Rose Potato Coins, Roasted Asparagus w/Pancetta, Basil Cream

Pimento (Paprika) Sea Bass

Quinoa Tabbouleh, Broccolini, Lemon Cream Glaze

Kurabuto Pork Tenderloin

Prosciutto Wrap, Sweet Potato Hash, Bourbon Onions, Grilled Zucchini

Desserts: Pick one

Liquid Center Chocolate Souffle Cake

Ricotta Cheesecakes, Blueberry Ginger Compote w/Candied Blueberries and Brittle

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Deanie Kennedy



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New Members

George & Pat Nickel
Evergreen, CO, 2009 SF

John & Pat Kovac
Denver, CO, 2003 S-Type

Andy & Mimi Earley
Broomfield, CO, 1960 XK150S

Walt Bryant
Englewood, CO, 1983 XJ6

EVENT CALENDAR

October

- 1 Tuesday: Board Meeting at Eisnach's
- 5 Saturday, Fall Drive (Scott's)
- 5 Saturday, Ride the Rockies
- 6 British Motoring Conclave
- 8 Tuesday: General Meeting at Piccolo's
- 16 Lauren Pratt's Memorial Service

November

- 12 Tuesday: General Meeting at Piccolo's

December

- 3 Tuesday: Board Meeting at Kennedy's
- 7 Saturday: Holiday Party at Doubletree Hilton

RMJC WEBSITE

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webmaster: Rob van Westenberg

Please visit and use our web page for important & current information.

*The "CP" organization has changed its name to:
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Frank and Jennifer Albert's new Jaguar.

We are excited and thrilled to announce that we have finally got our first Jaguar - a 2003 XKR Coupe in Quartz Metallic with Ivory leather. I have been watching this car for some 5 months on the internet. She was at a dealer in San Antonio, TX and I finally found someone to check her out and got the green light, so with the professional help of Scott Pesner and Jack Terhar at Sil-Terhar Jaguar to negotiate an amazing deal we now have our Jag - YAY.



The Fall Drive - October 7th by Valerie Scott

Fortunately spared from the bad weather and snow the day before, Saturday October 5th was a beautiful day for a fall drive. Thirty nine people and 20 cars gathered early to embark on a mystery outing, after partaking of coffee and pastries.

After a few false starts, the group was united as we traveled through Deer Creek Canyon, Conifer, and Pine to Deckers where we took a break for ice cream.



Next stop was at The Cellar Door in Woodland Park, where wines made in Bailey, CO by Aspen Peak Cellars were available for tasting and purchase.



After some retail therapy we were off to Colorado Springs where Thom Buckley and Red Noland generously hosted a wonderful BBQ lunch event, complete with raffle prizes for those who participated in the trivia quiz during the drive. After lunch we were able to dream as we lusted after the many beautiful cats on display..



Our thanks to all who came out, (especially with the Conclave being rescheduled into the same weekend) and made this event so much fun, especially the "shot ski" demonstration at the end.





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Lauren Pratt

A lifetime love of people and cars

Sadly, we have to report the passing of Lauren Pratt, one of the icons of the Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club for the past 18 years. He, with his wife Paula, was a very active member of the Club and always appeared at events with a smile and a good story.



Lauren had a special love for cars from an early age. He mentioned many times a jalopy made of old car parts with a transmission added backwards to the drive train for high speed. The high speed effect was not deterred by the lack of brakes. Many cars followed including a 41 Hudson, an Austin Healey, even a Mercedes 190sl, and all preludes to the wonderful Jaguars to follow.



We first knew him from his meticulous restoration of a 1965 e-type fixed head coupe from boxes of parts. His attention to detail set a standard of perfection other Jaguar owners would strive to match (usually unsuccessfully)!



This standard continued with a beautiful XK8 and the piece by fabricated piece of a 1938 SS 100 replica that was over the top.

His trophy collection seem to grow with every show or Concours. Always the competitor, he often took the "Best of Show" and "People's Choice" awards despite the endeavors of others.

Lauren always presented himself as the perfect gentleman and a much respected car Judge, although he felt somewhat uncomfortable criticizing other members cars.

Lauren will be sorely missed by those privileged to know him. We can only hope that "Paula's Cookies" continue to serve as a reminder of a valued club member and a good friend!



...by Pete Day and Frank



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Conclave - October 6th at Oak Park by Gary George

Wow another great conclave event. Even with competition from several other car events that weekend, October 5th & 6th. There were about 60 cars on the drive and about 350 cars on the field Sunday and more than 40 Jaguars were there. The club provided the usual sandwich and members brought sides so there was plenty of "free lunch" for all.



The day was beautiful as usual after having to postpone the event because of the flooding from the record rainfall. Who would have guessed that the little Ralston creek would overflow into the park. The Shrine pipe band put on their usual show this time for free. Everyone really stepped up and did a great job. A big thanks to all who helped. Gary has packets and posters for anyone who paid to enter and couldn't attend. The packets are at his office at 1990 Wadsworth.



There were 46 Jaguars on display and the ribbon winners were as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Car</u>
Jaguar Sports (74 & Older)	Peter Monson	1 st	1955 XK140
	Jim Hegy	2 nd	1954 XK120
	Mike & Deb Ramirez	3 rd	1969 E-Type
Jaguar Sports (75 & Newer)	Bob Lewis	1 st	2007 XK
	Dwight Eisnach	2 nd	1999 XK8
	Bill & Betsy Beeson	3 rd	2001 XK8
Jaguar Saloons (72 & Older)	Ray Satter	1 st	1951 Mark V
	Bob & Pat Grossman	2 nd	1963 Mark II
	Tom Ragonetti	3 rd	1961 Mark II
Jaguar Saloons (73 & Newer)	Ray Horrall	1 st	1996 XJS
	Jack Humphrey	2 nd	1986 XJ6
	Deanie Kennedy	3 rd	2007 XJ8L



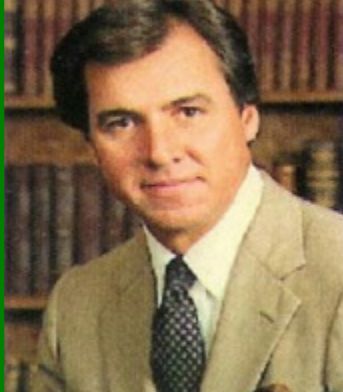
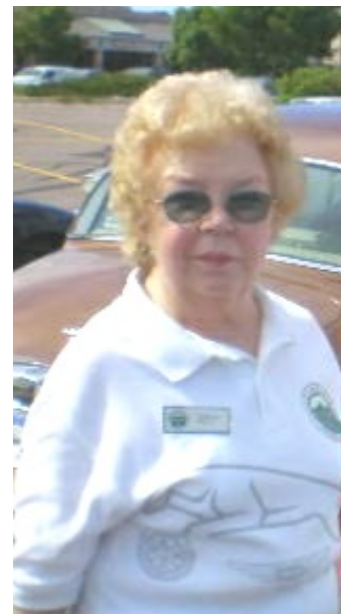
Thank You For Your Friendship and Support

Paula and Diane Pratt would like to thank all of the wonderful RMJC members who took the time and made the drive to attend Lauren's memorial service in Boulder on October 16.

The sight of all those beautiful well-loved cars alongside his white SS100 was a silent tribute to the lasting friendships and many good times shared over the years. The Club, its members, events, and of course the cars, had truly become Lauren's whole life, especially toward the end. Working on the white Jag in anticipation of a Club event was what kept him going. And with good reason. Few things in life compare with the joy of sharing a common interest with a group of equally-passionate friends.

Many people never get to experience this in their lives, and we are very grateful to all of the Club's members over the years who added so much happiness to Lauren's life. He would have loved seeing all the jag-print clothing, spotted cat jewelry, and British ties. And he would have appreciated, as we did, the stories and sentiments shared during the service by many of you, as well as those posted online. We've received many cards and genuine offers of continued help and support, which are also greatly appreciated.

Thank you all for your kindness and caring. You're simply the best. - Paula & Diane Pratt



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Board (bored) Meeting of October 1st

By Ray Horrrall



Location: Coventry Club House hosted by Linda and Dwight Eisnach

Fourteen (14) present including: Linda & Dwight Eisnach, Judy & Gary George, Deannie & Steve Kennedy, Cyndi & Howard Mumm, Shirley & Gordon Kenney, Frank Oakley, Frank Sullivan, Don Leach, and Ray Horrrall



Topics covered included:

- Upcoming Fall Drive Saturday – leaves from Conoco north of C-470 on Kipling.
- Colorado Conclave Sunday – Need volunteers to help from 7-9am.
- October General Meeting at Piccolo's – No presentation. Review plans for Elections and Holiday Party.
- Western States 2014 – Planning Meeting will be on October 25th. RMJC and JCSC are co-hosting and splitting expenses and profits 50/50. BOD Moved, 2nd, & Approved Unanimously expenditures for WS2014. Cyndi asked for help with Sponsorship follow-ups, Dwight Eisnach and Frank Oakley volunteered. Cyndi also asked for ideas and help for Goody Bag items. Flyers will be out in next couple of weeks. Don Leach said he would be on West Coast and can contact California Clubs along Central & Southern Coast, and XKs Unlimited. Frank Sullivan volunteered to (keep in) contact with the Chicago and Indianapolis Clubs.
- Since Mumms, Kennedys, & Grossmans are heavily involved with WS2014 other club members need to take on responsibility for the other RMJC 2014 Events. There is a natural tendency to think that the BOD will take care of all the Chairing/Co-chairing of all the events, and to an extent that is true; however, next year will be straining those resources, and volunteers from the general membership need to please come forward now so planning can move forward in a timely manner.
- November General Meeting at Piccolos – Ballot from Nominations Committee has been submitted, and along with other nominations will be published in the Cat Tales complete with a write-in line for Absentee Balloting per the Bylaws. There will be a follow-up Kitty Litter sent out to remind everyone to submit Absentee Ballots or Proxies. The RMJC 2014 BOD will be elected at the November General Meeting, and installed officially at the December Holiday Party.
- Gordon proposed that the By-Laws be revised to allow nominations at both the Sept. and the October meeting. He and Gary George were appointed as a By-Law revision committee.
- RMJC Holiday Party - December 7th at Doubletree by Hilton located near I-25 & Orchard Blvd. Excellent \$69 overnight room rate available to Club Members by reservation now. Dinner rates will vary slightly in price by main item ordered, and should be generally less expensive to the Club, allowing RMJC to subsidize the marginal cost and keep down the price to individual members as in years before.

December 3rd will be next RMJC BOD Meeting at the Kennedy's.



General Meeting of October 8th at Piccolo's

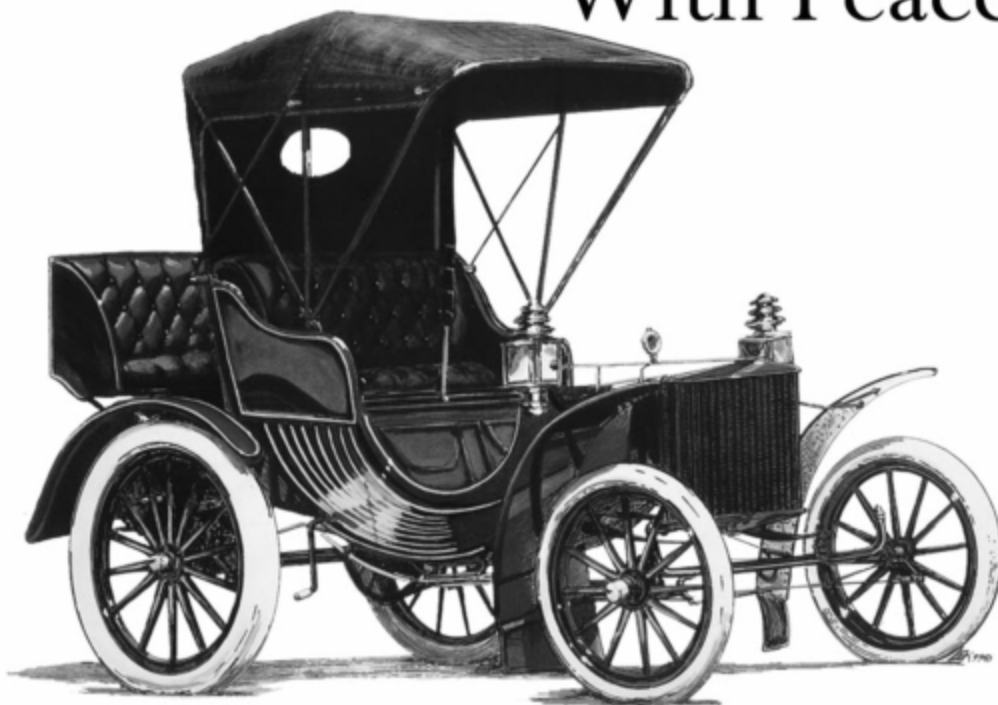
The monthly meeting had a turnout of 38 members and guests. Howard summarized the Board meeting and reviewed some of the past events. Considerable discussion was held about the planning for the Western States of 2014.

Gordon showed pictures of several recent events and finished with a photo tribute to Lauren Pratt. Birthdays were noted and celebrated and raffle prizes were given and regalia sold.

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Frank and Jean recently moved to Castle Rock and invited our members to an open house to help them celebrate. It was a beautiful day with plenty of good food and drink. Frank has his lift and garage operation at home now instead of having to drive several miles to work on his many cars. .



More photos on page 19

The captains of the Salvation Army Citadel Corps, Gambo, Newfoundland, sent us a "Thank You Letter" for our gifts of toys and money.

This letter comes with a sincere thank you on behalf of the Salvation Army Gambo Citadel Corps for your financial contribution towards the above mentioned event. We especially want to thank the Jaguar Club of Denver. The funds that you donated enabled us to conduct a community wide children's Christmas party, with some 75 children in attendance.

As part of this special event we held a Christmas carol sing, a Christmas movie was shown, games were played, lunch was served, Santa showed up and presents were given out to the children who attended.

Please be assured that your donation is greatly appreciated and it was a blessing to see the smiles on the faces of so many children and plans are already in the making for the 2013 party!

We pray God's blessings upon you all!



David & Melanie Rideout



What's It worth by Gary George

My mother used to say that some things are old enough to be in bad taste but not old enough to be antiques. I have now lived long enough to see some of those things become valuable. Does that mean that everything old will become valuable? Not necessarily. I recently appraised a 1927 Lincoln phaeton I think only 37 were made before Leyland went broke and Ford bought the company. Must be valuable right? Well not so. Leyland went broke because too few people wanted their cars and the same is true today. But I have spent a lot of time and money on my car surely that should make it more valuable? Shouldn't it? Not necessarily it is your dream it may not be anyone else's. Remember you spent your money and time you didn't invest it. Like any other investment you should care for it and protect it to the best of your ability. It may become more valuable but don't count on it.

The market is very fickle and can go up or down at any time. I used to tell Judy that the Kaiser Darrins were vastly underpriced. They only made 435. I should

have bought one when no one wanted one and they were under \$10,000. or better yet when the used car lot next to my folks business had one and couldn't get rid of it. Now a good one will set you back \$140,000 or more.

Remember what I said about the car being your dream; enjoy it, use it the way that brings you the most pleasure. Keep up on the value for your own peace of mind. It may become part of your estate a valuation now can prevent fights later and could save your widow a lot of grief too. The Lincoln is part of an estate and was causing a lot of heartburn that had not yet healed before I appraised it. From what I hear it may never heal, Too bad.



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Events	\$20,759.48
Membership	\$ 7,180.06
Fund Raisers	\$ 294.00
Total =	\$30,343.54

Expense	
Cat Tales	\$ 3,813.03
Events	\$20,182.50
Membership	\$ 3,539.19
Charity	\$ 1,203.61
Fund raisers	\$ 100.54
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WS 2014	\$ 1,000.00
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