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Christof Kheim, Forney Museum Director, addresses our group as we held our monthly meeting.

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A Special “Thank You” to Shawn Bowman

The club’s events in November have centered around the Forney Transportation Museum. This issue of “Cat Tales” is largely devoted to how our members have moved many of their Jaguars in for a three-month showing, the Nov. 1st party for the Jaguar display and in having the Forney as a site for our November meeting.

Shawn Bowman has been the prime mover in this project in securing this venue, in the very physical part of getting the Jaguars to the museum and for a long days work in arranging all the cars for their final display position.



We all owe her a “Thank You” for a job well done.

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Presidents Letter by Steve Kennedy

.....and another year is coming to an end. Seems like summer only started in June, and then it was over in October.

It has been a great year. We started off with the Spring Dust-Off to Colorado Springs and the Penrose Museum, hosted by Betsy, Bill & Gordon. The ACC show, with Vince as our representative, was fun, cold because it was still winter in Colorado, but still a fun event.

Our concours at Hagerty's in Golden was just two weeks later and it was still a bit cool and cloudy, but again, we had fun anyway.

Then by July, Wow, summer was definitely here in time for the Rocky Mtn Airport Car Show in Broomfield. The Ramirez, Steve Parker, Don Leach, and us were there. Fortunately, Steve Parker brought a little 6-foot tent and we all huddled under it to keep out of the hundred-degree weather and bright sun. That was such a cool little tent that we ordered one the next week. Of course, Deanie found it on Amazon. It even fits in the back of the F-Type so you know it is small.

The Summer Party was hosted by the Ramirez's and they did a great job.

The Bids for the Kids was in Castle Pines. Brent is our coordinator each year and he sponsors MoDaz as well. Everyone helped raised a lot of money at that event. Maybe we need to take up



a separate collection so they can make a large parking lot, the valets had to park all the cars along the sides of the road.

Gary and the Conclave Committee again put on a great event but attendance seemed a bit down. This is a fun, end-of-year event and hopefully we can have a bigger turnout next year.

Deanie and I missed the Colorado Springs concours but we hear it was fun. Thom Buckley is a great host and an even better auctioneer. If you scratch your ear, you bought something.

The Forney's Party was certainly our Grand Finale. We had 60 members in attendance and 24 Jaguars on display. What a party.



Shawn Bowman coordinated with Christof to have our Jaguars on display until the end of January. Deanie had Valenti's Deli and Catering provided the Italian dinner and her efforts paid off as it was a great meal.

Everyone got to look at our Jaguars as well as the other spectacular cars and trains on display.

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Members Birthdays Wish Them Well

December Birthdays

John Wheeler	4
Liz Schmitz	7
Gerry Tabaugh	9
Dave Reed	10
Janet Johnson	20
Betsy Beeson	23
Valerie Kirby	23
Bonnie Rickel	25



Club Events of 2019-2020

Last Events of 2019!

December

- 3 Board Meeting - Kennedys
- 7 Holiday Party - see page 5

First Events of 2020

January 2020

- 14 General Meeting at Piccolo's

February 2020

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

continued from page 3 **Presidents Letter** by Steve Kennedy

While I was talking with Christof, the Executive Director for Forney's, he mentioned that, the MK V (Mark 5) Drop Head Coupe that was on display was actually owned by Dr. James Arniell, one of the founders of Forney's.

I had noticed that there were several parts missing around the car and asked what his plans were to complete the car. He said that he welcomed all the help he could get. The MK V had the wrong fog lamp in the front and wrong tail lamp lens in the rear. It is also missing one of the backup lenses and has the wrong hinges on the inside of the bootlid for the panel that covers the tool compartment. There are also a number of tools that are missing and a metal cover over the back of the gas tank.

I have done some research on what it will take to complete the car and it is around \$600 or \$700. To top it off, they don't have any keys for the car so I am working on making keys.

So, in order to raise some money for the missing parts, we had a raffle at the monthly meeting and we were able to raise around \$500. I found a MK V model that is almost identical to the Forney MK V and we raffled it off at the meeting. Jan Radcliffe won the MK V model. Thank everyone very much for your support.

After the raffle a number of us got to tour the Storage Area. There were well over 200 cars of all kinds back there in the three storage areas. Frank

Sullivan wrote up a great article about the storage area tour so be sure to read it (page 15).

If you did not get a chance to join us for the November meeting at Forney's, be sure to go by on your own. We have a great display of our Jaguars there and there are lots of other great vehicles to see, including the Big Boy locomotive.

I want to welcome all the 2020 club officers and board members: Bob Grossman-VP; Deanie-Membership, Treasurer, Webmaster and great hostess; Gordon-Great Newsletter Editor; Gary George-Chief Judge for Life; Mark Kintgen-Facebook; Bill Beeson-Secretary; 2020 Concours Chair-Frank Sullivan; Board Members: Vince Lane, Brent McGibbon, Frank Oakley, Brian Redrupp and new Board Member Chris Barrington.



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Minutes of the Meeting of Nov. 16th by Bill Beeson

President Steve Kennedy opened the meeting after the delicious Italian dinner by Valente's Italian Deli, which was served adjacent to the beautiful Jaguar exhibit in the Forney Transportation Museum. A special "Thank You" to Shawn Bowman, Ax and Allies Owner, and to Christof Kheim, Museum Director, for tonight's great Forney's event. He also thanked Deanie for all of the dinner arrangements. Shawn, in turn, thanked all of the RMJC members for contributing their vehicles to the Forney exhibit.



Steve announced that there was to be a very special raffle tonight to benefit the Forney Museum. With this raffle the RMJC members will be raising money to complete the tool kit in the Forney's Jaguar MK V which is missing some critical elements.

The members were encouraged to buy as many raffle tickets as possible with the extra incentive of \$5 for 2 tickets, or \$10 for 6 tickets, or \$20 for 12 tickets. "I really just want your money for the Forney MK V", Steve said enthusiastically.

Before inviting Christof to share some history of the Forney Transportation Museum, he read this story about the Jaguar Mark V on display.

Jim Arniell, grandson of Dr. James Arniell, one of the founders of the original museum, shared this story. My grandmother alternated Mondays with my sister picking up one of us after school at Graland Country Day while we were growing up. On one of my Mondays, when I was about twelve, I was building a balsa wood model airplane at their house and I accidentally cut open one of my fingers with an x-acto knife badly enough that it needed stitches. Her car, a Dodge Charger with a clutch and gear shifter on the column of the steering wheel, was in for service. It must have gotten picked up and driven to the facility while I was there, because she had to drive me to my grandfather's medical clinic in the Jaguar and didn't like to drive cars with the gear shift on the floor like that. With those plastic-coated seats over the cowhide, we didn't have to worry about my bleeding on them.



The members accepted Steve's challenge and bought a large number of raffle tickets.

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continued Minutes of the Meeting of Nov. 16th by Bill Beeson

Christof Kheim then treated all of us with a trip back in time to Ft Collins where Mr.J.D. Forney had started Forney Manufacturing Company in the early 1930's to make and sell his "Instant Soldering Irons". JD was truly passionate about his company and spent the majority of his time building the business. He invented several electrical tools to help farmers, including a portable welder and was a pioneer in what was then called "farm welding".

Sometime in the 1950's, Mrs. Forney decided that JD needed a hobby and sought to find a Kissel like the one that JD had when they were courting. JD's interest in transportation went way back to his purchase of a 1919 Ford Model T Coupe while in high school. Mrs. Forney thought that JD and his son could tinker on the Kissel together. It turned out they painted the Kissel yellow and JD drove it to work on a regular basis.

Customers would come in and see the Kissel and try to barter their old vehicles for new Forney products. Being a young man who had endured through the Depression, JD started accepting these barter offers and the vehicle collection was soon underway. JD utilized the services of his employee's varied mechanical talents to freshen up and restore the quickly growing number of vehicles. The Kissel remains a centerpiece of the collection today. Christoff noted, "Ladies be careful with your automotive gifts because you never know what may become of them".



**Steve with Bruce
and Mickey Salims**



**Steve with Tom
and Cynthia Bolin**

Christof then invited those folks who were interested to a "back of museum " tour after the meeting to see the many stored vehicles of the collection.

Steve continued the meeting by recognizing New Member and Guests; Christa Leary, Herb and Cathy Goede, and Ernie and Chrissy Bunn. He also recognized those members with birthdays in November and December.

Membership Report - Deanie reports that the club membership remains strong at over 100.

Treasurer's Report - Deanie reports that the club is doing well and continues on budget.

CCC Update - Don reports that the Colorado Automobile Dealers Association (CADA) has initiated "Right to Drive" legislation, support by CCCC. This initiative promotes the requirement for the proper number of car parking spaces per occupancy of new housing projects. Colorado cities are running out of parking spaces with all of the people moving into the State. Something needs to be done to ensure that car ownership is not a detriment to living in the cities.

Don also reported that the 2020 CCCC Broomfield Airport Car and Air Show is in planning stage and that the Airport authority will be responsible for parking and entry fees next year.

Newsletter - Gordon thanked all of the newsletter article contributors who have generously shared experiences and writing talents this year.

Face Book Mark reported that he continues to post photos from our events to the RMJC Face-book page and encourages everyone to view and enjoy them.

continued Minutes of the Meeting of Nov. 16th by Bill Beeson

Event Recap

November 1st was a great Move-in Party to open the Jaguar Exhibit at Forney's. Again, many thanks to Shawn and Christof.

New Business

Steve opened the Elections with an announcement that Deb Ramirwz has withdrawn as a member of the Board. The slate of candidates published in the November Cat Tales was opened for discussion. No discussions were forwarded. Steve stated, "Unless there are any volunteers for any of the office positions or board, I will accept a "Moved & Seconded" motion for the ballot to be closed and accepted by acclamation". The motion was seconded and the Officers were elected by acclamation of the members in attendance.

December

No Monthly Meeting at Piccolo's

3rd Board Meeting, Kennedys'

7th Saturday Christmas Party-Heritage

Eagle Bend Golf Club, (Same place as last year)

E470 & Gartrell Rd. Handout Map

The Special Raffle was held with Jan Radcliffe winning the model replica of the Forney Museum Jaguar Mark V.

Other Raffle winners- Vince L, Brian R, Pat M, Brent M, Ray S, Judy G, Gordon K, Betsy B, and Harry F.



The folks that desired to see the many other vehicles in the storage behind the museum joined Christof for an interesting tour. There were all types of cars, motorcycles, carriages, and even an airplane (a twin engine Beechcraft no less) awaiting their day in a museum exhibit. Cars made by unlikely manufacturers like Brewster, Graham, Studebaker, Fraser and AMC are sitting next to Packard, Mercedes, Lotus, Ford and Chevrolet. I for one had never seen a Brewster or a Graham.



All in all it was a great evening with beautiful vehicles and good friends.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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Chris Barrington's Mark 2

Most of the Forney photos in this issue were taken by Steve, Bill or Gordon



This one is FOR SALE



The trains were a bit neglected tonight.



Dwight and Christof reminiscence about old cars



The back rooms held some really old carriages



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Remembrance of a Great Road Trip

By Roger and Jan Radcliffe

In July 2016, my son and I headed for Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, home of the beautiful Road America road course to take in four days of historic racing. It was a nice two-day drive through middle America to reach our destination, with an overnight rest stop in De Moines Iowa. We arrived in Fond Du Lac Wisconsin in the middle of a rain storm, making it somewhat difficult to find our hotel.

Fond Du Lac is located at the south end of Lake Winnebago and is a good base camp since it's only fifteen minutes from the race track.

The next day we arrived bright and early and found a good place to park overlooking turns 5 and 6. A great place to watch the racers climb the hill to the pedestrian bridge before turning left and heading down the hill to the carousel. And you can get some great photos as they come out of the turn.



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Page two Remembrance of a Great Road Trip

By Roger and Jan Radcliffe

They race all four days, Thursday through Sunday, and there are cars on the track all of the time. There are many, many classes to choose from for our watching enjoyment. But watching the cars run isn't the only reason to be there. We also walked many miles up and down the hills to look in the garages to see what the entrants were hiding.



***a Lister Jaguar and
a mysterious XJ13***



where did this come from?



I don't remember any details about the origins of this car, but it is probably a replica built by Race Car Replicas based in Fraser, Michigan.

Unfortunately, even though we made several trips back to their garage, we never did see the XJ 13 moved out into the sunshine so we could get a good look.

Friday evening is party time in Elkhart Lake. Many of the entrants drive their race cars to downtown Elkhart Lake to show them off on the city streets. Someone brought their very nice SS? to join in.



These are only a few of the many cars that were at the races. The featured series that year was the can-am cars and there were tons of them. Lovely sounding V8 motors. We spent all four days soaking up the atmosphere and enjoying lots of racing.

The drive back to Denver was rather anti-climactic, but we talked cars, both favorites and the disappointments for hours. It's been four years since this trip and my memory isn't very clear about everything we saw and did, but I have several hundred photos to remind me of the good times we had. Maybe it's time to plan another trip.

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Report on The Forney's Event by Frank Sullivan

Following dinner at the Forney Transportation Museum (FTM) we were treated to a private tour of the "staging area." This is where they prepare old cars and circulate cars and carriages to and from the showroom. In one area they store cars for private collectors and the monthly fee of \$150 per car helps offset the operating expenses. It's a massive area with many large rooms. Our tour guide was Christof Kheim who has been curator for 10 years and knows all the history of all the cars, carriages, trains, and planes.

I learned that James "JD" Forney was the same Forney of Forney Industries on West LaPorte Avenue in Fort Collins. I had no idea he was involved in car collecting as large car collections usually come from big money. The old site in Fort Collins looked like it barely made any revenue at all as the buildings were old and dilapidated. In 2011 the company did move into a nice new warehouse and industrial complex of over 100,000 square feet. Forney traveled to his distributors via private rail cars which he owned. Later he became a pilot and flew to his customers. At the FTM there is a large Beechcraft airplane with a big dent in its nose. They took away his pilots license after he hit something with his plane.

Forney used to brag that there were Forney tools in every town in America. He started off selling an "instant on" electric soldering iron and then branched into arc welders. They sell a vast num-



ber of different metal working tools, grinding materials, and farm and ranch products. Many ranchers and small companies could not afford the down payment for his arc welders so he often took in old cars and carriages in lieu of a down payment.

JD Forney was an engineer who loved the eclectic and odd. Yes, there are Studebakers and a couple of old Rolls Royces. The first car in his collection was a Kissel. Many of the car names in the collection you would not know. Long ago, states like Indiana had dozens of car makers and these are the ones he loved to collect.

In a dark corner of the FTM sits Steam Locomotive Big Boy 4005, a cousin of 4014 which we saw racing past Cheyenne this summer. This one has a tragic history in that an inexperienced youth was assigned switching and he sent the monster wheeling into parked rail cars in a siding, killing three people in the process. Knowing the back story on it, I took another look to admire the rumpled iron plating on its sides.

JD Forney passed away in 1986 and the company is now owned by his 3rd and 4th generation offspring.

This panoramic photo was taken by Gordon at the November 1st party when the club's Jaguars were first displayed.





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Electric Vehicle News by Gordon Kenney

Ford announced the 2021 Ford Mustang Mach-E, a 4 door “crossover” that is the first all-electric car Ford has produced. It’s planned for a 2021 introduction; 44k to 60k \$’s, 0-60 in mid 3 seconds and a 210 to 300 mile range. It’s great to see one of the big 3 introduce a new EV!

Lexus announced it’s first all-electric EV, the UX300e. It’s a cross-over vehicle with AWD and a 200-250 mile range. Available in China and Europe in 2021 and USA later. We know it will be nice.

Tesla introduced their pickup, the “Cybertruck”, an all-electric pickup slated for delivery in late 2020. It’s dramatic looks tends to overshadow many new features including a “walkable” retractable cover for the 6’6” bed, 6 person cabin, tailgate with integrated pull-out ramp, 110 & 220 volt electric power and compressed air outlets. Prices start at \$39,900 for the base model which has a 3,500 lb payload, 16” ground clearance and a 250 mile range. Other models have a 14,000 lb towing capacity, a 500 mile range and a 0 to 60 time of 2.9 seconds. All are built with an exoskeleton of bulletproof 30X cold-rolled stainless steel. Options include solar cells on the bed cover which can recover 15-20 miles of range per day, camper conversions and an electric ATV that fits in the back and can recharge from the truck.

With some manufacturers introducing pickups with prices from \$70k up to \$125k its good that these show that an all electric pickup with 250 miles of range can be purchased for \$40,000.

They took deposits for 180,000 trucks in the first 36 hours!

Good News for those traveling cross country in an EV.

Most EV’s can easily be charged at home from common 240 v house circuits. But to go cross country high output DC (direct current) chargers are needed to recharge the batteries in a reasonable time (gaining 100 miles of range in 15 minutes). There are many level 1 and level 2 (110-240 AC) chargers available (shopping centers, municipal buildings, dealers, etc) but the higher output DC chargers are often not available.

That is rapidly changing as companies as **Evgo**, **Plugshare** and **Electrify America** are daily expanding the availability of 50 kW and higher DC chargers throughout America. They have good maps of charger availability on their web sites.

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Report from the CCCC meeting of Nov. 6th by Dick Thompson

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Guest Speaker: Daniel Mondragon and Rob Jurgenheimer described the organization Hands of the Carpenter that assists single mothers and other women in need of automotive help. They have a shop at 16097 S. Golden Rd. in Golden and have formed teams of 4 or 5 skilled volunteers who undertake providing repairs, vehicle placement, and education regarding basic automotive maintenance. They can always use vehicle donations and volunteer help. Contact is www.ehands.org or 303-526-4488.

Guest Speaker: Matthew Groves is VP of Legal Regulatory and Compliance with the Colorado Auto Dealers Association. CADA is associated with the Freedom to Drive organization that aims to promote the right to drive private vehicles. Matthew described the current tendency to create regulatory and financial disincentives to use private internal combustion engine vehicles, including eliminating parking places and promoting bus and bicycle lanes. He discussed a proposed program "CO Clean Air Through Reducing Emissions Fund (CO Care Fund)" that is patterned after similar funds in California and Texas. The goal would be to reduce pollution, primarily ozone precursors, by making investment in clean technology and incentivizing replacement of older heavy equipment. Funding sources proposed are fees, primarily on diesel trucks, but also on all vehicles through a "smog impact vehicle registration fee". We may hear more about this when the legislative session begins in January. Dick Thompson advised that car enthusiasts need to be prepared to work with CADA to safeguard our driving rights.

Legislative: Leo Boyle reported that there are warning signs (perhaps ignored) that promoting electric vehicles may encounter China's dominance in batteries for cars with consequences for buyers in America. Leo noted that the Colorado Legislature will resume in January with administrative actions such as forming committees and chairpersonships and by February we should see bills that are being proposed. He expects that there will be action on updating the myriad license plates in Colorado and we should watch for changes in plates used by collector vehicles.

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