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Dues are \$75.00/year which includes "*Cat Tales*", membership in JCNA, the national "*Jaguar Journal*", eligibility to enter JCNA sanctioned Concours d'Elegance and other national and regional events.

For new memberships there is a one-time \$20 additional charge covering name tags, club patch, decal and membership cards. Use the form in this newsletter or printed from the web site or sign-up online.

Non-members subscriptions are \$30/year; Canadian and foreign are \$36/year. Membership is open to owners of Jaguar automobiles and to others interested in furthering the enjoyment of Jaguars.

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A members' business card ad is \$45/year and will be in "Cat Tales" and website. Ads run from January 1st to December 31st but can be prorated. Must be paid in full at time of placement.

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President's Letter

Merry Christmas to all! And may the New Year treat you exceptionally well!

We had a great Christmas party, compliments of the Kennedys! Deanie does such a wonderful job, and we had a ball.

Also at that event, I was fortunate enough to be able to award Shirley Kenney with a Life Membership in RMJC, in recognition of the incredible service from her husband, Gordon to the club. He is and will always be missed. She was very pleasantly surprised as this was unexpected. Many thanks to all who made this possible.

We set up some activities at the board meeting, but if anyone has anything they would like us to do or be involved in, just contact any officer in the club to see what can be done.

Jean and I will be spending the Holiday at The Gaylord. She wants to be pampered, and who am I to stand in her way? We will see the Christmas Show, as well as the Cirque Du Soleil as well. Should be a good time.

Until we meet again, enjoy life, and let's have some fun!

Frank Oakley

RMJC President



Renewals

Dues are Due!

If you haven't already done so, please DO! Due to JCNA raising their membership dues, 2022 dues will be \$75. You can either go to the RMJC web site and renew there,

http://rockymountainjaguarclub.org/membership-renewals/

Or complete the renewal form on the inside back page of this newsletter.

Renewals and the 2021 Roster have been mailed. Please check the roster and let us know of any changes.

For new members, our printed Membership Form did not have a place for Birthday Month/Day on it. Now it does. We are still working on updating the web site. When you renew, please everyone, we like to include birthdays in the newsletter and make sure the list of Jaguars you own are up to date.

Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is of Gayle Berkey's Caldera Red 2016 F-Type.

Gayle says, "It's my first Jaguar which I'll have had one year on Christmas eve. I grew up in Russell, Kansas and the town Banker had an early 60s Opalescent Silver Blue XKE coupe. My childhood friends and I drooled over that car for years. We built the XKE large model kit in red. Then, a few years ago, I had a client show up with a new, white, F-Type convertible. My old Jaguar infatuation was renewed. For over a year, I watched the Car Gurus web site. I waited until I found what I was looking for; a red "S" with full leather, optional brakes, glass roof, and black trim and fairly loaded. When one turned up in Denver, I thought I'd just stop by and have a look. I wanted one with less than 30,000 miles. This one had 23,000. I wanted known history and a clean CarFax. To my surprise, the small boutique dealer, Motorcars of Denver, was owned by the brother of a longtime client of mine. He knew the car's history. It was a corporate lease from Pennsylvania. I used https:// monroneylabels.com/ to look up and purchase a copy of the window sticker. It was as close as I knew I would get to exactly what I wanted. Once I saw it in person, I couldn't risk someone else buying it first so I immediately made a deal. Best decision I've ever made! Now, I find myself driving it for no reason sometimes."

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December Board Meeting Minutes

The Board meeting this month was graciously hosted by Mike and Debbie Ramirez. The Board thanks them for a delicious meal and festive Holiday setting in their beautiful home.

Membership Report-Deanie reports that the club has 126 members. 2022 membership renewals are to be mailed soon. The dues for 2022 will be \$75.00 per membership.

Treasurer's Report-Deanie reports that the club remains on budget as we close the year.

Web Master Report-Deanie has updated website with information for 2022. Members should check it out.

CCCC Update-The club is looking for a member to be our representative to the Classic Car Club of Colorado.

Face Book-No update for this meeting

Newsletter-Steve reports steady work on each month's Cat Tales. He is always looking for contributors and articles.

Old Business-None Event Becan

Event Recap

RMJC Christmas Party-The Kennedy's hosted a terrific party at their spacious home with special help from Cyndi and Howard Mumm, who were visiting from Florida. There were more than fifty holiday revelers enjoying lively and sometimes quite animated conversations, tasty drinks, and a dinner to die for.

November-Club Election Results

Pres: Frank Oakley VP: Bob Grossman Membership/Treasurer/Web Master: Deanie Secretary: Bill Beeson Chief Judge: Gary George

Upcoming Events/New Business Possible 2022 Events:

Board:

Chris Barrington Brent McGibbon Vince Lane Tom Estes Deb Ramirez

Appointed Positions:

Newsletter Editor: Steve Kennedy Facebook: Mark Kintgen Concours Chair-Vacant CCCC Rep-Vacant

Forney Transportation Museum Three-way events: The Forney Museum is coordinating a special deal with the Vehicle Vault in Parker and the RodZ & Bodz Museum at the Colorado Mills Shopping Center in Denver with a "Three-Museum Passport" for \$33 This Passport allows attendance in all three museums, plus special credits at each museum store.

The Golden Super Cruise: This a popular Cruise and Street Show in downtown Golden on the first Saturday of each of the warm months. Perhaps we gather our Jaguars at one or more of these cruises.

Cars and Coffee events: There are several Cars and Coffee events throughout the region. These are held regularly most weekends. This could be a good venue for the start of a RMJC drive.

2022 Events in Planning

ACC Car show-June 5

Colorado Railroad Museum -TBD (Maybe Mid May) - Steve Parker with Steve K are planning the Spring Dust-off to the museum.

April 9 – Frank Oakley is hosting the Spring Tune Up at his garage. Bring your Jaguar and use his lift.

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Summer Drive - July 16th tentative - Tim & Cynthia with Deanie are planning a Summer Drive that will start and finish at the Pinecliff Clubhouse

2022 RMJC Concours d'Elegance – TBD – The Board is considering a Concours committee for the planning and execution of the event. There are a few venues under consideration. British Motoring Conclave- Sep 17 & 18

2022 Board Meetings

February Board Meeting – The Board voted to cancel this meeting because of potential snow April Board Meeting – To be hosted by Bob Grossman June Board Meeting – To be hosted by Debbie and Mike Ramirez August Board Meeting – To be hosted by Bill and Betsy Beeson October Board Meeting – To be hosted by Frank and Jean Oakley December Board Meeting To be hosted by Steve and Deanie Kennedy

Please note that there will <u>not</u> be a General meeting on $Dec 21^{st}$.

After a busy Board meeting, the board meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Bill Beeson RMJC Secretary

Club Shirts

Club shirts are once again available. We just have found someone in Louisville that will put the club logo on your shirt for \$25, <u>you supply the shirt,</u> <u>jacket or whatever</u>. Turn-around time is usually 2 weeks or less. Contact Steve.



New Members

Vickie Zwart just joined and she has a Satin Beige with the Barley interior 1989 XJS.

Vickie says, "I have always liked Jaguars since I can remember. As a kid, my Father had classic cars, and my first job as a teenager was taking care of a family friend's classic cars – about 25 of them. I like the body style of the older Jaguars....they had style! I recently purchased a 1989 XJS V12 Coupe. This is my first Jaguar (besides the model that has been sitting on my desk for 25 years). For me and my lifestyle, a Coupe just was not practical, but I find myself not caring as much about being practical and just wanting to have fun. So, I am excited to get to know this group and have a good time looking at some nice Jaguars and making new friends."



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Cyndi & Howard's Quest for a new Jaguar XKR

In August of 2013, I totaled our 2000 Jaguar XK8. Not my fault, but our XK8 had a bent frame, and looked terrible. Allstate wouldn't fix it, so we sadly watched it being towed out of our driveway. Cyndi and I had bought the car in 2006, as a replacement for her ailing Cadillac Seville. It was a little rough, having come from a snow state, Massachusetts. We worked hard on our XK8, replacing a headlight assembly, fixing a window motor and doing our best to eliminate the road rash on the front. We joined the RMJC that year, to learn more about our car, and what we could do to make her look and drive better.

Over the next 7 years we became very involved in the RMJC. Cyndi and I became President. She was Concours chair more times than I can count, and we attended about every driving event. We loved the camaraderie of the club and enjoyed the people and the social aspects as much as the cars. So when our Black XK8 was towed out of our driveway in August of 2013, we realized we had lost our connection to the RMJC. We hadn't lost our friends, of course, but the connection to the purpose of the club. It was a very emotional time for us. We vowed we would find another car and regain that connection.

Fast forward to 2021. Cyndi and I moved to Florida in 2017, and had been looking for our XK for 8 years. Never found one that was the right price, the right money, right condition, or somewhere we could go and see it. We had very specific parameters for our potential car; 20K miles, black coupe XKR, and in condition to compete at Concours. There were lots of Jags and XKs in Sarasota but they were all daily drivers, and we never passed one without thinking, "They need to clean that Jaguar."

In October of this year, Steve and Deanie Kennedy came to visit us on their way to the International Jaguar Festival in Sanibel Island Florida. They drove their F-type out from Colorado, and stayed with us for a couple of days. We decided to drive down and attend the event, driving our trusty Ford Explorer. Being around all those wonderful cars in that setting got us focused on finally finding our XKR. There were many XKR models at the Concours; XKR-S, XKR-GT, and absolutely none were for sale.

Last month, a friend of ours from across the channel came over and had a cocktail with us. He was a realtor, and frankly was scoping out our house to see if he could



sell it. But he was a Jaguar guy. He had owned over the course of the last few years, 7 XJs and pair of red matching XK8's. One for him, one for wife. We talked at length about our search for our XKR, and how we could never find the right one . He assured me he knew a lot of Jaguar people, and he would see what he could find for us.

The very next morning, I got a text from him that read "Have you seen THIS ONE?" There was a web ad for an XKR FINAL FIFTY for sale in Belle Grande, outside of Nashville. Not really that far from Sarasota. I called the number, and got the sales manager. He assured me this XKR was in pristine condition. I mentioned that both myself and Cyndi had been Jaguar judges, and that our car had won its class many times in Concours events, and that our version of pristine may be different from his. He assured me that he only sells top end performance cars, and this XKR was his favorite.

Cyndi sent the information to our friend Thom Buckley in Colorado Springs. He popped back, "Buy It!" "Price is right and it is rare" This car checked all of our requirements; low mileage, black, good condition, rare, somewhat close.

At this time Cyndi and I didn't really understand the FINAL FIFTY designation. After doing some research we found that these were the last 50 XKRs made by Jaguar in 2015, 25 Coupes and 25 convertibles. All Ultimate Black Metallic, Cream interior, Performance Package added, special air scoops, and a unique spoiler on the rear. Signed by Ian Callum on the console. A truly rare car. I called the Nashville shop back, and put down a deposit to hold the car. We then went on a mission to go and get our Forever Car. On November 19th, we flew to Nashville from Sarasota. We were very excited, but also wary of being disappointed by the condition of the car. We had a wonderful meal in Belle Grande, at a little restaurant called "ETC". It helped to pass the time, and make the night go quickly.

The next morning, we Ubered to the dealership in the slowest Uber ever. When we arrived, the lot guy was "detailing" the car. We looked it over closely. No scratches, no door dings, no front scoop damage from curbs, interior looked new. Cyndi drove the XKR a few blocks, and as we turned around to go back she punched it, and snapped our heads back. It was ours.

Our vision of leisurely driving back to Sarasota from Nashville was quickly obliterated. I-24 around Chattanooga is an old 2 lane interstate, that moved at a snail pace. We were in stop and go traffic for hundreds of miles. There were only a few times we could let the XKR run and accelerate and perform. Those few instances were breathtaking. We made Macon Georgia at 9 pm, instead of the 5 pm Google Maps told us. I-75 was worse, only now 3 lanes of stop and go traffic. All Northerners and snow-birds were coming to Florida for Thanksgiving, and we were in our new car in the very middle of it. We witnessed many acts of stupidity and recklessness, and feared we would lose this car before we got it home. As we approached Sarasota that evening at 10 miles an hour, we ran into a blinding rain storm. Thanks for the rear fog lights on Jaguars. We got to our home 18 hours of driving after leaving the dealership. Google Maps said we would be home in 11 hours of driving.

We had experienced one of the most exciting, frustrating, scary experiences of our life while purchasing our XKR. She now sits in our garage, having been cleaned several times. As I broke out our car care products, I realized I hadn't cleaned a Jaguar in 8 years. It felt wonderful!





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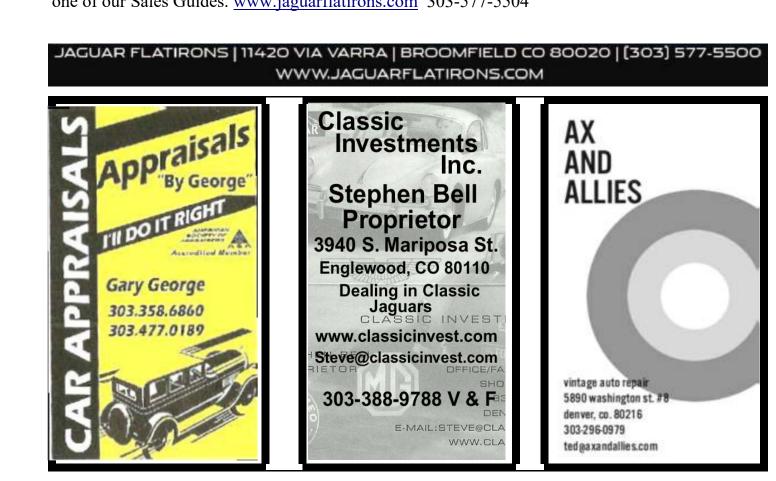
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Holiday Party







There were 51 people in attendance. Somehow Deanie managed to find enough tables and chairs for everyone to sit at. Cyndi and Howard were here from Florida. Cyndi and Deanie spent the previous day getting everything ready for the party. So glad Cyndi was here to help.

We want to thank everyone for coming, it was a great event.

Happy Holidays, looking forward to a great New Year . We have some fun events planned.









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2022 RMJC Club Schedule of Events

January

18th, Monthly Meeting at The NY Deli

February

8th, No Board Meeting 15th, Monthly Meeting

March

13th Daylight Savings Time Begins 15th, Monthly Meeting

April

- 9th, Spring Tune-Up at Oakleys
- 12th, Board Meeting at Grossman's 17th, Easter 19th, Monthly Meeting

- 23rd Judge's school at Kennedys

May

- 8th, Mother's Day
 14th, Judge's school at Kennedys
 15th, Spring Dust-Off Colo. RR Museum
 17th, Monthly Meeting

June

- 5th, ACC Show 14th, Board Meeting at Deb & Mike R's 19th, Father's Day
- 21st, Monthly Meeting at The NY Deli 27th, Concours-NEED HOST

July

16th, Summer Drive/Party-Volens 20th, Monthly Meeting

August

9th, Board Meeting Betsy & Bill B's 16th, Monthly Meeting at The NY Deli 26th-28th Glenwood Rallye

September

4th Colo Spgs Air Show 17th-18th Colorado Grand in Vail 17th-18th, Conclave-Gary 20th, Monthly Meeting at The NY Deli 25th, JCSC Concours Talk about slate for Candidates for Elections

October

- 9th Drive for the Kids
- 11th, Board Meeting at Oakley's 18th, Monthly Meeting at The NY Deli Talk about slate for Candidates for Elections

November

- 6th Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 15th, Monthly Meeting at The NY Deli **Club Elections**
- 24th, Thanksgiving

December

- 11th, Holiday Party at 13th, Board Meeting at Kennedys 20th, NO Monthly Meeting
- 25th, Christmas

January Members' Birthdays				
Jackie Redrupp Jeanne Pucci Bill McClure Rosemary Denton	Jan 1 st Jan 5 th Jan 6 th Jan 6 th	If we missed your birthday during the year, please let us know.	Jean Oakley Ray Horrall Brent McGibbon David Vigil	Jan 8 th Jan 8 th Jan 16 th Jan 29 th

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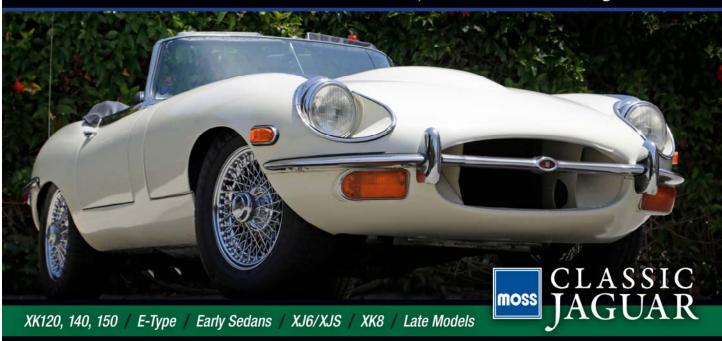
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January 2022

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