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President's Letter

Hello everyone and welcome to December. This is my last "President's Letter" and I admit that I am writing it with a lot of mixed emotions. While I have enjoyed my 2 years as president it is time for someone else to step in and guide the club into the future and I know that our new president, Tom Estes, is ready, willing and able to take the reigns and steady the course. He will have my full support!

If you haven't heard, Jaguar cars is "re-branding". The official announcement takes place on December 2nd in Miami FL. The new logo is "jaGUar" which is pronounced jag-u-ar as they want to get away from the "jagwar" pronunciation once and for all. The letters in the new logo are all the same size but are all lower case except for the G and the U. There is also a rendition of a re-designed leaper floating around the internet that vaguely resembles the current leaper but it is unclear if it will show up on any of the new vehicles or in any of the advertising. Their "buzz word phrase" is "copy nothing" and some industry observers believe Jaguar may not build any cars in 2025 as they re-invent the Marque in an all electric world. We shall see.

At the club president's zoom meeting last week I learned that there are 58 Jaguar clubs in North America including Canada and Mexico that are under the JCNA umbrella. Unfortunately the current exchange rate has \$55.00 U.S. equaling about \$75.00 Canadian and the new increase in JCNA dues is prompting the Canadian clubs, which total 450 members, to vote in December whether or not to remain in JCNA. Hopefully they will decide to stick with us! I also learned that the 2025 IJF (International Jaguar Festival) will be hosted by the North Georgia Jaguar Club at the newly opened Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville GA. And finally I have come to learn just how lucky we are to have the vibrant active club that we do with supportive members who enjoy taking part in all our annual events. Believe me it is not that way everywhere.

I can't in good conscience close this final letter without acknowledging all the help I have received in administering my role as president. First I have to thank Steve and Deanie for their tireless efforts both visible and unseen that make this club what it is. Bill Beeson for his own tireless work as our secretary and his willingness to keep us entertained month after month with his vast film library of all things Jaguar. Thanks to Mark Kintgen for keeping us posted on Facebook and Tom Estes serving as our liaison to both the CCCC and the ACC Colorado Concours. I also want to thank all the Board for their efforts and send special thanks to Betsy Beeson for making sure our Holiday Party is the best and Debbie Ramirez for all the clever treats and little extras throughout the year.

See you all at the Holiday Party December 15th and at the Blue Bonnet, January 14th 2025!

"I couldn't find the sports car of my dreams, so I built it myself" *Ferdinand Porsche*

President Vince

This Month's Cover

A little over two years ago, my neighbor Bill and I, embarked on a dream that I never thought I would see come true. He had always heard rumors of what I had sitting in the garage, and proceeded to pester me for months on end to open the doors and let him take a look. He didn't quite know what exactly was sitting in there, but he lit up like a Christmas tree once we started uncovering the car. It was on that day, that we agreed to roll it out and try to see if we could get it running again. It was an adventure we both set out on together, learning every inch of that car through books, YouTube tutorials and any other source of information we could get our hands on.

The car was in decent shape, with only 31,000 original miles. It had the expected mouse damage and layers of dust from sitting buried for 30yrs after my father had passed. Day by day, we methodically went through the car, cleaning and restoring each section. All parts are original, with the exception of replacing gaskets, a new fuel pump & sender, new oiler switch, new rubber trim that had dry rotted, a new leather boot for the gear shift, new carpet, new brake calipers, shocks and tires. The radiator is original and still has the old original Marston tag on it. It also has the original canvas top, which I applied a few coats of dye to bring back to its old self. We started working on it at the end of October, and had it back on the road by Spring.

The car has a bit of some cool history to it. It originated from Chicago, IL. where my father had purchased it with only 4,000mi. He had learned about the car through Hugh Hefner's younger brother, Keith, whom he had went to school with. Whether or not either one of them had owned or driven it, we have not been able to trace or verify. It still has the underground garage parking pass sticker on the windshield, from the original Chicago Playboy mansion.

One day, I would like to put together a slide show or documentary, showing our journey of working together and getting this beauty back on the road. It's been amazing learning all about this car and truly a joy being hands on in the process. We had so much fun working on this project, we ended up hunting down a 1974 Triumph TR6, to continue our fun in the garage, and to keep enjoying the quirks and joys of the British motoring realm.

Meredith Childress

RMJC November Monthly Meeting Minutes

President Vince opened the meeting with “Thank you for coming this evening”

There were no new members or guests in attendance. No one shared any information about new Jaguars added to the club in the last month, but VP Bob reported that he had recently sold the 1969 E-Type that Brian and Jackie Redrupp had owned for many years. Hopefully, the new owner will keep this Jaguar and join the club.

Member November Birthdays

Nov 2 - Brian Meyers Nov 3 - Tom Estes Nov 10 - Susan Strader Nov 12 - John Cicchetti
Nov 15 - Chris Barrington Nov 16 – John Davis Nov 19 – Judy George Nov 21 – Pat Meyer
Nov 26 – Barb Lane Nov 28 – Herb Goede

Membership Report – Deanie reported that the club membership is steady at 124 members. She also reported that the RMJC 2025 membership dues will increase by ten dollars. This increase is due to the fact that Jaguar Land Rover corporate has removed their funding to JCNA. This move by JLR is another example of Jaguar abandoning their heritage as they move toward their new “image”, which is focused on luxury electric vehicles. The result of JLR decisions is that, in order to continue JCNA and the Jaguar Journal magazine, JCNA was forced to increase dues

Deanie reported that the club remains on budget.

Treasurer’s Report – Deanie reported that the club remains on budget with only the Holiday Party expenses left to pay this year.

Colorado Collector Car Council (CCCC) Report – Tom E. reported that there was no meeting this month.

Facebook- Mark reported that the Cat Tales has been posted, plus several photos from the Colorado Grand Event.

Recent Events: The RMJC Fall Drive started at the home of Deb and Mike Ramirez with coffee and breakfast sweets. The participants then toured to the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg. There is a great article of this event in last month’s Cat Tales. The Wild Animal Sanctuary has a jaguar related story about a male jaguar that has been rescued from a family in Mexico who mistakenly thought that they could raise it as a pet. Your Secretary would rather own our kind of Jaguars.

Upcoming Events: Dec 15 – Holiday party at the Blackstone Country Club in Aurora. Reservation details are in the Cat Tales and online.

RMJC 2025 Elections: Tom Estes was elected the club President by unanimous vote. By acclamation of members present, the Officers and Board were elected.

2025 RMJC Officers: President – Tom Estes, Vice President – Bob Grossman, Secretary- Bill Beeson, Treasurer – Deanie Kennedy, Chief Judge – Steve Kennedy

Board Members: Jeff Kern, Deb Ramirez, Betsy Beeson, Dwight Eisnach, Gary George

Appointed Positions: Facebook – Mark Kintgen, Editor-Steve Kennedy, Web Master-Deanie Kennedy, Membership Chair-Deanie Kennedy, Concours Chairs-Steve & Deanie Kennedy

Program – Jay Leno’s Garage: XJ13 Replica Video and a brief history of the XJ13 by Bill B.

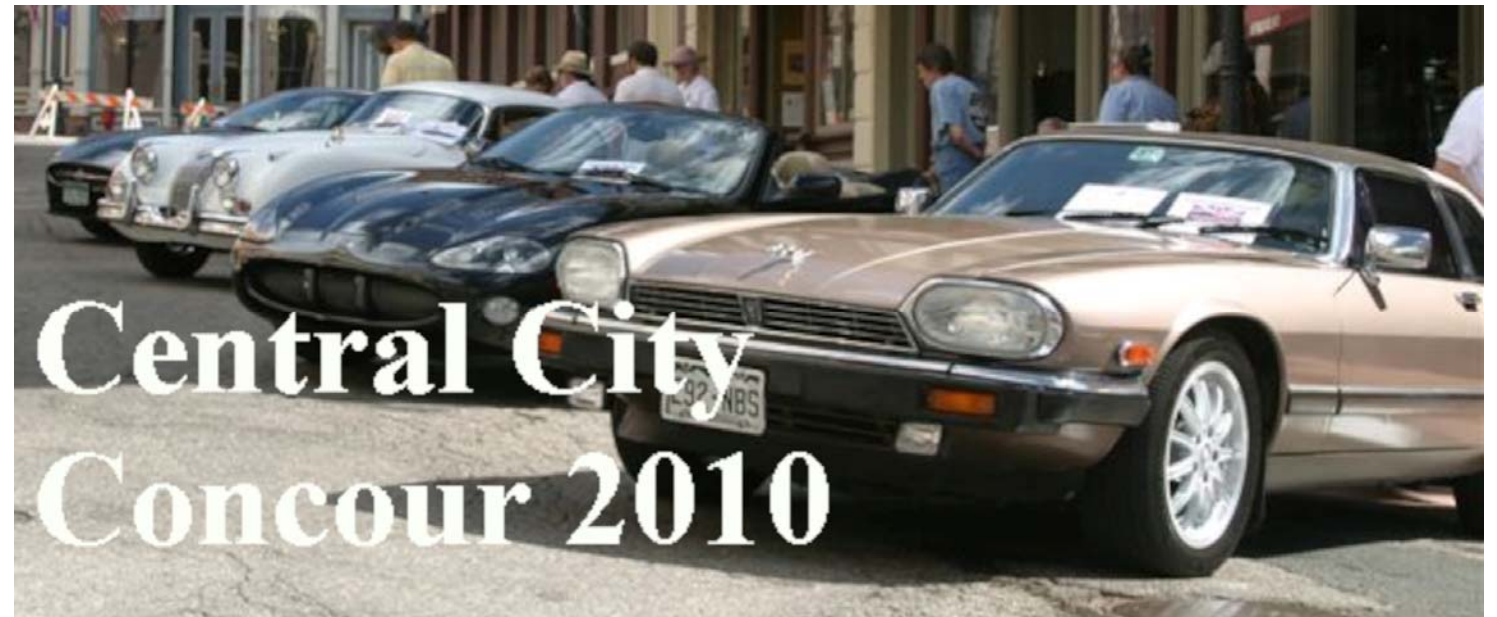
Meeting Adjourned

Bill Beeson- Secretary

Pictures from the Past

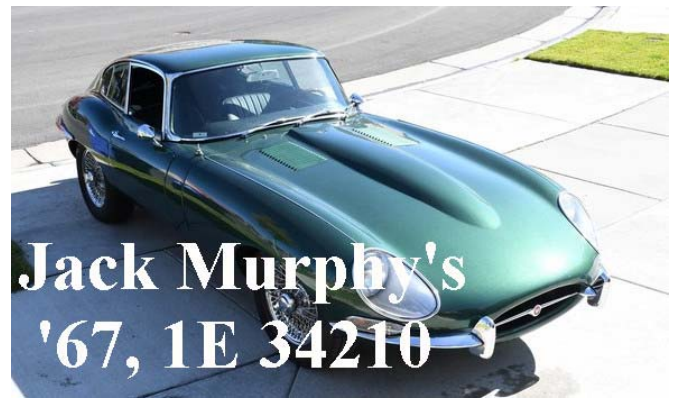


Alice and Jack Braley's XK 140



Central City Concour 2010

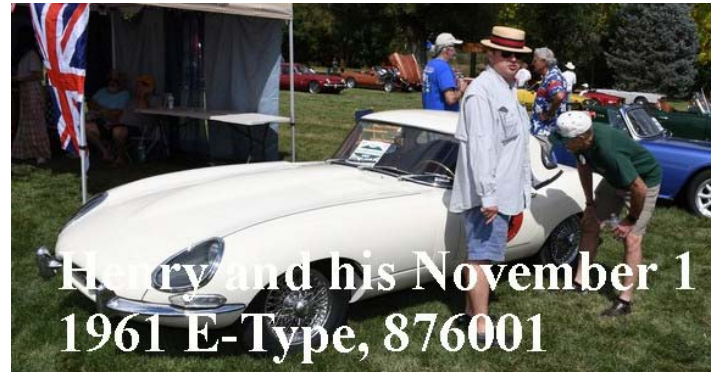
Just because I don't have a life outside of Jaguars and old Fords, I have been working on a supplement to the JCNA Series 1 E-Type Judge's Guide. The members below have been gracious enough to let me take photos of their E-Types. If I haven't gotten to you, I will soon. Note: yes I am shooting some detail closeups of Ser 1 1/2s as many of their details were the same as the Series 1 E-Types. There are other club members I hope to contact soon for photos of their E's as well.



**Jack Murphy's
'67, 1E 34210**



**Meredith and her October
30, 1961 E-Type 875950**



**Henry and his November 1
1961 E-Type, 876001**



**Tom Keohan's '66 E that
restored some years ago**



**Roger Maurer's '67 E
1E 33748**



**Brent & Pat Meyer's,
8 February 1967, 1E
77148, 2P2**



**Ken Laff and his '61
OTS, 875223**



**Mel and his 1E 31628
August 25, 1965 E-Type**



**Dave Hornback and
his 1965 1E 12250**



Election Results

These RMJC have been elected for the following offices.

President: Tom Estes

VP: Bob Grossman

Secretary: Bill Beeson

Treasurer: Deanie Kennedy

Chief Judge: Steve Kennedy

Board of Directors:

Betsy Beeson

Debbie Ramirez

Dwight Eisnach

Jeff Kern

Gary George

The following are appointed positions:

Membership: Deanie Kennedy

Webmaster: Deanie Kennedy

Newsletter: Steve Kennedy

Facebook: Mark Kintgen

Concours Chairs: Steve & Deanie

Jaguar Club of Southern Colorado

Steve and Deanie went down to the Springs for a dinner meeting with the Jaguar Club of Southern Colorado. The club has been having a lack of enthusiasm in their events, so they wanted to ask the membership what their plans were for their future. Around 20 of their members showed up and they decided they wanted to continue with the club. They elected officers for their various positions. Even though Thom is no longer a Jaguar dealer, he is still quite enthusiastic about the club. He even brought a number of items as Give-Aways. Jack is JCNA web master and JCSC Chief Judge.

They are a great club and they do need our support for judges at their concours. It would also be great if we could plan some events where the clubs could get together. If you have some ideas, please let our new RMJC club president, Tom Estes, know Thomas_Estes78@gmail.com.



Thom had some Give-Away Stuff



Christy Olsen



Gary Kerkow, Thom and Al Thaut



2025 Telluride Autumn Classic

While I have received several invitations to attend the coveted Telluride Autumn Classic, I've been patiently waiting for a Jaguar focused event. It was by a sheer chance encounter at a Corvette Rally that I met Ray Cody, the Organizer of the Telluride Autumn Classic.

We had a lengthy discussion about the upcoming 2025 Classic, as Ray was very excited about the variety of new events next year. It was then that I suggested that the 2025 Classic could be focused on Jaguars. Since that time, Ray and I have had several conversations about the plausibility of doing a 2025 Jaguar Autumn Classic.

That said, here's where we are today. Ray has been very supportive of my idea. This would be a Nationally focused Jaguar event. I would work with Ray to take care of invitations and information to all of the National Jaguar Clubs.

There would be no cost to the Jaguar Clubs for this event – they have plenty sponsors. The only expense would be to display your Jaguar on this prestigious golf course. As for Hotels, there will be several to choose from next year that will offer significant discounts for the weekend.

As I say, this is a work in progress, we're not there yet. We have much to do to make this the best Telluride Autumn Classic yet! I've attached a link below to provide some idea of what the 2025 Telluride Autumn Classic weekend of events entails as well as Hotel accommodations.

Steve Parker

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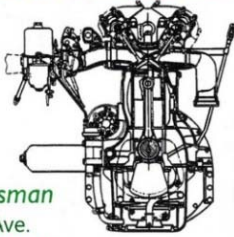
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Body Style (Coupe) _____	
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Year _____	Model (XK8) _____
Body Style (Coupe) _____	

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January

9th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet
27th, Polar Bear Swap Meet-Adams Cnty Fairgrounds

February

3rd Seminar-Tri-state swap meet *
6th, **Board Meeting at Ramirez**
13th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet

March

9-10th, Tri-State Hot Rod Car Show
10th Daylight Savings Time Begins
12th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet
14-17 **AGM in Charlotte, NC**
31st, Easter

April

2nd, Board Meeting at Eisnachs'
4-7 Denver (New Car) Auto Show, at the
Convention Center
9th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet
20th Judge's school at the Kennedys

May

4th, Spring Dust-Tour Jeff Schroeder's
11th, Judge's School at the Kennedys'
12th, Mother's Day
14th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet
27th Memorial Day Car Show at Applebee's
on west Colfax & Miller

June

4th Board Meeting at Jeff Kern's
9th ACC Show
7-9 Glenwood Rallye
11th, Monthly Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
16th, Father's Day
22 RMJC – Cherry Creek Country Club
Concours d'Elegance

July

4th, Independence Day
9th, No Monthly Meeting
13th, Summer Party 3-? pm at the Kennedys
20th, Forney's Dusting and Donuts

August

3rd & 4th Colorado Scottish Festival at the Denver
Polo Club in Sedalia
3rd - CCCC Cars, Planes, Swap meet, Rocky MT.
Metro airport
6th, Board Meeting at Barb and Vince Lanes
13th, Monthly Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
24th, Morgan Adams-Centennial Airport
25th, JCSC Concours

September

2nd Labor Day
7th, Albq Club Concours
10th, Monthly Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
14th-15th Colorado Grand in Vail
14th-15th, Conclave
20th, Bids for the Kids, Denver Country Club
Sep 26-28 Telluride Autumn Classic

October

8th, Monthly Meeting followed by the
Board Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
Talk about slate for Candidates for Elections
19th, Saturday, Fall Drive— Deanie & Deb

November

3rd Daylight Savings Time Ends
12th Monthly Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
& Club Elections
28th Thanksgiving

December

3rd, Board Meeting at the Kennedys
10th NO Monthly Meeting
15th Holiday Party at the Black Stone Country Club
25th Christmas

December Members' Birthdays

John Wheeler Dec 4
Gerry Tubaugh Dec 9
Chris Bieker Dec 11
Craig Anderson Dec 17



**If we missed your birthday
during the year,
please let us know.**

Kim Bunch Dec 21
Betsy Beeson Dec 23
Bonnie Rickel Dec 25
Michael Whitehouse Dec 25

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