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President's Letter

Hopefully April showers bring May flowers and Jaguars leaping out the door. I'm looking forward to the May dustoff. I hope all have signed up and are raring to go.

I thought I'd offer up a tip on the only two things a man is good for, yard work and vehicle maintenance. This note focuses on the vehicle maintenance item. When I signed up to be on Facebook I did it for the purpose of staying in contact with family and friends. It has accomplished that for me, but I've also wound up traveling far and wide with the application. I'd say I'm pretty much rattling around like a BB in a tin can so to speak. In so doing, I fell in with a users group for XK8 owners. It's more than a beauty contest. Yes people post pictures of their rigs but the real value is in the ability to ask questions and provide answers to folks in the group. Inevitably someone will ask about a problem they are having and are searching for a way forward. I've owned my 2000 XK8 for 10 years. Amazing how time flies. The bad news is I've encountered just about every problem one can expect with the marque. The good news is I've fixed these foibles and banked the lessons learned. The thing is you don't know what you don't know and being able to share stories and offer up possible solutions is a valuable commodity. I'm not here to bang the drum for Facebook but it does provide one of many avenues for learning. The search engines on the forums are decent but narrowing the search down to the answer you need can be a time consuming slog. Like any of these public websites you have to take the bad with the good.

The moral of the story is you don't have to go it alone. Your membership with the Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club provides you with friends and activities for sure but one of the most important things is the brain trust that comes with it. Our monthly meetings are a great opportunity to share your stories of what got fixed and what got broke with our members who are some of the most accomplished shade tree mechanics in the country. I strongly encourage you all to attend the monthly meetings. You can come for the food and leave with great information and a smile on your face knowing you learned something new that day from trustworthy friends and you won't be off in the weeds of a Facebook forum exchanging nits with someone you don't know and who may or may not have your best interests at heart. I'm reminded of the words of that song in Toy Story. You've got a friend in me, You've got a friend in me, When the road looks rough ahead and you're miles and miles from your nice warm bed. You just remember what your old pal said boy, you've got a friend in me. You've got troubles, I've got 'em too, There isn't

anything I wouldn't do for you, We stick together, we can see it through, Cause you've got a friend in me.

As always, I wish you pleasant journeys on friendly roads,

Tom Estes, President

Warning, Don't Be Scammed

One of our members just received an email asking that money be sent immediately to cover an emergency expense. It was falsely signed by our president.

If you ever receive such a request, **CALL** the person asking for the money immediately.

We never ask for funds from our members. Deanie takes care of the treasury and she is the **ONLY** one that would be sending money to anyone.

May 9th, Judges School at the Kennedys

The second of two Judges Schools will be held at the Kennedys, 8137 Zang St, Arvada, on May Pizza at 11:30, Judges School starts promptly at noon. However, if you would like to see a preview of the Series 1 E-Type Judge's Guide, please be at the Kennedys at 11:30.

Last year's Judges and those who have said they want to become Judges: Gary George, who this year will be available for questions but not judging, Tom Keohan, Chris Barrington, Ray Horrall, Dwight, Eisnach, Dave Massy, Bill Nesse, Mike Lemke, George deWalde, Jeff Schroeder, Johnathan Galassini, Bill Beeson, Steven Kreisman, Henry Platts, Tom Estes, Jon Strader, Jeff kern, Wayne Anderson, Marco Scofidio, Jordan Drazin, Burke Payne, Jack Humphrey, LaRon Cosley, (Springs Club) Craig Beale (Albq Club) . For Apprentices, you are welcomed to attend the second Judge's School as well. Please be here at 11:30 or a little before as well. Everyone, please plan on attending.

President Tom Estes Called the meeting to Order: 7:01 pm and welcomed everyone to the April 14, 2026, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet Café.

New Members: None

Guests: None

New Jaguars: None

Member Birthdays:

Tom McNamara	Apr 1	Deanie Kennedy	Apr 18
Jon Strader	Apr 3	Mike Limke	Apr 18
Laura Drazin	Apr 3	John Gedroez	Apr 21
Roger Radcliffe	Apr 7	Steve Parker	Apr 21
Cyndi Mumm	Apr 8	Ken Mulhall	Apr 23

Membership Reports: None, Deanie Kennedy is at AGM

Treasurer's Reports: None, Deanie Kennedy is at AGM

CCCC Update: Tom Estes attended the April 1, 2026, meeting. Called to order at 7:31 PM by President Dick Thompson. Meeting was held at Academy Street Police Station in Colorado Springs. The CCCC lobbyist Leo Boyle was not in attendance, but Dick gave a short update. The bill to make it legal for antique and specialty vehicles to be driven on State streets for parades and special events died in committee. Will be re-submitted next session. People who bought surplus Humvees cannot drive their vehicles legally in Colorado. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurers report, the CCCC has \$22,895 in the operating account and \$25,500 in the reserve account. The money is used to fund the salary of our legislative lobbyist, fees for event locations and contributions to pro-collector car legislators that either sponsor legislation that benefits collector car clubs or fights to prevent legislation that would be detrimental to collector car owners. So far this year 35 clubs have paid dues. There are 55 clubs as members of the CCCC.

Newsletter: April edition is out with no additional updates as Steve Kennedy is at AGM

Facebook update: Mark Kintgen April newsletter is posted

Recent Events Report:

Judges School on April 11 delivered by Chief Judge Steve Kennedy was well attended. We have at least 15 trained judges to perform judging at Concours events at any Sanctioned Jaguar Concours this year. A second Judges school is scheduled for May 9 at Kennedys, so sign up if you wish to judge this year or learn about how cars are judged.

Upcoming Events:

May 2 – Spring RMJC/JCSC Spring Drive

May 9 – Second Judges School at the Kennedy's, Pizza Lunch at 11 am plan to finish by 4pm

May 10 – Mother's Day

May 12 – Monthly Meeting at the Blue Bonnet

May 25 – Memorial Day Car show at Applebee's on West Colfax & Miller.

New Business:

May 2 – Lafayette Cars and Coffee, 7 to 10, 355 W. South Boulder Road, Lafayette

May 2 – Golden Super Cruise 5 to whenever, Golden Road

May 9 – Coy's Swap meet, 7 am – 2 pm Jeffco Stadium, 500 S Kipling St (6th and Kipling), Lakewood

June 7 – ACC Concours d'Elegance & Exotic Sports Car Show, 9 am – 3 pm, Arapahoe Community College, 5900 S Santa Fe, Littleton

Raffle: Complete

Old Business: None

Tonight's Presentation: None

Good of the Order

Adjourned: 7:38 pm

Lisa Bressler, Secretary

43rd Annual Colorado Concours & Exotic Sports Car Show

Sunday June 7, Arapahoe Community College

Web site/Registration

Online registration is open: www.ColoradoConcours.org

\$55 per vehicle DISPLAY ONLY entry, club judged entry and featured marque entry.

\$100 per ELITE JUDGED entry

\$25 per MOTORCYCLE entry

All entries include 2 gate tickets and 1 poster

If someone registers three (3) or more vehicles, they will get a 25% discount.

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 10, 2026 11:59PM: Last Date to Sign Up for Elite Class Judging

Friday, May 15: Last Date to Sign Up and Have Packet Mailed

May 16-22: Can Still Register Online, but must Pick up Packet at Red Registration Tent Day of Event.

Friday, May 22 11:59PM: Online Registration Closes.

Registration will be available MORNING OF EVENT 7AM -8AM

Judging: Terri currently working with past Elite/Concours judges to find a new lead to replace Tom Scott. **Site Layout** - Same as last year

Will your club be judging this year? Need ribbon count by **April 15th.**



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For Sale

An outstanding 1967 Jaguar Series 1 E-Type OTS is being offered for sale by Dr. Eugene Toner in the Albuquerque area. This is a beautiful example of the marque. Work done since includes: new paint, re-chroming of bumpers and powder coating of exhaust manifold for upgrading its appearance. Heritage Certificate included.

Mechanical work done includes: Upgraded rear main seal, Head refurbished, Transmission rebuild, Pertronix ignition, High output alternator. This is an excellent running and beautifully presented car. Dr. Toner's health has taken away his ability to drive and enjoy this work of art.



This car will go to auction by the middle of April. Serious inquiries only. \$100,000 reserve. If anyone is interested before that time, please contact Dr. Toner at: gton-er350@gmail.com.

1962 Mk2 3.8 manual with factory power steering and overdrive. 92,600 original miles on matching numbers, good frame and body. 1980s white pearl with original red interior. Heritage Certified. Factory spec components other than contemporary radio, positive ground upgrade, and performance muffler set. Correct 2015 tires show little wear. Minor pitting on wheel skirts.



JCNA Southwest Region Concours d' Elegance Champion 2018 and 2019. Includes toolbox, matching spare, manuals, LED tail light upgrade not yet installed, and more. Original windshield needs replaced. Located in Colorado Springs, \$26,000. Rory Andrykowski rory.nrel@gmail.com, email, call or text 720-339-4612.

Spring Dust Off , Saturday, May 2, 2026

Drive to Burlington

We are very excited to announce that we are going to the Burlington, CO Kit Carson Carousel for our Spring Dust Off. They are normally only open from Memorial Day to Labor Day but they are going to open up just for our group for our Spring Dust Off. I have been working with Frank Albert, he and Jennifer live in Colorado Springs now. Frank Albert has been working on the drive and has worked out routes for both clubs, where we will meet and then travel into Burlington as a group. We have a restaurant reserved for lunch and then we will head to the Carousel.



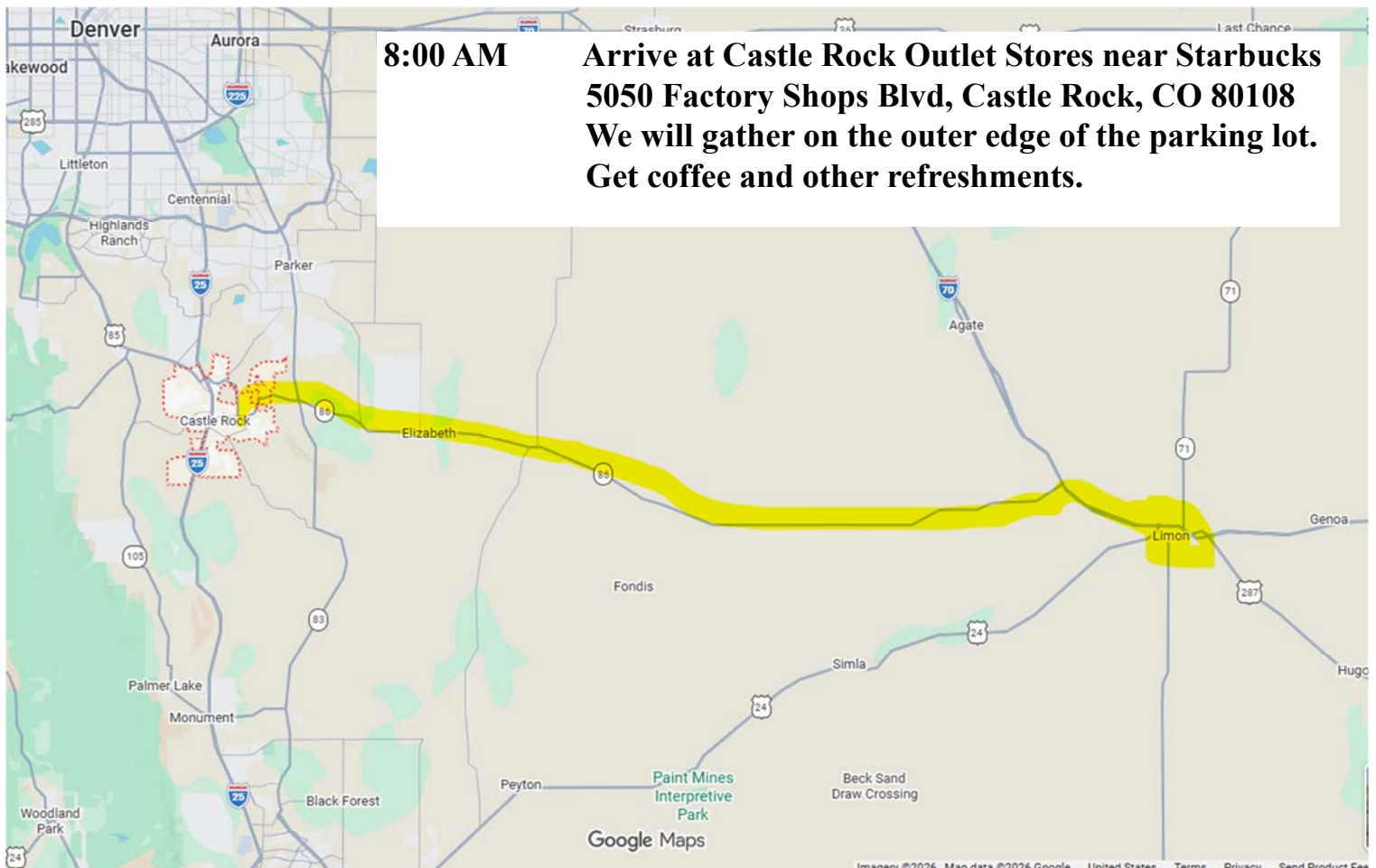
The cost per person is \$35. This covers lunch and the carousel.

See details below for the point of departure and the schedule of events.

I hope you can join us as I think this is going to be a really exciting day!

If you have questions my email is dkennedy@ecentral.com

Deanie Kennedy



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2026 Mexico City AGM

The 2026 Mexico AGM was much better than we expected. Getting there thru Dallas was a bit of a problem; they changed gates on us 3 times. Once we got there, the Fiesta Americana hotel was just like being in an American hotel, food was great, water was safe. **Wednesday** we took a tour around the city in a double decker bus. They really have some amazing architecture there. We had lunch at the top of one of the hotels. **Thursday** we went to the pyramids. We were there just a couple of days before the shooting that was on the news, but when we got back, there was a bomb located on a road in Boulder, so no matter where you go, there can be problems. **Friday** was the AGM. We wound up in a much smaller room than we normally have but there were also fewer people, only around 45. The AGM went pretty smooth, we even got through all the agenda items. Rule Book: as there were some logistical problems getting the updates posted 45 days before the AGM, no new rules were passed. The Series 1 E-type Judge's Guide also was not on the agenda. However, there will be a special meeting at the International Jaguar Festival in Pittsburg on July 16-19. That Friday, we will have a Special one-hour or less, meeting to pass both the new rule concerning moving the Series 1 1/2 E-Type back to the Series 1 E-Type Class and accepting the Series 1 E-type Judge's guide for use at future concours. **Friday evening** we had a banquet at the hotel where they had Mariachis. One of the Mexican Jaguar owners, Luis Aguilar, even got up and sang with them. He was a great singer. **Saturday** we attended their big Concurso where there were easily 400 cars, some 60 Jaguars. Steve got to judge E-Types and check out his new Series 1 E-Type Judge's Guide to make sure everything is accurate. **Saturday evening**, we went to a Mexican Restaurant for some real Mexican food which was fabulous. Sunday, we departed early but several other members stayed on another day.





City Art



The City



The pyramid where the shooting was



The smaller pyramid



Steep Steps



Lunch at the top



Doug from Utah



Host Alex Mena



President Mark





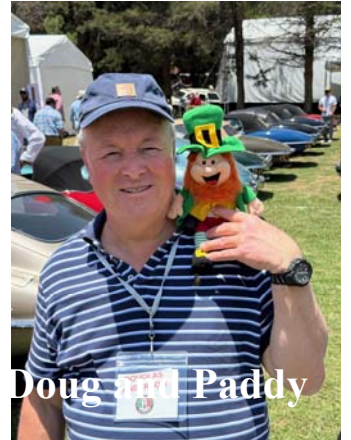
Great line-up of E-Types



MK IV



XJS



Doug and Paddy



Sarita and Jeff Carlson



XK SS





Paddy is in the middle of everything



Vail Concours

Register Today for Automotive Fun!

The complete schedule can be reviewed at VailConcours.com. The Vail Concours is a three-day automotive event held in Vail, Colorado, from September 18th to 20th. Since its inception in 2009, the Vail Concours has attracted a diverse group of automotive enthusiasts from across the United States and Canada. Entries encompass a wide range of vehicles, from contemporary supercars and sports cars to vintage collector cars, muscle cars, and motorcycles.



Beyond being a car show, the Vail Concours offers three days of driving and social events with like-minded automotive enthusiasts leading up to the concours. Our focus is “fun” and giving back to our community.

The Vail Concours is entirely volunteer-produced. We need volunteers to serve as hosts and judges. Hosts act as event ambassadors and play a crucial role in safely guiding vehicles in and out of pedestrian and cyclist-accessible areas. Many of our volunteers are enthusiasts who are not competing. We encourage you to consider volunteering or suggesting friends to do so.

The Vail Concours is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports local non-profit organizations. Proceeds from this year’s event will be allocated to the Vail Valley Charitable Fund and the Epic Promise Employee Foundation. We kindly request a generous donation at registration.

Mark Bergman, President

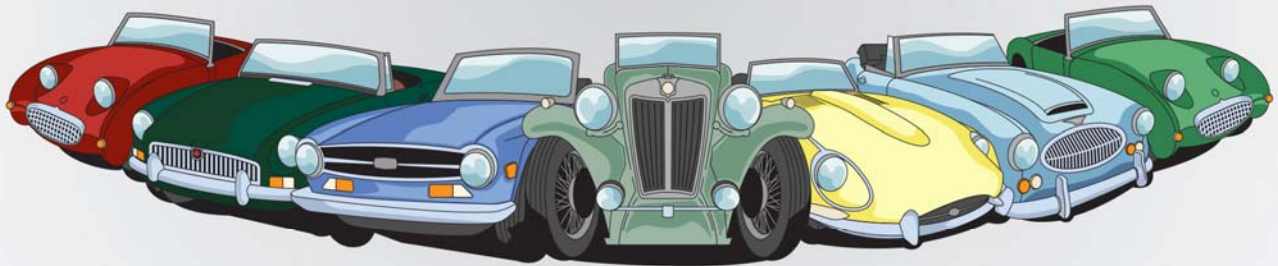
For Sale: 1986 Cranberry Poly Jaguar Series III XJ-6 sedan with a 4.2L I6 driven only 47,516 miles. The vehicle is completely functional and drivable but does have several oil leaks from the power steering, front timing cover and transmission. There are a few nicks and scrapes on the front driver side fender and passenger door. Although this vehicle is drivable, I would advise anyone considering purchasing this car not to depend on driving it to your destination. Manufacturing date 7/85 VIN SAJAV1343GC432201. \$4,000.00, email for more pictures.

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Just in, this beautiful 2024 F-Type R75 (P575), Carpathian Grey/Ebony F-Type. It is used, if you can call it that with 6022 miles on it. Give Nick a call, 303-703-6234 direct, if you are interested in adding this beautiful F-Type to your Cat Collection.



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2026 RMJC Club Schedule of Events

January

13th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet

February

10th, Monthly & Board Meeting at The Blue Bonnet

March

8th Daylight Savings Time Begins
10th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet

April

5th, Easter
11th Judge's School at the Kennedys' 11-4
14th, Monthly & Board Meeting at The Blue Bonnet
16-19th AGM in Mexico City

May

2nd Spring JCSC/RMJC Drive
9th, Judge's School at the Kennedys' 11-4
10th, Mother's Day
12th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet
25th Memorial Day Car Show at Applebee's on west Colfax & Miller

June

7th ACC Show
9th, Monthly & Board Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
21st, Father's Day
27st RMJC – Cherry Creek Country Club Concours d'Elegance

July

4th, Independence Day
4th, Colo. Springs Air Show
11, Summer Party 3 -? pm Lisa Bressler
14th, No Monthly Meeting

August

11th, Monthly & Board Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
22nd, Morgan Adams-Centennial Airport

September

7th Labor Day Car Show at Applebee's on west Colfax & Miller
8th, Monthly Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
Talk about slate for Candidates for Elections
12th? Albq. Club Concours at the fairgrounds
19th-20th, Conclave

October

3rd, Saturday, Fall Drive _____
13th, Monthly & Board Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
Talk about slate for Candidates for Elections
31st Halloween

November

1st Daylight Savings Time Ends
10th Monthly Meeting at the Blue Bonnet & Club Elections
26th Thanksgiving

December

1st, Board Meeting at the Kennedys
8th NO Monthly Meeting
12th Holiday Party at the Kennedys'
25th Christmas

May Members' Birthdays

Mary Ruth Staadt	Mar 6
Judy Whitehouse	May 2
Deborah Ramirez	May 3
Jane Billings	May 6
Marianne Nesse	May 9
Mike Ramirez	May 9
Cynthia Volin	May 10


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

Ken Breitkreuz	May 12
Jeffrey Kern	May 12
Roger Noonan	May 20
Pat Miller	May 24
Judy Orr	May 27
Jennifer Stock	May 29
Dwight Eisnach	May 30

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May 9th,
Judges School



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