



The Jaguar Club of Southern Colorado

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Newsletter

The April JSCS Club meeting was highlighted by a presentation by Mr. Mike Beyersdorfer of Meguires car care products. This was a very interesting presentation and provided lots of little gems of car care information that makes maintaining your beloved Jaguar not only easier but more fun. Jaguar/Land Rover Colorado Springs now carries Meguire products in the Parts Department. Please see Dave in Parts for any fine Meguires products or information.

CURRENT EVENTS

We now have a WEB PAGE!!! Thanks to Mr. Matt Grimes, JCSC now has it's own web site, www.jagclub.org . This long time dream of our Club is now a reality! It's a good place to review past issues of the Club Newsletter, check out what's on the agenda, look up details of who's on the Board and find out what your fellow Club members are driving. You can look at the restoration process of some Club members project cars and access links to other Club web sites and the JCNA website. If you can't find what you

want on the website, write it up, add some photos and submit it to www.matt@mistycastle.com .

Planning is progressing for the Second Annual Pikes Peak Concours d'Elegance. This will be an ongoing project at each Club meeting until October. Please contact Jack Humphrey for further information or join us at one of the meetings and find out what's involved. The Concours is a great event but requires the involvement of as many members as possible. Please, come join the fun.

UPCOMING JCSC EVENTS

Spring Cleaning and Barbecue. The April event will be held at the Jaguar / Land Rover Colorado Springs dealership in Motor City. This was originally scheduled for the 24th but has been rescheduled for May 1 due to the damp weather forecast for the 24th. An email reminder will be sent just prior to the event. The forecast for the weekend of May 1 isn't looking too dry either, but come on down anyway and join in the fun, "rain or shine".

The May JCSC Club meeting will be held the third Tuesday of May (May 18th) at 7:00 P.M. at the Colorado Springs Jaguar / Land Rover dealership, 575 Automotive Way, Motor City. If you have any friends interested in Jaguar automobiles, please invite them to one of our meetings or events so they may see for themselves how our Club operates. We would very much like to see our club grow and bringing visitors to one of our events is an excellent way to introduce them to one of the benefits of the "Jaguar Lifestyle".

Do you have a JCSC logo decal in the window of your Jaguar? No? Well, we have the solution. Please request either an interior or exterior window decal at the next Club meeting and show the world you belong to the finest Jaguar Club in Southern Colorado. The decals are free, by the way.

The May 2010 Club drive will be a tour of the Pueblo Air Museum. The tour will be on Sunday, May 16th. We will meet at the Jaguar Colorado Springs Dealership and drive to Pueblo for lunch then drive to the Pueblo Airport for the tour around 1:30 P.M.

UPCOMING RMJC EVENTS

RMJC now has a location to conduct slalom events. We are still looking for a location (at least 350' x 150' unobstructed) in the Colorado Springs area as well.

The Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club will be holding their Spring Dust-

Off on Sunday, May 23. The event will begin at E-470 and Bowles and end in Colorado Springs with lunch along the way. Details of the route will not be revealed until the day of the event as per RMJC tradition. Rumor has it that this is a GREAT event. The Denver Club has planned the event so that it is easy for Colorado Springs or Southern Colorado Jaguar owners to attend this drive. This should be a lot of fun and we expect to see several JCSC members at this event. How about you? More detailed information will be presented at the May JCSC Club meeting.

Other events on the RMJC schedule include (but are not limited to):

Cerebral Palsy Car Show, June 12, 13
RMJC Concours, June 25 thru 27
RMJC Fall Drive, October 10, 11.

If you plan to attend the RMJC Fortune Valley Concours d'Elegance in Central City, CO on June 25 through 27 you can contact Concours Chair Gene Cookenboo at cookenboo@msn.com or 303-674-7154 for more information. Details on RMJC events are available at any JCSC Club meeting or at www.rockymountainjaguarclub.org.

Don't wait too long to get your reservations! This could be a sell-out event!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This information just came in to Gary regarding the Annual General Meeting of JCNA in Indianapolis.

Report from the AGM

by

Jerry Nuijen

JCNA had a new President, Dick Maury of Coventry West, a new Vice-President, D Bryan Williams of Pennsylvania, and a new Secretary, Steve Kennedy, of Colorado. There are also a few new regional directors, including yours truly. Steve Kennedy resigned as Southwest Regional Director and Tom Krefetz of San Diego was appointed for the remaining year of his term. National membership is down. As of Dec 31, 2009 we had 5525 members. Two clubs have dropped out, Visalia and Central Coast both of Calif., but two new clubs are forming in Idaho and Kentucky. Costs are up, revenues are down (sound familiar?) and for the first time in recent memory JCNA lost money (~\$7000) and losses are projected for the next few years. On the other-hand, the treasury is robust at over \$300,000. These funds will be needed to see all the clubs through some lean years as we update and expand JCNA services to members. One new service, just getting off the ground, is the Resource Desk. It will be a clearinghouse for technical info, manuals, authenticity guides, and, in the future, a place to borrow specialty tools. All thanks to George Camp of the South Carolina club. The website will receive an overhaul and Member Services will be updated. Jaguar Cars sent a real car guy, Dan Algarin, as their representative. He "drove up" in the one and only XJ13 in existence! Gary Bartlett was nice enough to display his D type and gave an evening talk on his near fatal accident in the Mille Miglia where he slid off the road in his XKSS and landed upside down. He was medivaced to the US (something which costs about \$150,000) and advises anyone who travels overseas to buy the medivac insurance (~\$400). He's sure he'd be dead today if he'd stayed in that Italian hospital one hour longer. The Indiana Jaguar Club (JAGIN) did a great job of hosting the meeting. Friday night we had dinner in the Stutz museum among the display cars, which included a very original 1914 Bearcat. The General Meeting on Saturday was held in the Grand Lobby of the Indianapolis Union Station that is about

200 ft long, 100 ft wide and 70 ft high. We couldn't even see the delegates at the other end of the room, but thanks to a great sound system everyone was able to have their say and be heard.

There have been some minor concourse rules changes putting teeth into the rule that the person showing a car must prove they actually own it and rules are in the works regarding commercial endeavors which have no place on the competition field (no For Sale signs and no business promotions). Two main Bylaws changes make the Secretary an appointed position and Regional Directors are no longer term-limited. These changes were necessary because, just like at the local level, JCNA can't get enough people to volunteer to do the "heavy lifting".

Cheers,
Jerry

The Western States Event is April 26 - 30 in Santa Maria CA. The last word we received indicates that there are over 184 registrants (and the number is still growing) including 6 from Colorado.

If any of our Club members attend, please bring back a report and some photos for our Newsletter.

Details on JCNA events are available at www.JCNA.com.

ABOUT MY JAGUAR

Last month, I included a few photos of Gary's XK-150 but neglected to show his other Jaguar. Here's Gary's other piece of "precious metal":



Gary Kerkow's XK at the 2009 Pikes Peak Concours d'Elegance

This month's "ABOUT MY JAGUAR" will feature my two Jaguars, a 2008 S-Type and a 2003 XK-8.

My interest in Jaguar began when I was in high school. While all the other guys I knew wanted muscle cars, my interest was European sports cars. However, the "Big" moment occurred the week after graduation when I visited Thoroughbred Car Company on East Platte Avenue (then the east side of town) and sat in a new Jaguar Racing Green XK-E coupe. This gem cost the astronomical sum of \$6336.00. Of course, it was completely out of my price range (probably for the best at that time in my life) but it planted the idea that I would carry with me for the rest of my life: Owning and driving a Jaguar.

However, I wasn't so easily discouraged from owning a British sports car: Several years later, I lowered my standards and bought a well used 1968 MG-B. What an education in British car reliability that ended up being! I believe I replaced every electrical and mechanical piece of that car at least once and often 3 or 4 times. However, nothing else I had

driven up to that point even came close to the joy that car provided.

Many years later, the Jaguar dealership came to Colorado Springs. My father became interested in buying a new car and I convinced him that the Jaguar X-Type was exactly what he needed. He enjoyed his Jaguar so much that it rekindled my interest.

One nice bright summer day, I drove by Thom's dealership and spotted a beautiful 2005 S-Type that just seemed to have my name printed right across the windshield! I just had to drive that car and the feelings I experienced in 1965 came back full force.

I owned the 2005 S-Type for a year before I learned that Jaguar was going to drop the S-Type for the XF and I decided that I should have that last 2008 that was sitting in front of Thom's office. No one even knew I had traded cars as they were both the same color.



Last of the S-Type, 2008

Along with the S-Type came the Jaguar Club. Visiting the Jaguar dealership on a monthly basis and belonging to the Jaguar club meant

repeated exposure to THE “sports car”. There was always an XK beckoning and I believe it was Roy Winton that told me driving one of those was a life altering experience - he was absolutely right! So, now I have an S-Type and an XK-8 and its 1965 all over again.

Some things in life are worth waiting for!



Don's 2003 XK-8 coupe

JAGUAR NORTH AMERICA NEWS

If you are following the new JaguarRSR racing team, the next event will be the Monterey Sports Car Championships ALMS race on May 21 and 22. These races have been televised on SpeedTV.

Jaguar will also return to the famous 24 Hours of Le Mans sports car endurance race this year, June 12, 2010. The Jaguar entry will be an XKR GT entered by Jaguar's team JaguarRSR. This event will be carried live on SpeedTV.

WHAT'S NEW AT JAGUAR

If you read the March/April issue of Jaguar Journal, you may have noticed that Jaguar is in the process of developing a hybrid vehicle. The system described in the Jaguar Journal utilizes a miniature (18 inches long) gas turbine (yes, a jet engine!) to drive a generator for charging the battery pack. This would function as a “range extender” to possibly permit a range of many hundred miles between plug-in charges.

Another system that has reached prototype stage is a XJ sedan (dubbed the *Limo-Green XJ* Prototype) capable of averaging 48 miles per gallon and running for up to 30 miles with zero emissions. The prototype is capable of zero to 60 miles per hour acceleration in 7.5 seconds.

In place of the new XJ 5.0 liter V-8 engine is a small 47 horsepower “range extender” three cylinder 1.2 liter engine that weighs only 123 pounds. The little engine runs at a constant speed of 3500 RPM to deliver around 35 kW of electricity to charge a Lithium Ion Phosphate batter pack mounted under the boot floor. The battery pack, in turn, provides the energy to drive a 3 phase, water cooled, brushless electric motor capable of a maximum motor speed of 8000 RPM and developing an output of 194 horsepower and 295 lb-ft of torque. The electric motor is connected through a two speed automatic transmission to the standard XJ rear differential. The *Limo-Green XJ* is capable of operating up to 30 miles on battery power alone (without the gasoline

engine operating). The car is also designed to be plugged into an electric outlet overnight and be fully charged by morning.

The system is capable of a top speed of 112 miles per hour and will run at 100 miles per hour for up to 10 minutes but must be slowed to 80 miles per hour to charge the battery.

Jaguar / Land Rover are committed to spending \$1.3 billion on cutting fleet carbon dioxide emissions by 25% in the period between 2008 and 2012. (Limo-Green XJ information courtesy of "Jaguar Insider, January/February 2010 Edition).

For comments or submissions for the JCSC Newsletter, please contact any of the board members listed below.

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**The JCSC Calendar of
Events for 2010**
(Subject to change)

April 20th: Meguires Car Care Seminar – April JCSC Meeting

May 1st : Spring Cleaning & Barbecue

May 16th: Pueblo Air Museum

May 18th JCSC Meeting

May 23rd: RMJC Dustoff

June 15th JCSC Club Meeting

June 25th, 26th, and 27th: RMJC
Concours d'Elegance

July: Summer Barbecue. Cussler and Cobra auto museum tours.

August: Holy Cross Winery

September: RMJC Conclave

October 2nd: JCSC Concours d'Elegance and British Motoring Festival

November: JCSC Board Election

December: Christmas and Holiday Party.

FOR SALE

If you would like to list an *automobile* FOR SALE in this newsletter, contact Larenda H. for details.