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1950 Jaguar XK120 owned by Gary Singer

Welcome to the 1st quarter 2022 JCNM Newsletter, which covers the months of September through December 2021. Thanks to prior newsletter editor Kimberly Wrightson for her dutiful service. Lots of news to cover! – Stan Fitch, (new) Editor

CLUB BUSINESS

The following leadership changes were made at the November 2021 JCNM business meeting:

- Tom Graham was re-elected to the position of JCNM vice-president. Thank you Tom for your continued service to the club.
- Two new officers were voted onto the executive board. The JCNM welcomes Craig Beale as secretary and Mike Walton as treasurer. They replace Richard Gill and Jan Gill, both of whom resigned for health reasons.
- Patrick McDermott volunteered as the JCNM membership chair, replacing Mike Walton in that role.
- Another change finds Stan Fitch volunteering as editor of the JCNM Newsletter and as moderator of the JCNM Facebook page.

SEPTEMBER 2021 EVENTS

The **New Mexico State Fair** once again invited the JCNM membership to display their Jaguars at the fair. On September 11 the club presented numerous cars on Main Street near the Indian Arts Building.



The XJ-6 owned by John Dias commanded the line at the State Fair.



Mark Dodd smiles for the camera while "Farmer" John Dias, Craig Beale, Boyd Kleefisch, and Lyle Ferrell evaluate the engine bay of his right hand drive Jaguar 240 Mark 2.



'Fair food' was in vogue for lunch under an elm tree at the New Mexico State Fair. Shown (left to right) are Jim Burson (snacking on a rib), Gary Singer (white shirt), Linda Kleefisch (back to camera), Mike Walton, Virginia Walton, and Boyd Kleefisch.



Oh, Scarlett darling! She is such a raucous little temptress. "How fast have you driven her?" one State Policeman asked Stan Fitch. Stan declined to say. No, duh! Even so, Boyd Kleefisch almost spilled Stan's beans.



Beware of feral cats at the Fair! This beauty is owned by Boyd and Linda Kleefisch.



The State Fair manager awarded 1st place to Gary Singer's 1950 XK120. Singer stands here with New Mexico State Police officers for the presentation. Photo courtesy of Jim Burson.

September 2021 Events ... continued

On September 25, Boyd Kleefisch (F-Type) and Jim Burson (XJS) represented the JCNM at the annual **Convertibles to the Crest** drive to Sandia Peak.



Photo courtesy of Boyd Kleefisch.

OCTOBER 2021 EVENTS

On October 15-16, 2021, Mike and Virginia Walton, and Craig and Julie Beale participated in a JCNM-organized trip to Chama, New Mexico to ride the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad to enjoy the changing aspens in the high country. (Sorry, no photos provided to the JCNM Newsletter.)

NOVEMBER 2021 EVENTS

On Saturday November 20, the JCNM conducted its monthly drive to the Wheels Museum near downtown Albuquerque. Following is a summary with photos.

The **Wheels Museum** is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization that works to preserve the history of transportation and travel, especially as it pertains to Albuquerque and the American west. The museum is located on the site of the former Santa Fe Railroad shops and yards adjacent to Albuquerque's historic Barelmas neighborhood downtown and is in the early stages of development. The museum has collected model trains, full-sized vehicles, a gift shop, and more.

Built in 1914 during the railroad boom, the Albuquerque railyards serviced steam locomotives for the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway. The yards were in

operation beginning in about 1915, and during that time the Barelás neighborhood and downtown Albuquerque boomed. However, with the advent of diesel-powered electromotive engines, use of steam-powered locomotives halted. Albuquerque's steam locomotive shops were abandoned in the 1960s.

The **Wheels Museum** aims to collect a wide variety of artifacts for display and is participating with the City of Albuquerque to renovate this rather unique facility. In fact, a collaboration between the museum, the city, and the movie industry has resulted in a number of movies being shot at this location.

A chief goal of the museum is to increase funding through charitable donations sufficient to restore key buildings. For instance, the museum is working to reopen the blacksmithing shop where visitors can see the dwindling art and its craftsmen. Another goal is to sponsor activities at the museum such as and community festivals and railroad enthusiast clubs. They are also attempting to attract regional and national car shows to the plaza on the northern side of the campus.

The museum is hoping that the JCNM and the Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) will consider conducting portions of their concours and International Jaguar Festival at this site. Admittedly, the Wheels Museum and railyard require further and substantive development to sponsor large gatherings.



Museum president Leba Freed provided the JCNM a briefing prior to the museum tour.



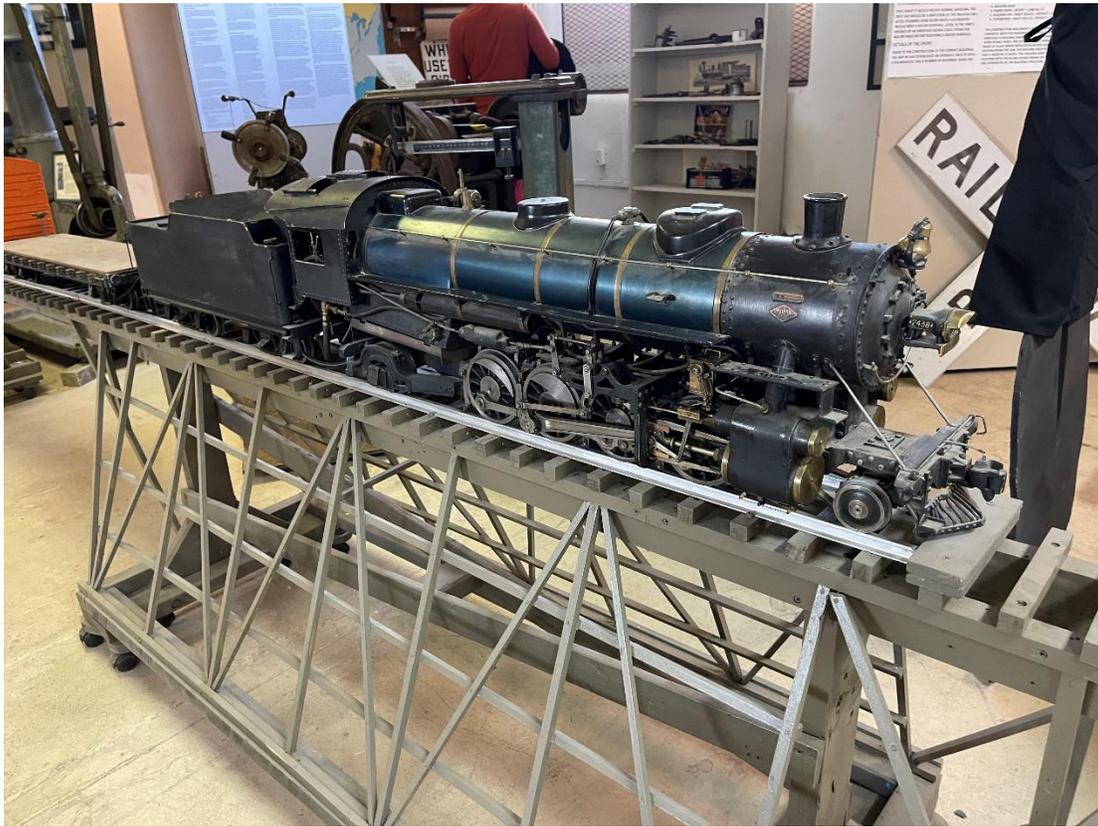
The entrance to the Wheels Museum, located at 1100 2nd Street SW in Albuquerque.



Jim Burson (left) and John Dias chat during the Wheels Museum tour



A variety of model trains and cars are on display at the museum.



A model steam locomotive at the Wheels Museum.
Photo courtesy of Joella Mortillaro.



Somebody's girlfriend ... uh ... mannequin was abandoned in the rumble seat of a 1928 Dodge at the Wheels Museum.



The old railyard is expansive. The vision of restoration is similarly huge while funding is clearly inadequate. In this photo, the docent provides an orientation to Craig Beale and Jim Burson.

Following the tour of the Wheels Museum, the club caught lunch at the 66 Diner. Lots of fun and enjoyable conversation.



Photo courtesy of Joella Mortillaro.

DECEMBER 2021 EVENTS

As is customary, the JCNM held its Christmas party in lieu of a December monthly drive. This year, the party was graciously hosted by Mike and Virginia Walton at their Albuquerque home.



Photo courtesy of Lyle Ferrell.



Matthew (left), Mary, and John chat after dinner. Photo courtesy of Lyle Ferrell.



Christmas dessert by John Dias.
Photo courtesy of Tom Graham.

TONY CARSON'S ARTICLE IN THE JCNA JAGUAR JOURNAL

Congratulations to JCNM member Tony Carson, who successfully submitted an article to the JCNA for publication in the Jaguar Journal. The article appeared in the November/December 2021 edition of the journal.

Carson wrote of his 2016 purchase of a 1994 Jaguar XJS from a California owner, and further chronicled how after purchase he experienced significant problems with transfer of title from California DMV to the New Mexico MVD. He also described his continued restoration of the XJS "to make it great again."

In the summer of 2021, Carson decided that the time had come to venture a Southwest holiday road trip in the XJS. His Journal article describes his travels to

and from a resort in Queen Valley, Arizona. He snapped lots of photos along the way. According to Carson, "The car did great."

Tony is a music teacher in the Albuquerque Public Schools system.



In the land of teddy bear cholla, prickly pear, and saguaro.



On US Highway 60 in Salt River Canyon, Arizona.

JCNM CARS DISPLAYED at ALBUQUERQUE JAGUAR

In a symbiotic relationship between JCNM and Albuquerque Jaguar Land Rover, a partnership continues of making the club more visible while promoting the Jaguar marque. Cars of JCNM members are displayed in the showroom at 1-month intervals. Many thanks to Richard Buesinger, manager of the dealership!



Lyle Ferrell's Jaguar Mark IX while on display at Albuquerque JLR.
Photo courtesy of Matthew Sisneros.



Matthew Sisneros' SS Jaguar 100 replica was also on display at Albuquerque JLR, replete with Christmas decorations that included a lighted reindeer head.

MEMBER NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

This section provides updates on the activities and lives of JCNM members. This issue will focus by two couples who have been facing significant health problems.

Richard and Jan Gill

The Gills traveled to their New England home prior to the start of the COVID-19 outbreak and since then have not been able to return to Santa Fe due to unexpected cancer diagnoses in Massachusetts.

Jan was diagnosed with breast cancer. Following surgery and oncology therapies, her prospects appear quite good. According to Richard, "In short, Jan is thriving." While in Massachusetts, Jan has been participating in activities of the Jaguar Association of New England (a JCNA affiliated club) where she continues plying her hobby as a concours judge.

Alas, Richard's prospects have been far more complex and difficult.



Photo from Massachusetts courtesy of Jan and Richard Gill.

He was diagnosed as having mucosal melanoma with metastases, including in the brain. Early on, the oncologists prescribed immunotherapy and palliative radiation, with the former is having a positive effect on the brain.

Richard notes that life as cancer patient has been a roller coaster ride. He has experienced pulmonary embolisms and leg clots, and was therefore given injectable anticoagulants followed by surgical implant of a clot filter. He is now more stable and continuing fortnightly immunotherapy infusions. He still cannot drive or walk unaided, yet brain fog and fatigue are not as severe.

MRIs, endoscopies, and biopsies continue as doctors monitor Richard's progress.

Dave and Ann Merewether

The past year has been challenging for the Merewethers, too.



Dave and Ann Merewether with their XK140 at the BAOA roundup on July 17, 2021.

In January 2021, Dave was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. He began radiation and chemotherapy treatments, which when compared to other interventions, is being tolerated with relatively minor adverse reactions.

In July 2021 Dave underwent colorectal surgery, during which the doctors fitted an ileostomy. A week prior to ileostomic reversal he fell and broke his hip. Consequently, Dave underwent hip repair surgery first, which postponed the ileostomy reversal for 3 months. As of this writing, he is one month post-surgery and is progressing well; the results of his medical tests look positive. Dave's next appointment with the oncologist will be in mid-January, when he will be advised what to expect next. Ann remarked that they have missed JCNM participation and hope to soon return to participating in club activities.

SNIPPETS OF JAGUAR HISTORY

by Lyle Ferrell

The following 3 photos may be of interest to readers of the newsletter.



This photo from May 1962 shows Sir William Lyons in the parking lot of Jaguar Headquarters, Brown's Lane, Coventry. He was surrounded by products from all the companies under his ownership: Jaguar Cars, Daimler Cars, and Guy Motors (buses and commercial vehicles).



The Brown's Lane factory entrance, December 1972.



The photo shows the very last XJ6 being finished on the factory floor. The photo was snapped just before major renovation of the Brown's Lane factory that started in 1993.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>1/15/2022</p>	<p>JCNM January drive We will be driving the backroads through the Rio Grande valley to Belen with lunch at Pete’s Café, followed by a tour of the Harvey House Museum across the street. Please meet at the Albuquerque Jaguar dealership from 10:00am-10:30am and then proceed to Pete’s for our 11:30 lunch reservation. The Drive Master is Lyle Ferrell.</p>
<p>2/19/2022</p>	<p>JCNM February drive We will be meet at the Albuquerque Jaguar dealership for a drive along old U.S. Highway 66 for lunch at the Route 66 Casino. Please watch the upcoming notes from the February 2 business meeting and on the JCNM Facebook page for updates on this event.</p>
<p>3/24-27/2022</p>	<p>2022 JCNA AGM This year’s Annual General Meeting of the JCNA will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. More information at: https://www.jcna.com/annual-general-meetings/2022-annual-general-meeting</p>
<p>8/6/2022</p>	<p>JCNM Concours Arrangements are underway to conduct our concours at the Unser Racing Museum, located at 1776 Montano NW in the village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. For more information, contact Lyle Ferrell at lyledee@earthlink.net. Visit the museum website at https://unserracingmuseum.com/</p>
<p>Early October 2022</p>	<p>2022 JCNA IJF This year’s International Jaguar Festival will happen in the greater Dallas, Texas area (probably in Frisco or Grapevine). Arrangements are pending. The host club is the Jaguar Owners Association of North Texas (JOANT) in partnership with the San Antonio Jaguar Club. For more information, contact: J.J. Keig, SCRD, skyliner01@live.com. Visit the JOANT website at: https://www.joant.club/events/jcna-international-jaguar-festival-2022</p>

CLOSING THOUGHTS

- A reminder to please renew your JCNM membership for 2022. If you have not already done so, please remit your \$76.00 payment to *Jaguar Club of New Mexico* in care of the club treasurer at: Mike Walton, 3825 Camino Capistrano NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111.
- Are you a Facebook buff? If so, you are invited to visit and participate in the JCNM Facebook group page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/981235781983780>



Matthew Sisneros' Jaguar F-Type under the lights. Nice car!



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