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President's Letter

April showers bring May flowers, what to May flowers bring....Pilgrims! I just got back from Arizona this week. I go down there twice a year to do maintenance on the family house there and to help my sister Alice travel back to her house in Boise, Idaho. One of the things that always amazes me is how green it is in Idaho and Colorado compared to points south. While the desert, sorta, kinda, has its own beauty, I go there for the sunshine not the view. I do enjoy the fishing on the lower Colorado River though. It flows about a quarter mile from the house. They have this fish there called a Striper. They are a large fish that looks like a cross between a bass and a northern pike. Fun to catch and there are few trout there as well.

This Sunday, May 4th, is the Spring Dust-off. The cost is \$20 per person. If you prefer to send a check please do so payable to RMJC c/o Deanie Kennedy, 8137 Zang St. Arvada CO 80005. All reservations needed by May 1. See the RMJC website for info. This note may not be published before this so I hope our membership takes the time to periodically check our website <http://rockymountainjaguarclub.org> for more information on upcoming events. Here's hoping the weather will cooperate for this weekend. The forecast says it will be sunny and high 60's so if it holds it will be great weather to break out the cats and have a boisterous clowder. What is a Clowder you ask? Go look it up in your Funk and Wagnall. OK, you can google it if you have to.

I was hoping to have an update on the pending legislation in the Colorado House regarding the ability to license and operate various collectable vehicles but the Colorado Collector Car Council website did not post any further updates since I reported on it at the April Club meeting at the Blue Bonnet. I will endeavor to perceive! I should have more info at our May meeting.

There is a whole host of events planned for the club this summer and I encourage all of you to attend as many as possible. The Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club exists because our members join and participate. The fun isn't just driving our iron, it's also the meet and greet we get to experience with the members. It is too easy these days to crawl onto the internet and wander around in hyperspace, secure from the outside world. Like my dear old pappy used to say "Life is short, then you die". Get out there, have a REAL experience so you can have stories to tell. As always, have pleasant journeys on friendly roads.

Tom Estes RMJC President.

Cover Photo

This month's cover is of a beautiful Series 1 E-Type, restored by Dean Cusano, Motorcars Inc., Plainville, CT, www.motorcarsinc.com as displayed at the 2025 AGM in Valley Forge, PA.

AGM Report

The 2025 AGM was held in Valley Forge, PA, about 20 miles from Philadelphia on April 24-27.

On Friday, there was a morning Bridge Tour. There were eight groups of six Jaguars each. It was a beautiful, scenic drive through around a dozen covered bridges. We found that the reason for the bridge covers was to protect the wooden bridges from deteriorating due to all the rain they get.

Really nice day, 75 degrees, restaurant with outdoor seating. Total drive was about 50 miles. There were over 100 people on the tour. For people who did not have their own Jaguars, the club members volunteered to take them along. One of the tour routes was through part of the Valley Forge Park where George Washington had his encampment in the 177-1778 winter where the 12,000 soldiers of the Continental Army and 400 women and children stayed. Did you know the Revolutionary War lasted from April 19, 1775 to September 3, 1783, 8 long years.

In the late afternoon, was a tour of the Simeone Foundation Auto Museum where there were around one hundred beautiful unrestored race cars.

Saturday day was the AGM. It was not as bad as it has been in some years past, not too much controversy anyway, and Judge's will be glad to know, NO RULE CHANGES from the current rule book that was handed out at the last Judge's School. The most heated discussion was around the Series 1 E-Type Judge's Guide that many of our members have helped me with. I have a few photos I still need to get, but overall, it was well received. Once completed, it will get posted on the JCNA web site for review during the upcoming year. At the next AGM, I am to host a seminar covering the highlights of the guide the day before the AGM. Then on the day of the AGM, it will be voted upon.

Speaking of the 2026 AGM, the Jaguar Club of Mexico (City) has volunteered to host it. Tentative dates are mid-April 2026.

After the AGM, there were a number of club Jaguars on display outside, one of which was the blue E-type that Dean Cusano restored.

For the Saturday evening banquet, someone from Jaguar Cars was there and he did talk about the new all electric Jaguar, but no photos and not much information was given than we had not already heard. *Steve & Deanie*

May Monthly Minutes

RMJC April General Meeting

04-08-2025

President Tom opened the meeting welcoming everyone to the April General meeting and expressed thanks to Deb and Mike Ramirez for hosting the April Board meeting.

New Members and Guests-Tom recognized a potential new member, Allen Lawrence who was in attendance to learn more about the club. Allen and his wife own a 1999 XJ8 that they purchased new and a recently purchased 2007 XK convertible.

New cars: Steve Kennedy has lusted after a particular 2007 XK Coupe since he first laid eyes on it at the dealership 18 years ago. Over the years, he tried a few times to purchase the car from its owner, but to no avail. Circumstances changed and Steve was able to add this very special Blue Prism Mica XK to their growing collection of cars. The XK was obviously lovingly cared for and driven lightly. It shows like a brand new Jaguar.

Membership Report-**Deanie** reported that the club has 105 registered members.

Treasurer's Report-**Deanie** reported that the club continues to have a solid treasury.

CCCC Update-**Tom** reported that the CCCC Meeting last Wednesday was held at the Falcon Police Station. Tom shared the 2025 CCCC Mission statement. He noted that there is a move at the Colorado legislature to mitigate the recent law regarding the use of vintage military vehicles on public roads. Tom also shared the CCCC car show flyer for the August event. More information on the car is available on the CCCC website

Newsletter-**Steve** reported that 2025 RMJC Rosters were mailed out but some have apparently been lost in the mail or returned undelivered.

Facebook- **Mark** reported that the April Cat Tales newsletter is posted.

Recent Events Report and Upcoming Events:

Wings and Wheels Car Show- coming up this Saturday 4/12 at the Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum

ColoRodans Rod Festival-scheduled for July 27th at Mountain States Children's Home

RMJC Concours-**President Tom** reported that the RMJC Board approved hiring Modazz/Miami Sound Machine to play at the RMJC Cherry Creek Country Club Concours. Brent McGibbon will cover their expenses, Thank you Brent!!! Modazz will provide light jazz on the patio (nothing too loud and more like background music) with a 3-4 piece band. Tom is actively promoting Modazz for multiple gigs at Cherry Creek Country Club, Our Concours will be a good audition for the club management. Also, this year's Concours will be limited to the first thirty-five registered Jaguars due to space provided by the country club.

Morgan Adams Event- reports that they desire a large showing of Jaguars at the August 22-24 event, In particular on Saturday the 23rd, which is the main event where they display the show cars. This is the 90th anniversary of the creation of "JAGUAR" Marque

ACC Show-**Vince** reported that information for the June 8th event is available on the ACC website.

2025 Telluride Autumn Classic, **Tom** reported that in speaking with several members at the last Board Meeting it looks like RMJC will have at least four Jaguars in the event. The New Mexico club is sending several Jaguars as well.

RMJC CALENDAR of events –

April 8th RMJC General Meeting at The Blue Bonnet

April 12th Judge's school at the Kennedys from 11 to 4.

April 20th Easter

April 24-27th AGM in Valley Forge, PA

May 4th Spring Dust-Off Register online

May 13th RMJC General meeting at the Blue Bonnet

May 17th Judges school at Kennedy's 11 to 4.

May 26th Memorial Day Car Show at Applebee's Restaurant on West Colfax and Miller

New Business There was no new business.

Old Business There was no old business.

Raffle It was proposed and seconded that the entire Raffle Pot tonight be donated, along with a larger club gift, to the Wild Animal Sanctuary to help support their jaguar population. The number of rescued Jaguars has recently grown by three cats saved from starvation in Mexico.

Program: "1908 New York to Paris Car Race" a brief history and videos by Bill Beeson.

Adjourned, *Bill Beeson, Secretary*

Notice: As of October, the club will no longer maintain the PO box because we don't get much mail there any more and it costs \$150 a year. The Kennedys' address will be used for the club address.

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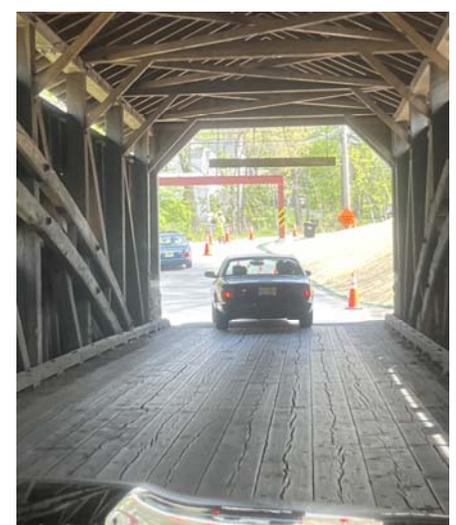
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2025 Valley Forge AGM





Dean showing off the newly restored E-Type



Deanie with Bengiman Franklin



JCNA President J.J. Keig presenting Jack Humphrey with his trophy.



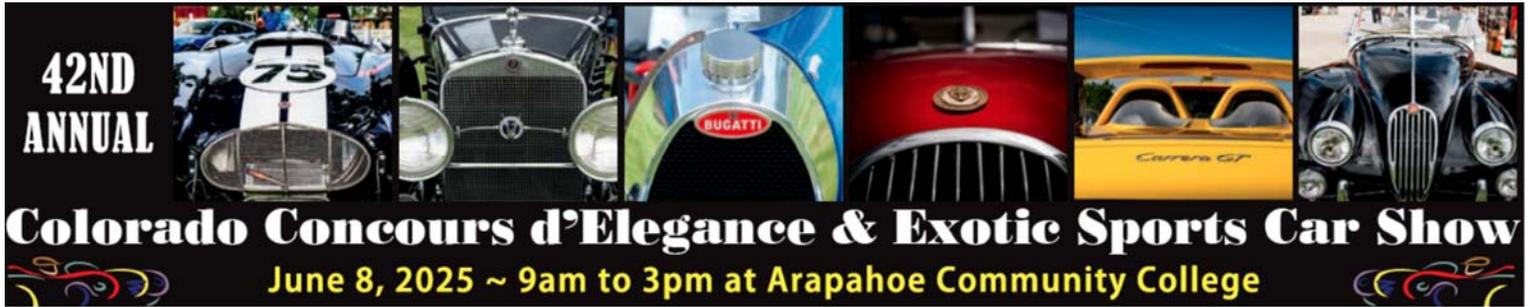
Deanie with her good friend Nedra from San Digo



Jaguar E-Type and F-Type



Ability Connection of Colorado (ACC) Concours d'Elegance



Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM MDT

Arapahoe Community College
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- \$50 per vehicle DISPLAY ONLY entry, club judged entry and featured marque entry.
- \$100 per ELITE JUDGED entry
- \$25 per MOTORCYCLE entry (JUDGING - check with club members) Vince will check.
- A People's Choice for favorite motorcycle
- All entries include 2 gate tickets and 1 poster

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

42nd Annual Colorado Concours d' Elegance & Exotic Sports Car Show

Benefiting Ability Connection Colorado's Creative Options for Early Childhood Education Program
Sunday June 8, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 10, 2024 11:59PM: LAST DATE TO SIGN UP FOR ELITE CLASS JUDGING
Friday, May 16: LAST DATE TO SIGN UP AND HAVE PACKET MAILED
May 17-23: Can still sign up online, but will have to pick up entry packet at the Red Registration Tent day of event.
Friday, May 23 11:59PM: ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSSES

Online registration is open:

www.ColoradoConcours.org

or direct link:

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A DISCOUNT of 25% is available when you register three (3) or more entries. Once registration is completed and all fees have been paid, contact Terri Armstrong at (303) 941-4553 to claim your discount. The difference will be refunded to the original form of payment.

EACH vehicle entry includes TWO (2) ADMISSION TICKETS and ONE (1) EVENT POSTER. In the event the show is cancelled due to inclement weather, we will attempt to reschedule. If we cannot reschedule, all fees become 100% tax-deductible donations to Ability Connection Colorado's Creative Options for Early Childhood Education Program

The Concours site will open at 6:30 am. For the safety of everyone involved in setup, NO CARS will be allowed to enter the field prior to 6:45am unless belonging to a show volunteer. We also ask that you arrive no later than 8:30am to facilitate final staging and preparation of cars. Show cars arriving after 8:30am. WILL NOT be allowed to participate and forfeit their entrance fees. Judging will begin at 8am.



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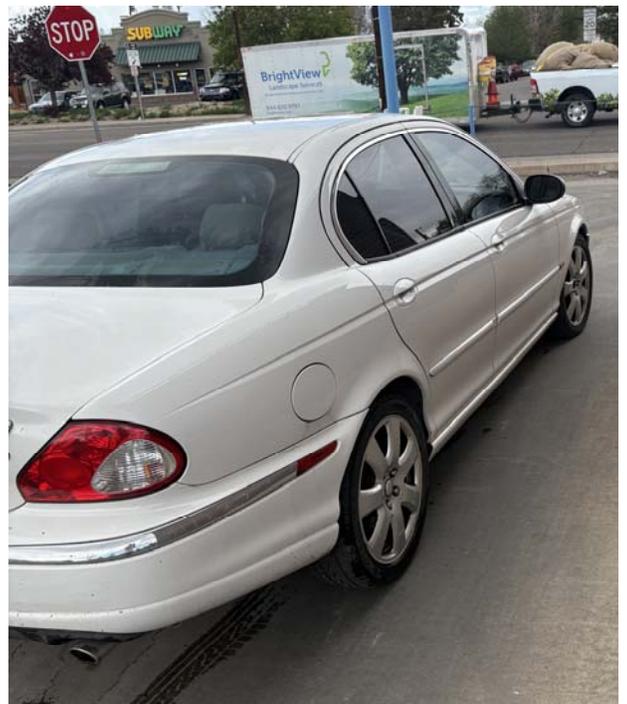
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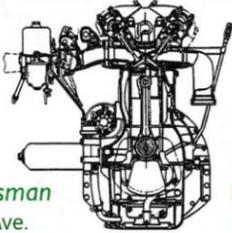
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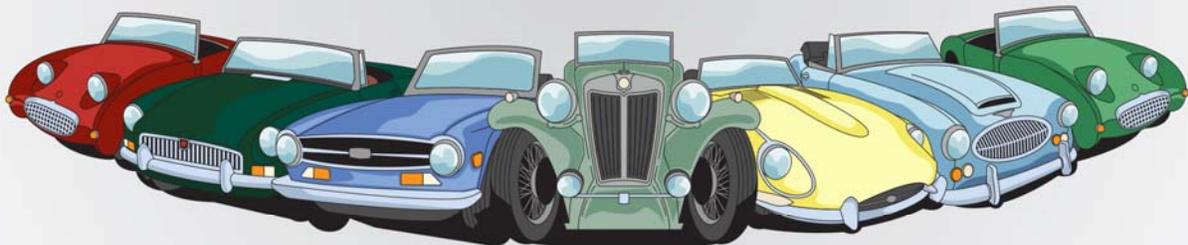


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2025 RMJC Club Schedule of Events

January

14th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet

27th, Polar Bear Swap Meet-Adams Cnty Fairgrounds

February

8th Seminar Tri-state swap meet

11th, Monthly & Board Meeting at
The Blue Bonnet

March

9th Daylight Savings Time Begins

11th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet

April

1st, Board Meeting at Ramirez to plan concours

**8th, Monthly & Board Meeting at
The Blue Bonnet**

12th Judge's School at the Kennedys' 11-4

20th, Easter

24-27 AGM in Valley Forge, PA

May

4th, Spring Dust to the Springs Kennedys'

11th, Mother's Day

13th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet

17th, Judge's School at the Kennedys' 11-4

26th Memorial Day Car Show at Applebee's
on west Colfax & Miller

June

8th ACC Show

7-9 Glenwood Rallye

**10th, Monthly & Board Meeting at the
Blue Bonnet**

15th, Father's Day

**21st RMJC – Cherry Creek Country Club
Concours d'Elegance**

July

4th, Independence Day

8th, No Monthly Meeting

19th, Summer Party 2 -? pm at the Ramirez'

August

2nd & 3rd Colorado Scottish Festival at the Denver
Polo Club in Sedalia

2nd - CCCC Cars, Planes, Swap meet, Rocky MT.
Metro airport

**12th, Monthly & Board Meeting at the
Blue Bonnet**

23rd, Morgan Adams-Centennial Airport

September

1st Labor Day Car Show at Applebee's
on west Colfax & Miller

6th, Albq Club Concours at the fairgrounds

9th, Monthly Meeting at the Blue Bonnet

Talk about slate for Candidates for Elections

12th-13th Colorado Grand in Vail

13th-14th, Conclave

26th, Bids for the Kids, Denver Country Club

Sep 26-28 Telluride Autumn Classic

..Sep 27-30 IJF in Atlanta

October

**14th, Monthly & Board Meeting at the
Blue Bonnet**

Talk about slate for Candidates for Elections

18th, Saturday, Fall Drive— Deanie & Deb

November

2nd Daylight Savings Time Ends

**11th Monthly Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
& Club Elections**

27th Thanksgiving

December

2nd, Board Meeting at the Kennedys

9th NO Monthly Meeting

13th Holiday Party at the Ramirez'

25th Christmas

May Members' Birthdays

Judy Whitehouse	May 2
Deborah Ramirez	May 3
Jane Billings	May 6
Mike Ramirez	May 9
Cynthia Volin	May 10
Jeffrey Kern	May 12
Roger Noonan	May 20


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

Pat Miller	May 24
Judy Orr	May 27
Elinor Vrooman	May 29
Dwight Eisnach	May 30
Mark Kintgen	May 30
Alexander Rubin	May 30

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