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Members Evade UDOT At Fun Christmas Party December 12, 2009

Our Christmas party this year at Corbin's Steak House in Layton was a great success. This year we selected a buffet that was excellent. The food was delicious with a good variety for everyone to choose from. The guys seem to enjoy hanging out at the peel and eat shrimp table. Along with the good food and wonderful service there was the great company of our club members.

Some of our members had a difficult time getting to the restaurant as UDOT decided to close I-15 at Beck Street. Gary and Sandy Lindstrom never did make it; they just couldn't find a route to get there. We missed you! While waiting for everyone to arrive we had time to visit and catch

up on one another's lives. Following a delicious dinner the new officers were announced which are:

- *Co-Presidents* – Susan Cady/
Liz Green
- *Vice President* – Jim Revel
- *Secretary* – John Green
- *Newsletter Publisher* – Gary Lindstrom
- *Membership* – Duane/LeAnn Allred

Everyone brought a \$10.00 gift for the annual gift exchange which is always a lot of fun. Martha Pasker got a Jaguar Snuggie (we need a picture), Mike Cady got a nice book on the History of Jaguar, LeAnn Allred got a nice Jaguar throw, plus

many, many more fun gifts that everyone enjoyed and had fun with.

When it was time to leave there was plenty of food left over so we all were able to take home doggie bags, which made for an easy Sunday dinner the next day. A great time was had by all.

Those in attendance were: Mike/Susan Cady, John/Liz Green, Glen/

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Take Home Quiz:

Q: Why is the term *Open Two Seater* (OTS) applicable to XK120 roadsters only in a limited respect?

A: See [page 6](#).

Tech Session Saturday January 16 On Upholstery And Tops By Dale Hancock

Club veterans will remember the well received tech session on upholstery presented by Dale Hancock in November 2003. Dale has agreed to conduct another such session 10am Saturday January 16, at ThermPro, J. Jennings' place of business, 280 W. Plymouth Avenue in South Salt Lake.



Dale does beautiful work on interiors and tops for collector cars and motorcycles, including wood dash refinishing. He makes uphol-

stery from scratch, as well as installing replacement kits supplied by marquee specialists.

The session will cover basics of care, rejuvenation and repair. Attendees are invited to bring examples needing attention for Dale to analyze and recommend remedies. These can be items carried in, or complete cars parked outside the shop.

Plymouth Avenue is a short dead end street off 300 West, just north of 3900 South. ThermPro's phone number is 801-268-9658. The session should run 1-1/2 to 2 hours, including questions and socializing.

—Gary Lindstrom



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Hilton Head Island Concours October 30—November 1, 2009

Sandy, Margaux and I attended the fanciest concours we've ever participated in at the [Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival](#) Hallowe'en week 2009.

In fact the concours is only one of several events that weekend, including vintage racing (a rich man's sport if ever there was one), a car club jamboree for all comers, a Motoring Midway (more on this later), and a driving tour to nearby attractions.

The concours of course was our main reason for attending, and it was exceptional in all respects — organization, diversity of classes, and quality of entrants. Just being accepted for the event, which is by invitation (application) only, is an honor.

There were 15 classes, ranging from Brass Era to Full Classics to Racers and Custom Rods to Micro Cars and American Performance Cars. For balance only eight to ten cars are accepted into each class.

The Honored Marque was Mercedes Benz, with several fabulous cabriolets present. A bonus was the appearance of a replica of what MB alleges to be the first automobile, a 1898 single cylinder tri-wheeler, which enter-

tained the crowd by giving “hot lap” rides around the venue!

Our class was British Sports Cars. Within this broad category were an AC Bristol, two Morgans, an MG J2, a TR3A, an Austin Healey BT7, a Sunbeam Alpine, an XK150 DHC, a 1954 Swallow Doretti (see above left), and 2 XK120's, including ours.

The judging was purely by “elegance”, i.e., subjective rather than quantitative a la JCNA. When our car was judged we suffered a “Lucas moment”, when our brake light switch failed. The judges were sympathetic, but this clearly put us out of the running.

Nevertheless, I have no complaints with the cars that did win awards in our class, best of which was judged to be a spectacular 1933 MG J2, with runners up (“Palmetto Awards”) going to the XK150 DHC and Swallow Doretti. A gallery of all the winners can be seen [here](#); click [here](#) to see photos we took of the event.

The Swallow [Doretti](#) is an extremely rare and prized car. The firm has common roots with Jaguar,

with Swallow Coachbuilding being spun off from Jaguar when William Lyons ramped up to produce the XK120 after WWII. The Doretti is based on TR2 components, and only 276 were made.

The Motoring Midway featured eclectic entries such as the MB tri-wheeler mentioned above, and a stunning collection of vintage travel trailers.

The trip was also a treat on a personal basis, since my older brother lives in Hilton Head, hence the trip provided a bit of a family reunion (our sister his twin joined us as well).

On the drive home near Nashville Sandy got word that a high school chum had just passed away, causing an unscheduled turn northeast to Pittsburgh so she could attend his memorial service. Despite this sad impetus, we had a great time visiting her best friends and families from her youth — but I guess she's still in that phase?!?

All in all it was 5,100 miles, 500 gallons of diesel fuel, and 15 days — all very well worth it.

—Gary Lindstrom

Presidents' Letter

Happy New Year Jaguar aficionados. Here we are beginning another new year. We can't believe it is 2010 can you???

We hope you all had a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. What a great time of year to spend time with family and friends.

We would like to start off with a big thanks to Glen and Joy Hawkins for all of their hard

work this past year as President and Newsletter Editor for the club. You are the best!!!! In case you haven't heard, the next big news is that we have Co-Presidents this year. Susie Cady and Liz Green will be at the helm together. We are really looking forward to another great year in WMJR with even more new and exciting plans on the horizon.

Our WMJR Calendar shows some tentative activities with more currently in the works that will be iden-

tified in future newsletters. As always we also look forward to your suggestions for activities you would

like to do as a club. Feel free to contact any of the club officers with your suggestions and ideas.

ing allowing online readers to follow active links by a simple click (try [this one!](#)). Paper copies will still be sent to members without Internet access.

We know you will all love this easier way to access the newsletter. We are planning to have club members submit articles to

Gary during the year so we will have quite a variety of information for you every month. In this month newsletter look for Gary Lindstrom's article on his and Sandy's and Margaux's [trip](#) to the Hilton Head Island Concours in South Carolina to show their XK120. It was quite a trip.

Contributions of photos to past club events are solicited from all members. These will be scanned for publication in the "Memories" section of the web site and then returned to you. E-mail your photos to the Newsletter Publisher, Gary Lindstrom at gary@cs.utah.edu or contact Gary about mailing them to him. We appreciate every one of you in the club and all you have to share.

As your new presidents of WMJR this year we look forward to many new challenges and rewarding experiences. As always, we know that our fellow club members will be there to support us and help make this a memorable year.

—Susan Cady and Liz Green



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We are really excited to have Gary Lindstrom publishing our newsletter on the WMJR club web site. The newsletter will no longer be emailed to members. Instead, an e-mail will be sent to members each month announcing the new issue, with a link to follow for access to the newsletter on our club web site. This has many advantages, includ-

Christmas Party

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Joy Hawkins, Art/Martha Pasker, Dan/Kim Nelson, J/Kay Jennings, Lee/Judy Taylor, Duane/LeAnn Allred, Ken/JoAnn Borg, Joe/Judy Todd, Ginger Goyzueta and friend Edgar, and Barbara Smithen.

Those who were unable to attend, we missed you and look forward to seeing you next year.

Everyone have a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year in 2010.

—Susan Cady

Publisher's Note: For a slide show of photos from the event, follow the *2009 Event Memories* link from the club [home page](#).

Red Rock Rallye To Run September 15-22, 2010

Long time WMJR members Randy and Debbie Aagaard are once again organizing the Red Rock Rallye, a scenic tour of southern Utah for 1974 and older cars.

Starting in Park City, the tour will head south over the Alpine and Mt. Nebo Loops to Bryce Canyon, and on to Cedar Breaks and Zion. From there the tour will head east and north to Torrey, Moab, Arches, and back to Salt Lake City.

Cost of the tour is \$4,995 per car, including lodging and meals. For details contact Randy or Debbie at 801-272-9979, visit the redrockrallye.com website, or send email to rka@redrockrallye.com.



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January 16

[Tech Session on Upholstery](#) (see [p. 2](#))

Gary Lindstrom, 801-554-3823

February

Tech Session - J.'s Car Barn

J. Jennings, 801-274-2671

March

No activity

April 26-30

[Western States JCNA Meeting](#)

Possible Rally

May

BBQ, TBD

June

[Taggarts Grill](#) Drive and Lunch

June

British Field Day

Bill Davis, 801-484-5049

July 31

Concours with Austin Healey Club

Park City

August

[Utah Concours d'Elegance](#)

Thanksgiving Point

September 1

Luau

Mike and Susan Cady, 801-731-1599

September 26

Fall Color Tour

October 23

Hallowe'en Party

J. and Kay Jennings, 801-274-2671

November

Planning Meeting

December 4

Christmas Party

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Take Home Quiz

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A: After the introduction of the Fixed Head Coupe in 1951 Jaguar Cars used the term roadster in their publicity and manuals instead of Open Two Seater.

Source: "Which XK to Buy?" in *Keith Martin's Guide to Car Collecting*, 2006.