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## MY LOVE FOR VINTAGE XK'S STARTED EARLY

By Jim Revel

It was probably in 1954, my sophomore year in high school in Indianapolis that I noticed my first XK 120 or 140 when a friend's older brother had a white roadster in fairly rough condition. That didn't matter when I saw the engine, heard that wonderful roar and read the plate on the trunk that commemorated the wins at LeMans in 1953 and thereafter.



Murray, Kentucky. See the picture with the two of us standing near the left rear fender. It had straight pipes that didn't sound off until you cranked it up and I will never forget that sound when he let me drive it on some back country roads.

Sorry I don't have pictures of the first two, but see the pictures of the next two that I was finally lucky enough to own and enjoy myself.

Then during my junior year a close friend I still see quite often won a 1956 XK 140 with a hole in one on a driving range. It was black with red interior with disc wheels with hub caps and wide white wall tires. Wow, imagine the chance to ride in a new one and even get to drive it. Those exhaust and smooth gear sounds I still remember. Unfortunately he traded it in on a 1956 Ford Convertible. He must still be sad about that.

wedding 3½ years ago had a 1957 XK140 when we met in College in 1963 at Murray State College in



The first one I saw outside a fancy men's club on Chicago's near north side in 1966 when my former but newly wed wife and I were visiting friends near where we had lived a year earlier as we now lived in Cincinnati. It was cold so as the car sat there waiting for its master with the door man holding the door open for him it was running and the dual exhausts were steaming out and my heart rate increased. It was a 1959 XK150 Drop head coupe in British racing green with

Next a close friend that I still talk to often that now lives in Dallas and attended our

*Jim with his Mother and his 1959 XK 150 Drop Head Coupe at their home in Indianapolis in 1966.*

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light green leather inside with a Khaki top, wide white walls with spoke wheels so my blood pressure went further up with that sight.

Then the tall distinguished gray haired gentlemen in a long trench coat whirled past me to get in as I commented on how beautiful his car was at which point he angrily turned to me and said do you want to buy the damn thing? Of course I said maybe, how much? He thought for a minute and said \$800, I choked and said what is wrong with it? He said well the clutch just went out but I will have that fixed and still sell it you for \$800. So I shook his hand and said I think we have a deal and as it was about midnight I said I would come to his apartment in the morning

look it over and make the final arrangements.

So at 9AM I managed to get in his high rise basement garage where I saw a couple guys washing the car. I looked it over as best I could and although no rust showed as it had been re-painted I could see underneath that its Chicago winter heritage has done its share of damage. I then went to his apartment with checkbook in hand at which point he started to back pedal on the price. I reminded him that we shook hands and thought we had a gentlemen's agreement the night before so he came around, took my \$100 deposit and said we could pick it up next weekend and he would have the clutch fixed by then.

So the next weekend we took the

train to Chicago and drove it back to Cincinnati with no problem. I kept the car for two years after some wonderful pleasure driving in Cincinnati and Columbus where we now lived. I did some minor fix up and cleaning, kept oil in it, replaced some wood in the rear of the top that had rotted and sold it for \$1,100 when some of that Chicago rust was starting to appear.

Three years went by and we were now living in Indianapolis when I knew I was getting hungry for another XK so I started hounding our previous Cincinnati landlord a tough big time real estate developer to try to buy his 1961 XK 150 drop head coupe. Since I was now in real estate I knew his reputation and that he was known to be very astute and tough to deal with. He was the original owner

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## WMJR Concours July 31 Park City

The Bonneville Austin-Healey Club and the Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register are sponsoring a Classic Sports Car Show on July 31st. The show will again be held on Lower Main Street in Park City. Cars will be displayed from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Entrants will vote for the various classes of cars. Spectators will vote for the Peoples Choice Award. The awards will be given at 2:00 P.M. The Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register will also be holding their annual Concours for Jaguar owners.

On Sunday August 1st a tour of the Wasatch Back is planned. You are also invited to participate in the Tour. The tour will leave from the Lodge parking lot at Park City Mountain Ski Resort at 10:00A.M.

We only have 75 spaces for the show so early pre-registration is highly suggested. **A registration form on the next page.** Please send yours in early to be sure and have a space to show your prized possession.

This is also the last weekend for a

week long very large softball tournament that is rapidly taking many rooms. I just secured rooms for the Healey Club and could forward some other options to you if you are interested. Most rooms are in the low \$100 range. At Kimball Junction the Hampton Inn and Holiday Express have rooms at \$89 or possibly less with AARP or AAA. The Park City Marriott will go \$99 if the WMJR decides to have the banquet there which is quite reasonable.

—Thanks, Jim

### From Liz Green, WMJR Co-President

Hi everyone - just got home from Western States Event in Santa Maria, Ca. I have a couple of things to ask you to respond to. First we are looking for someone to chair our Concours which will be Sat., July 31 and Sun., Aug 1. We will be doing it again with the

Austin Healy club in Park City on Main St. Jim Revel is working with the Healy club. We need someone to help us with the Jag Club. Mostly we need a place to have our awards dinner and we will need some raffle prizes. Second we need to know if you are planning to

participate in the concours by showing your car.

I need you to let me know by e-mail if you are planning to participate and if anyone would be willing to help us by being the chairperson. Also if you will not be attending let me know.



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Please make checks payable to Bonneville Austin Healey Club (BAHC).

Send your registration form and remittance to:

Jim Revel

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having bought it in Europe; it was black with red leather inside with wide white walls with spoke wheels, a luggage rack and even a custom made air conditioner. It had very low mileage. Finally after contacting him the last time after 6 months he called and said he was ready to sell but for \$3,600 and I said that was unfortunately out of my range. After a few months of negotiating we agreed on \$2,250 and I sent him a \$500 deposit until I could sell my current car and come down to pick it up.

This was now 1969, I was a year into my first real estate job, my son had just been born, I had trouble selling my car and my former wife had some expensive dental problems so I call the seller and told him about my problems and that he should keep my deposit as I couldn't

afford it. To my surprise he said he wanted me to have it since I lived near him when I had my



*Jim's 1961 XK 150 DHC at his home in Indianapolis 1973*

other Jag he knew I would take care of it and that I was knowledgeable about Jags. He then offered to help me get a loan where

he banked so I said ok and was blown away when he cosigned on the loan with me. After a few months I sold my car and we got by the dental problems and I paid off our loan. After 4 years in 1973 I started a new business and sold it for \$3,000 to a friend. It was a wonderful and trouble free car. He sold it after a few years on the Jag dealer's floor for \$3,600. A few years later I saw it advertised for \$1,500 and another friend bought it and drove it to California a few times before moving there. However he left the Jag in Indianapolis, it was repossessed and the banker offered it to me for \$900 when he learned I still had a set of keys. With the new business underway and the birth of my daughter in 1977 I had to pass.

Now you know why I had to have my present XK 120 but prices have gone up.



## Rally May 22

I'm planning a road rally for May 22, 2010. We'll meet at 12:30pm in the K-Mart parking lot at 4670 South 900 East. Bring a navigator, a full tank of gas and be ready for a driving adventure! We'll finish at Diamond Lil's restaurant, 1528 West North Temple St. in Salt Lake City where we'll display the cars and have drinks and dinner.

—Rich Sheya



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## Goodwood Revival Tour

*Ed. note:* Western States 2010 attendees heard a presentation on this interesting trip. Mike and Susan Cady are considering participating. For more information contact them. A full report on Western States 2010 will appear in the June newsletter.

# Jaguar Owners Adventure to the Goodwood Revival

A ten-day tour of Southern England for Jaguar Enthusiasts

September 16-25, 2010

The Goodwood Revival is the world's most popular historic motor race meeting and the only event of its kind to be staged in the romantic time capsule of the Fifties and Sixties. As well as recreating the golden era of motor sport, the Revival offers exceptional wheel-to-wheel racing around a classic circuit, untouched by the modern world. It is a motor enthusiast's trifecta.

The Revival relives the glory days of Goodwood Motor Circuit, which ranked alongside Silverstone as Britain's leading racing venue throughout its active years between 1948 and 1966. During this time, it hosted contemporary racing of all kinds, including Formula One, the famous Goodwood Nine Hours race and the celebrated Tourist Trophy sports car race.

Now, for three days each September, the circuit stages a historic race meeting for the kind of cars and motorcycles that would have competed at Goodwood during 1948-1966. The circuit echoes to the spine-tingling bark of golden-age Grand Prix cars from the Fifties and Sixties, thundering sports and GT cars, as well as historic saloon cars and little-seen Formula Juniors. But the Revival is far more than a series of races for historic cars: it is a magical step back in time and a chance for visitors to revel in the romance and theatre of motor racing as it used to be. The lovingly restored circuit is unchanged from its heyday, and great lengths are taken to ensure that everything on the site is exactly as it was. Many visitors wear appropriate period clothing and no modern vehicles are allowed within the circuit perimeter throughout the weekend.

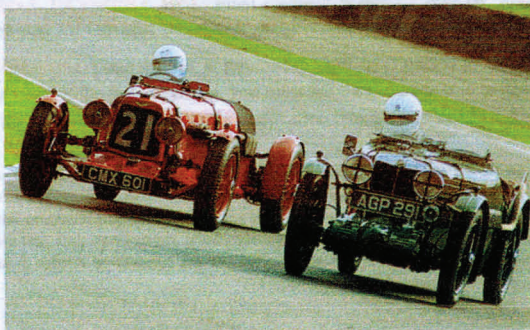
**Thursday, September 16** Fly from your home city to London. Overnight on your flight. (Dinner on the plane)

**Friday, September 17** We arrive London this morning where our deluxe motorcoach transports us to the **Brooklands Motor and Aviation Museum** where we'll enjoy a **specialist's tour**. There are lots of "firsts" that happened at Brooklands. In 1907 Brooklands Motor Course opened as the world's first purpose-built motor-racing circuit. Many of the original buildings from the early racing era are still standing and have been restored—the Edwardian Clubhouse, the original paddock workshops, tuning sheds and petrol pagodas of the 1920s and 30s. In 1909 the first public flying demonstration in Britain took place there in a Henry Farman biplane. Many other firsts ensued, in both motor racing and air records. Following our visit to Brooklands, we'll make our way to **Winchester, England**, where we'll check into our 1<sup>st</sup> class hotel for the next four nights. Overnight Winchester Royal Hotel or similar. (Breakfast on the plane, dinner in the hotel)

**Saturday, September 18** Today and tomorrow we attend all the festivities associated with the **Goodwood Revival**. Our deluxe motorcoach will take us to the estate of the Earl of March for the festival. Jaguar should be well-represented

in the Earls Court Motor Show, along with a display of many of the fastest cars in the world. You may choose to really get into the spirit and dress in period costume. Our Goodwood ticket includes Grandstand best (chicane & woodcote) seats. Lunch and dinner will be on the Goodwood grounds on your own. Overnight Winchester Royal Hotel or similar.

**Sunday, September 19** Today we attend Goodwood for a second day. If you've seen all you desire at Goodwood, we offer sightseeing and shopping in **Salisbury, Stonehenge & Bath**. Lunch





and dinner will be on the Goodwood grounds on your own. Overnight Winchester Royal Hotel or similar.

**Monday, September 20** Following breakfast this morning, we make our way to Portsmouth for an upclose visit to the **Portsmouth Historic Dockyard**. Here we'll see the Lord Nelson's *HMS Victory* and *HMS Warrior*. After lunch, we travel to Beaulieu for an indepth visit to the **National Motor Museum**. This remarkable museum has everything from one of Campbell's famous Bluebird's to Bugatti's to F1 race cars. There are some 300 historic vehicles plus motoring memorabilia, the home of the Montague family, and Abbey Ruins on the grounds. The museum curator will lead our tour of this British treasure. Overnight Winchester Royal Hotel or similar. (English breakfast included)

**Tuesday, September 21** We travel to **Oxford**, the "city of dreaming spires" for a tour of one of the colleges that make up Oxford University. Here we'll have free time for exploring after our walking tour of **Christ Church College**. This afternoon, we'll travel through the scenic **Cotswolds** to **Stratford-on-Avon**, home of William Shakespeare. Here we'll enjoy a guided tour as well as free time in this quaint town, surrounded by half-timbered buildings built along cobblestone streets. Overnight Mercure Shakespeare Hotel for the next four nights. (English breakfast and dinner included)

**Friday, September 22** Our tour takes us from Stratford to **Malvern** and **Coventry** today. We'll begin with a private tour of the **Morgan Motor Company**. Then we'll make our way to **Castle Bromwich** for a tour of the Jaguar Plant. We'll enjoy a private tour of the **Jaguar Daimler Heritage Museum**. Overnight Mercure Shakespeare Hotel. (English breakfast and lunch included)

**Saturday, September 23** Today we visit the famous **Donnington Park Grand Prix** with a specialist guide. You'll enjoy free time this afternoon in Stratford to

follow your own interests. Overnight Mercure Shakespeare Hotel. (English breakfast included)

**Sunday, September 24** Following breakfast, we travel by deluxe motorcoach to Gaydon where we'll enjoy a curator led tour of **Gaydon Heritage Motor Centre**. This afternoon, we'll tour the **Aston-Martin Headquarters** before returning to Stratford-on-Avon for our farewell dinner. Overnight Mercure Shakespeare Hotel. (English breakfast and dinner included)

**Monday, September 25** Today we'll make our way back to London for our flights back to the U.S.A. If you choose our optional London extension, we'll make our way to our London hotel and begin exploring this wonderful city for the next three days. (English breakfast included)

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#### Insurance, gratuities and deviations not included

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE:** Final payment is due by July 16, 2010. You may sign up after this date if space is remaining.

**REFUNDS:** Your deposit is refundable until final payment. If you cancel after the final payment, you must have a reason that is covered in the TripMate policy. Doctor verification may be required.

### For reservations and information:

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## Event Calendar

*May 22*

Rallye, see article on [p. 5](#)

*June*

[Taggarts Grill](#) Drive and Lunch

*June 19*

British Field Day—Liberty Park  
Bill Davis, 801-484-5049

*July 31*

Concours with Austin Healey Club  
Park City, see article on [p. 3](#)

*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  
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*November*

Planning Meeting

*December 4*

Christmas Party

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