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Catdance Film Festival Enthralls All

A great time was had by all at the first possibly annual WMJR Catdance Pot Luck Dinner and Film Festival held Saturday February 11 at the Hanovers' home in Jeremy Ranch. Serendipity once again turned out to be a superb meal planner, with a wide variety of tasty and healthy offerings.

Before and during dinner attendees got a chance to look at Barry Hanover's ongoing XK120 restoration project in his garage, which is very impressive in the quality and thoroughness being applied.

Folks then retired to the lower level of the Hanover home for the festival screenings. Four films were viewed: the Discovery Channel feature *Seven Wonders of the Automobile* filmed in part at the 2003 WMJR concours at the Homestead in nearby Midway, UT; *C'était un Rendezvous*, a 9 minute short documenting a high speed run through Paris as viewed from the front bumper of a Ferrari; the PBS documentary *Watkins Glen—the Street Years* with interviews and period footage of the 1948-1952 races on public roads, and the original *Fast and Furious* of 1954 starring John Ireland and Dorothy Malone racing to Mexico in her XK120 OTS.



Amazingly many participants stayed all the way to the end of the quad feature festival, which attests to how much it was enjoyed.

Attending were Susan and Mike Cady, Duane and Leann Allred, Ken and Joann

Borg (who kindly brought some films we didn't have time to see), Bud and Betty Merritt, Jim and Hermione Klekas, J and Kay Jennings, Marvin and Connie May, Pat and Janet Patterson, Gary Lindstrom, and the hosts, Barry, Allison and Marcel Hanover.



Member Profile: Gary and Sandy Lindstrom

Interviewed By Himself

I grew up in Syracuse, Central New York State, between the Finger Lakes and Adirondack mountains. As a high school student and later I made sure to take advantage of both, sailing on the former and hiking in the latter.

My main diversion as a high school student was ham radio, a license for which I earned at age 12. At my prime I could send and receive (coherently) 35 words per minute in Morse code. I paid for my ham radio rig by shoveling the famous Cement Snow of Central NY -- a far cry from Utah's champagne powder.

I became very interested in math (and English, due to great high school teachers in both), and decided to study math at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh, now Carnegie Mellon University. In 1964 when I was a junior my father kindly bought me an MG TD, on a loan he (and I) somehow subsequently forgot about.

Although he never said it, I'm sure he thought I would trash the MG in 6 months. Instead, I still have and treasure it -- indeed I drove it to MG 2011 in Reno and had a ball.

In college I was 100% dweeb, though a fraternity president and president of student government. My main diversion was bagpiping, which I learned through membership in CMU's renowned Kiltie Band. I had a great time piping at football games, parades, political gigs, and Scottish games. When I graduated I reluctantly gave it up, deciding it "wasn't my bag" (ouch). Or you could say I became a professional bagpiper -- paid not to play!



Upon graduation by dumb luck I was in the right place at the right time to enter CMU's first graduate school class in computer science, a totally new discipline at the time. While rebuilding the TD (due to a broken crankshaft suffered on the

Ohio Turnpike), I met and married Sandy, an English Lit major at the University of Pittsburgh.

Sandy was born in Sewickley PA, down the Ohio River from Pittsburgh, and earned an RN before entering college. She did an MS in Social Work at Pitt, and then a PhD in Educational Psychology at Utah after we moved out here.

After earning a PhD at CMU I taught at Pitt for 7 years and then moved west in January 1977 to a job on the Engineering faculty at the U of U. I served 30 years, retiring in June 2007 as a Full Professor. While on duty I became the utility infielder in software courses, teaching computation theory, programming languages and compilers, databases, and software engineering. I supervised a dozen



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doctoral dissertations, about three dozen masters theses, and countless undergrad projects.

Meanwhile my interest in British cars deepened, mainly thanks to other British car lovers in the college, such as Bill Van Moorhem and Pete Gerrity, both BMCU founders. Along the way I collected a TR3A, an XK120 (bought from Pete), and in 2001 an XK140 which I spotted in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

I joined the WMJR soon after I bought the XK120, whose restoration I finished in 2005. The XK140 took longer, but it was recently completed and is currently being debugged, as we say in computer software.

Sandy and I are great animal lovers, and have had three sheepdogs and too many Siamese cats to count — we had a very



Special bonus:
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prolific momma cat before we intervened surgically.

My other hobbies are food (I do some cooking), wine, Utah art (as an admirer and collector, not practitioner), squash racquets and travel. Sandy and I have been around the world once, and have visited many countries on all continents except South America. She and I have lived in France several times, in my case starting with when I was an American Field Service exchange student in 1960.

Indeed on one sabbatical in France we indulged our love of British cars by driving around the Riviera in a very snappy Hillman Imp, shown on the previous page.

Our interest in travel has subsided now that Sandy's health has deteriorated and she's resident in a care facility. I visit her almost daily, usually with our sheepdog Margaux, and she is invariably appreciative and happy to see us. Visitors are always welcome by phone, letter or visit.



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Memorial Day Run to Jackson WY

By Gary Lindstrom

It may be chilly outside but it's none too early to start thinking about spring outings with your Jaguar, other British car, or even a Detroit-o-matic, autobahner, or rice burner.

I've consulted the Farmer's Almanac, and that seer of all things meteorological opines that the weather will be warm and sunny Memorial Day weekend May 26-28 in [Jackson Wyoming](#).

Consequently it took no effort at all for me to move, second and bring to a unanimous vote at the WMJR officer planning meeting a two night outing to that beautiful and fun town — especially since I volunteered to lead it.

Needing little further encouragement, I have booked a block of rooms at the [Quality Inn and Suites 49'er](#) smack in downtown Jackson, just a hoot & a holler from the [Cowboy Bar](#), which is reserving a saddle at the bar Saturday night for Susie Cady.

Specifically, we plan to leave at an early but reasonable hour (9am?) Saturday



morning from the Hogle Zoo parking lot in Salt Lake City, travel up over Emigration Canyon to I-80, to Evanston, and onto one of my favorite sports car roads in the area, Wy 89 to Woodruff UT, Cokeville WY, Geneva ID, and Smoot, Afton, Alpine, Hoback, and Jackson WY. The route changes number (and state) many times along the way, but all of it is beautiful, lightly traveled, and fun to drive.

Once we arrive plans will be made for dinner that day (there are lots of great

places to eat now in Jackson), and outings on Sunday, e.g. Grand Teton or Yellowstone NPs, or over Teton Pass to [Grand Targhee](#) or Driggs ID (home of the [Spud Drive-In](#)).

Departure on Monday will again be reasonably but not radically early, since most of us will want to avoid the late day I-80 traffic.

Mapquest says the total one way distance is 270 miles, taking about 5 hours—a perfect length in my view.



Jackson fills up on Memorial Day weekends, so act now to book your room. The motel number is 307-733-7550, and the group name is "Jaguar Club". The discounted group rates are \$109/night single, \$119/night double, with 10% less for AAA or AARP.

The rooms are being held only until April 10, so book now even if you're not sure you can make it — it's always possible to cancel right up to 48 hours in advance.

And oh yes, dogs are welcome in rooms as long as they are declared in the reservation, and not left unattended in the room. I may bring Margaux.

Randy Aagaard On Brokering Jaguars *Friday, March 23*

WMJR members will have a special treat Friday evening March 23 when we'll hear a presentation by Randy Aagaard on his life with Jaguars. Special emphasis will be on experiences in his current business of brokering Jaguars worldwide.

In any field brokers are folks who make a living bring together buyers and sellers, and do all the necessary preparation work including searching, qualifying, and otherwise vetting sales.

Randy for many years ran a high end British repair shop in Salt Lake City, but now focuses on brokering as well as running the Red Rock Rally, a fabulous collector car tour through Southern Utah modeled on the Colorado Grand.



As you might expect from Randy's professional profile he and his wife Debbie have owned countless Jaguars over the years. Pictured here is a completely original unrestored XK140 drop head coupe that won a Preservation Class award at the 2003 JCNA Championship Challenge in Phoenix. Just to show he's like all of us, he swears "I never should have sold that car!"

Randy's presentation will start 6:30pm at Ken and Joann Borg's house southeast of Olympus Hills Shopping Center, [3581 Hermes Drive](#) on the Salt Lake Valley's east bench.

Light refreshments will be served. Come one and come all — we promise when it's done you'll all say "How can I get this job?!"

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Desert Classic Concours Rancho Mirage CA, February 26

At the end of February I made an escape to the sun in the Palm Springs area with our recently finished XK140 drop head coupe.

Besides participating in a family reunion my excuse was to enjoy the fourth annual [Desert Classic Tour and Concours](#).

It was a terrific event, with fun driving, great cars, and of course wonderful weather by comparison to the snow and cold in Salt Lake.

Although my XK140 didn't win any awards (I am still cleaning and debugging it), I had no regrets when best in class went to a spectacular black E-type roadster presented by our regional JCNA representative Tom Krefetz of Classic Showcase in Oceanside, CA.

His car reminds me of the question: "What's the difference between a good paint job and a good black paint job?" Answer: "\$10,000". On-



ly in this case it was that plus about 20 employees.

The tour the day before the event was great fun, involving a 100 mile trip through the Coachella Valley past date farms, the Salton Sea, and sculptured rock canyons.

There was a bit of excitement on the tour, which was quite hot, when a freeze plug ejected on the XK140's engine with a resulting coolant geyser

— very spectacular! Fortunately I was carrying a wrench-type replacement plug, and a roadside repair was fairly quickly effected after waiting 30 minutes for cool down and despatching (as the Brits say) a runner for a replacement water..

The day after the event I went with my two sisters (who winter in the area) and brother in law to the Living Desert Museum in Palm Desert, which is featuring a spectacular young female [Jaguar](#). She is presented as the

Monarch of the Desert, and believe me, she looks a lot better than Elizabeth II.

After the event I drove my transporter rig to Phoenix, where I stashed it in preparation for Western States 2012. I then flew home to the snow and cold to finish this newsletter (cue the applause!). A report on WS12 and the JCNA Annual General Meeting will appear in the April issue.

—Gary Lindstrom

Last Call For Participation: JCNA AGM and Western States 2012 Meet In Phoenix March 6-14

As reported in the December 2011 issue of *Under the Bonnet*, the Jaguar Club of Central Arizona is hosting the JCNA Annual General Meeting and Western States 2012 Meet in Phoenix March 6-14.

Highlights include a golf tournament and dinner BBQ Friday March 9, the AGM itself Saturday March 10, the Concours d'Elegance and *Under the Sonoran Stars* dinner Sunday March 11, a rally and tour Monday March 12, the slalom competition and awards dinner Tuesday March



13, and the farewell breakfast Wednesday March 14.

The venue is elegant and regal [San Marcos Golf Resort](#) in Chandler AZ. A special rate of \$109 per night is available to attendees.

If you're interested in a warm climate get away, seeing the finest Jaguars old and new in the country, and perhaps play a little golf, here's your chance.

Registration information and full details are available on the JCN web site <http://www.jcna.com/>



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Randy Aagaard presentation

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May 26-28, 2012

Weekend drive to Jackson, WY

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Saturday, June 16, 2012

British Field Day Liberty Park

July 14, 2012

Utah Museum of Fine Arts exhibit [Speed:
The Art of the Performance Automobile](#)

July 28, 2012

Healey Days in Park City with Concours
Get together at Ken and Joann Borg's cabin

September 29, 2012

Hawaiian Luau at Cadys'

October 26, 2012

Spook Rally and Hallowe'en Party

November

Planning Meeting and
Selection of New Officers

December

Christmas Party

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