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## Luau At Cadys' Saturday September 13

*Mahalo nui loa na ho'olaule'a me la kaula!* That means *Thank you for celebrating with us* in Hawaiian, if my web translator is right.

Once again Mike and Susan Cady, aided by daughter and son-in-law Amanda and Mike Powers, put on a terrific back yard luau.

No pigs were sacrificed, or at least not in their entirety, but a great spread of food and island decorations were at hand.

President Jerry Gill gave official thanks to the hosts, and Duane Allred proposed a Christmas party venue which was accepted by acclamation



(see calendar on [p. 7](#)).

Susan then hono(u)red us with her traditional *wahine* dance, to great acclaim.

Attending were hosts Susan and Mike Cady and Tess, Joe and Eude Sampson (new members), J and Kay Jennings, Duane and LeAnn Allred, Milou Bottrill and Nikki, Craig and Janine Call, Roland and Sandy Held, Marvin and Connie May, John and Liz Green, Jerry Gill, Amanda and Mike Powers (Cady daughter and son-in-law), Jim and Hermione Klekas, and Your Obedient Scribe Gary Lindstrom.

## Hallowe'en Party 6:30pm Friday October 24 At Jennings Car Barn

Spook alert: WMJR will once again host a Festival of Comical Hats as its adult rendering of Hallowe'en, 6:30pm Friday October 24 at the Jennings', 6046 Fontaine Bleu Drive, Murray, 801-274-2671.

This will be a pot luck event, with everyone asked to bring a dish — entrée, side dish, salad, or dessert. Soft drinks will be provided; if this doesn't float your boat please bring your own favorite libation.



There will be a few games appropriate for the season, but — promise — no Jennings Brain Twister car puzzles.

It should be great fun as always, so Be There or You'll Turn Into A Pumpkin!

Please RSVP to Kay Jennings (801-274-2671) or Susan Cady (801-731-1599), indicating what dish you plan to bring. If you don't you'll probably get a nagging reminder phone call!

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## JCNA Western States Meet Colorado Springs September 2– 6

The Rocky Mountain Jaguar Club and the Jaguar Club of Southern Colorado teamed up to put on a terrific Western States meet in Colorado Springs early in September.

The venue was Cheyenne Mountain Resort overlooking the Broadmoor Valley with the NORAD Cheyenne Mountain air defense facility, or the portal thereof, in the distance.

This is not the premier lodging in the valley -- that distinction belongs to the very hoity-toity Broadmoor Hotel, but this facility was extremely nice and right sized for our group.

Wednesday, the first day, was devoted to a tour and rallye up to Cripple Creek, the famous old silver mining town now a casino destination. In the early 1900s Cripple Creek rivaled Denver in population (13,000) and contended for designation as the state capitol.

The Cripple Creek area and more specifically its adjacent town of Victor have a special significance to me since Victor was the initial destination in 1909 for my father, grandmother, and aunt emigrating from the little town of Alfta, Sweden. Victor is now the home of an enormous open pit mining operation which exploits the modern cyanide



side leaching process for low grade gold ore.



I declined offers to navigate for a rallye car and set off on my own up the canyon. Just north of Manitou Springs I heard a

pop and saw copious steam emerge from under the XK140 bonnet, and discovered a freeze plug had come loose. I limped back to Manitou Springs and took advantage of the recovery service graciously provided by Hagerty Insurance, with a regal ride on a flat bed truck ride back to Colorado Springs.

Letting the XK140 cool, I hopped in my truck and joined the group for exploring Cripple Creek / Victor with a nice buffet dinner at a casino.

Thursday was slalom day, which I declined to run, spending the time with my repair job. Fortunately the offending plug was easily accessible and I had brought along a wrench-type copper expansion unit, so all was well. That evening there was a terrific dinner and dance at the National Museum of World War II Aviation at the Colorado Springs airport. 1940s dress was encouraged, and many attendees really





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played the part, though my outfit was "timeless".

A bonus was a tour of the WestPac Restorations professional vintage airplane restoration facility operated in conjunction with the museum. If you think we as car collectors lavish unseemly amounts of money on creaky old vehicles you should see what really rich folks (mostly from Wall Street or Silicon Valley) spend on vintage aircraft.

The highlight of the tour for me was the machine shop where very skilled folks reproduce or create metal components using the most impressive array of metal forming equipment I have ever seen. A case in point was a nose cone of a P-51 Twin Mustang being copied from a damaged original.



Friday was the feature event - the Western States Concours. To my surprise there were no XK120's competing, but three XK140's - two in the Championship class and one in Driven. A beautiful XK140 OTS from Albuquerque came in first, benefiting from a complete tool kit and period correct crossply tires (both of these were sold with my XK120 at Pebble Beach last year).



People's Choice (and my favorite) was a 1938 SS 2.5 Litre Drop Head Coupe in black and grey - stunning! Best of Show was a 2007 S-type sedan scoring 99.79.

On Saturday the Jaguar Club of Southern Colorado staged their own concours, and this time the (different) judges ranked my car first over the Albuquerque OTS. Perhaps they got them confused, since both are maroon with biscuit interiors!

All in all it was a very worthwhile, fun event. I eagerly look forward to the next Western States two years hence.





## Understanding (Old) British Money

### Old Style British Money

For those of you who watch old British Shows on Mystery Theater (PBS), the dialogue about the money system is confusing. Recently Gail Anderson asked what it is all about.

In the good old days the British monetary system was fun to use and exercised the brain.

Roger Mogford provided a definitive update about the coins and paper money before 'Decimalisation':



#### Coins

- Farthing (About 3/8 dia. Same material as a U.S. penny), 4 Farthings to one Penny

- Halfpenny (Pronounced Hayp-nee and about 3/4 dia.) (Same material as a US Penny), 2 Hayp-nee to one Penny
- Penny (About 1 1/8 dia. Same material as a U.S. penny), 240 Pennies to one Old British £
- Silver Three penny coin (9/16" dia. - out of circulation mid1930s)
- Bronze Three penny coin (heavy, 3/16 thick, multi-sided. About size of a U.S. nickel), 80 Three penny coins to £1

- Six pence coin (Silver colored

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about size of U.S. dime), 40 Six pence pieces to £1

- Shilling (Silver colored about size of U.S. quarter), 20 Shillings to £1
- Florin (2 shillings, Silver colored about size of U.S. half dollar), 10 Florins to £1
- Half Crown (2 shillings & six pence, Silver colored about size of U.S. dollar), 8 Half Crowns to £1
- Crown (Five shillings, Silver colored a little larger than a U.S. dollar), 4 Crowns to £1
- Guinea (One pound + one shilling) - The first Gold Coin machine minted in the

Kingdom of England and later in the Kingdom of Great Britain and later the UK between 1663 and 1814. Originally worth £1 but rises in the Price of Gold relative to Silver resulted in its' value increasing to a high of 30 Shillings.

From 1717 to 1816 its' value was set at £1 + One Shilling

The Guinea is still used today, primarily as Prize money, particularly for horse racing and as the selling



price of a horse. Today the Guinea comprises One new British £ + Ten New Pence

**Paper Money**

- 10 Shilling Note (Slang - Ten Bob

Note)

- One Pound Note (Slang - Quid)
- Five Pound Note (Slang - Fiver)
- Ten Pound Note (Slang - Tener)
- There were additional notes, fifty pounds etc.

On 15 February 1971, known as Decimal Day, the United Kingdom and Ireland decimalised their currencies. The official story was to accommodate the computer age; it was chaos and prices on just about everything doubled as storekeepers cashed in on the confusion. The folks were so used to the old pounds, shillings and pence and it took time to learn the "new math", especially for the older residents.

—Roger Mogford, in July 2014 Issue of *From Bonnet-to-Boot*, newsletter of the Jaguar Car Club of North Florida.

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## Milwaukee County Zoo Announces Birth of Two Jaguar Cubs

Cuddled next to their mom inside the nesting box, the cubs looked almost black because their spots are bunched so closely together on their tiny furry bodies.

They're born with all their spots — which are basically jaguar fingerprints because each animal's marking is unique — and as Stella's offspring grow the feline polka dots will expand, allowing more of the tawny color to peek through.

The yet-to-be-named male and female jaguar cubs were unveiled to the public at the Milwaukee County Zoo on Thursday via a video feed of their wood nesting box where mom Stella stretched out and napped.

In the jaguar enclosure across from the television showing the live feed, father Pat walked in circles and stood on a rock outcropping calling out to the disinterested tigers nearby.

The first cub was born at 6:30 a.m. Aug. 14 followed by its sibling at noon, weighing about a pound and measuring 10 inches. While zookeepers monitored the feline family from a webcam, Stella attentively took care of the balls of fur, cleaning them and pulling the brother and sister close to her.

So far she's been a great mom and the cubs have been nursing almost continuously when they aren't sleeping or starting to discover their friskiness.

"The cubs were playing a little while ago, but they really aren't coordinated yet

so they were like slowly batting each other," said Amanda Ista, zookeeper in the Florence Mila Borchert Family Big Cat Country. "It's so adorable."

Though Stella was born in captivity at the Fort Worth Zoo in Texas, father Pat is much rarer because he came from the wild in Belize. Pat was a problem jaguar, but instead of killing him, au-



thorities in Belize captured and rehabilitated him before sending Pat to the United States.

"It's rare to have a wild cat in the (breeding) program," Ista said. "Pat is extremely valuable. Not only is he not related to anyone else, but he's got the wild genes."

Genetic diversity is key in the world's zoo population because inbreeding can lead to weaker, more sickly animals.

So when Pat and Stella had two male cubs in November 2012, zookeepers were ecstatic. The two now full-sized brothers, Zean and B'alam, are still at Milwaukee's zoo but will likely get sent to different facilities to begin breeding.

An ultrasound was not done so veterinarians didn't know Stella was carrying

twins. She was pregnant roughly 103 days, and zookeepers guessed she would give birth around Aug. 11, off by only three days.

"Jaguars have one of the more variable gestations for big cats and can vary from 90 to 120 days," Ista said.

In another week or so the cubs will begin to sample Stella's food, around 31/2 pounds of meat along with vitamins and nutrients, but she'll continue to nurse until they're fully weaned at three to four months. Zookeepers expect the cubs will move into the jaguar enclosure by late October.

Until then, folks can watch them on the live cam.

Janet and Andy Raddatz visited the zoo from their home in Plymouth to celebrate Janet's birthday on Thursday.

A friend who knew she was visiting the zoo emailed her a link to the jaguar cub birth announcement.

"It's kind of a fun birthday surprise," Janet Raddatz said while sitting on a bench near the lions and watching the web cam. "We love cats — we have four at home."

Jaguar cam

The live web cam for the Milwaukee zoo's new jaguar cubs can be seen at [milwaukeezoo.org](http://milwaukeezoo.org) and an Amazon wish list of toys and other items for the cubs can be found at [www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/](http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/).

## LA Customs Agents Recover Jaguar Stolen 47 Years Ago

By Andy Fixmer, *Mashable* 9/17/14

While inspecting a container en route to the Netherlands, Los Angeles port customs officials uncovered a rare 1967 Jaguar XKE convertible that had been missing for 47 years.

The Jaguar, stolen March 13, 1968, in New York, could fetch \$23,600 in fair condition and \$100,000 in excellent condition, custom officials said on Wednesday in a statement. The vehicle is being returned

to its original owner, Ivan Schneider, who now resides in Florida.

"This is just a miracle, a miracle," Schneider said. "I was 36 years old then and now I'm 82. It was my first good car — and favorite."

Customs officials at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the busiest shipping complex in the United States, recover about 250 stolen vehicles per year, although that rarely includes collector's items like Schneider's Jaguar, according to Javier Larios, section chief officer of the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol.

In addition to the Jaguar, the officials also seized a 1969 blue Chevrolet Corvette, a light brown

1976 Mercedes 280, a white 2007 Mercedes E350 and a 2014 red Chevrolet Camaro ZL1. Documentation for vehicles heading



outside the U.S. must be provided three days before being shipped, Larios said. In the case of Schneider's Jaguar, the car's VIN led California Highway Patrol investigators to the stolen report.

By the time time customs officials were able to confirm the stolen vehicle, the vessel had already left for the Netherlands and was days from arriving. The shipping company was ordered to return the container with the car, which arrived back in LA a few weeks ago. The National Insurance Crime Bureau was able to track down Schneider and set up plans to return the vehicle, Larios said.

The California Highway Patrol is trying to determine who might have stolen the vehicle, investigator Mike Maleta said in an interview.

The person who was shipping the vehicle had owned it for about three months and bought it from a man in Turlock, California, he said. That person had owned the car for

almost 40 years and is looking for paperwork from when he bought the car.

"We still need to figure out how this car got from New York to Los Angeles," Maleta said. "Sometimes we hit a dead end, sometimes we get lucky. We'll see where this investigation leads."

Schneider said he would often wake up at 4 a.m. on weekends just to push the car to its limits, reaching speeds of 100 m.p.h. on highways in New York.

"It's a wonderful car," Schneider said. "It was good for the engine in a car like that. I bought it brand new. I had it less than a year. I'm gonna restore it."



# Event Calendar

6:30pm Friday, October 24  
Hallowe'en Party  
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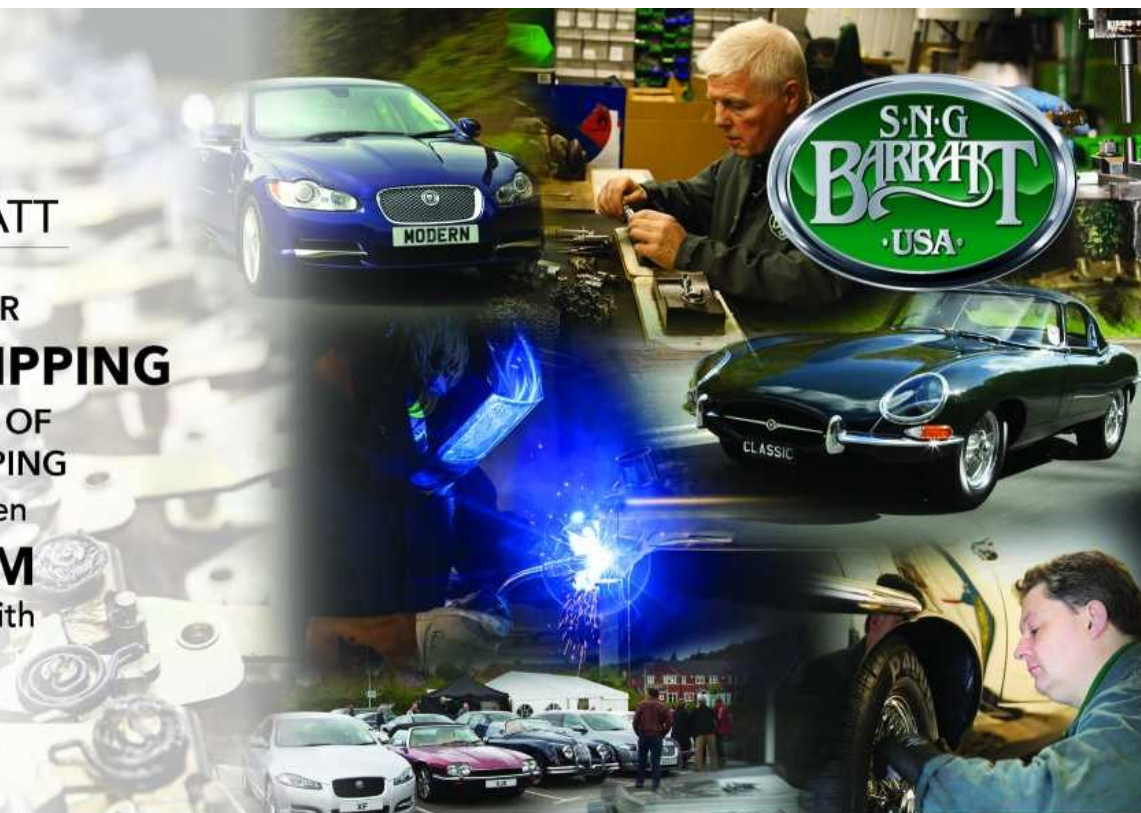
6pm Tuesday, November 11  
Tour of Jim Hulse Car Collection  
Followed by dinner  
At [Cliff House Gastro Pub](#)  
Details in November Newsletter

[Saturday, November 1  
Jaguar Photo Shoot  
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Wednesday, December 3  
6:30pm, [Spice Bistro](#)  
Christmas Party


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