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WMJR Christmas Party 7pm Tuesday December 5

We're keeping the tradition alive by returning to the venue which took such good care of us two years ago — [RUBY River Steakhouse, 4286 Riverdale Road in Ogden.](#)



Don't forget to bring an inexpensive (~\$10) gift to exchange, marked Him or Her if it

matters. Special bonus this year: the club will underwrite your dinner to the tune of \$10 cash.

Once again we'll have the upstairs private room that was just right for us last time.

Don't forget to bring a 2018 dues check (\$50) — see [p. 6](#).

You can order just what you'd like off the [menu](#), which is extensive.

Hallowe'en Party Friday, October 27

Once again Jim and Hermione Klekas hosted this event at their fabulous home in the St. Mary's neighborhood of Salt Lake City.

Costumes as in past years here limited to silly / crazy / ugly / provocative hats.

Jim and Hermione cooked up clam dip, lemon chicken and pilafi and provided soft drinks and liquor. Attendees provided a tasty range of side dishes and desserts.

Participants included Jim and Hermione Klekas hosts, plus guard dog Vito, Ken



and JoAnn Borg, Bud and Betty Merritt, Allison and Barry Hanover, Tony and Marla Gault, John and Liz Green, Lee and Judy Taylor, Bill Breedlove, Joe Gisler and Your Obedient Scribe.

A full photo gallery is available on the [2017 Memories](#) section of www.wmjr.org



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Continuing A New Section My Other Car Is A(n) ...

This month we offer for your admiration the lovely 1956 Austin-Healey 100 BN2 of Jim Revel. Jim provided this history of the car.



Not much is known about this car prior to 1983, nor who the owner was until John France, now a retired Attorney from Rockford, IL informed me in 2016 that he acquired it from his neighbor, Al Svododa, now deceased who claimed to be the 2nd owner, as he told John he bought it from the original owner a year earlier. As Al was an engineer he had disassembled it and when John visited him in 1983 said he had to sell it, so John bought it.



In 1984 John contracted with Tom Kovacs, owner of Fourintune, a premiere Austin Healey restoration shop to do a complete off frame restoration of the car so Tom hauled the disassembled car to his restoration shop in Cedarburg, Wisconsin. In 1986 he completed the



restoration. Over the next 27 years John said he drove the car approximately 2,000 miles per year, so he put around 54,000 miles on it. During that time he participated in and drove it on many Austin Healey Club of America rallies and events. Based on the odometer the first owner drove it over 90,000 miles before that but it stopped working not long after the restoration.

In 2013 Bill Parthmer of York, PA acquired the car through an intermediary that John France contracted with to sell the car. Over the next 3 years Bill did approximately \$10,000 worth of replacements and upgraded mechanical work to the car including the restoration of all the gauges and the speedo. Parthmer had a fancier car collection that he drove more often and said he put no more than 500 miles on the car during the 3 years he owned it. He had 97,483 miles put on the restored speedo which was what it said when he got it. I bought it from Parthmer in 2016.

Event Calendar

November 2017
2018 Planning Meeting

7pm Tuesday December 5, 2017
Christmas Party
Ruby River Steakhouse
Riverdale Road, Ogden
See article on [p. 1](#)

Dues Notice

2018 JCNA and WMJR dues are, well, due. Please give or send a check to our Treasurer, John Green, PO Box 330, Farmington, UT 84025.

A perfect time to erase the from your To Do list will be the club Christmas party, see [p. 1](#)



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