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Newsletter of the
**Wasatch Mountain
Jaguar Register**

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Halloween Party At Klekas Home

Jim and Hermione Klekas once again generously hosted the WMJR Halloween party at their home on Saturday October 23.

And once again Jim cooked up a batch of his luscious *kotópoulo kai rýzi* known to gringos as Greek chicken and rice.

The dress code was *Zany From Ears Up* and attendees complied creatively.

A tasty range of side dishes including salad, veggies and desserts were contributed by participants.

Attendees included Ken and JoAnn Borg, Kay, Susan and Jackson Jennings, Gary Lindstrom and Louise



Ewing, Dil Strasser, Tim Reganis, Marvin and Connie May, Liz and Jesse Green, Jeff Klekas, and hosts Jim and Hermione Klekas.

Guarding the proceedings was the very hungry but well-behaved German Shepherd Vito Klekas aided by the fearless white terrier Toby (sorry I missed who he brought).

This event has become one of the highlights of the WMJR

yearly social calendar — long may it prosper!

Boo!

—Gary Lindstrom

More Halloween Party Photos



WMJR Christmas Party

6pm Tuesday December 7 Red Lobster in Murray UT

Well, the pandemic wiped out plans for our Christmas party in 2020 and left us, well, holding the bag (of gifts).

This year your club is making amends with a renewal of this tradition at the Murray Red Lobster Restaurant.

Folks will be free to order whatever they wish from the menu, along with whatever libations their Inner Elf would like.

Despite the name, the restaurant offers a wide range of entrees including aquatic, terrestrial and herba- ceous.

And Your Officers are themselves playing Elves by declaring a \$10 cash dividend per person to offset meal costs payable at check time.

There will be a gift exchange as per pre-

vious years. This year the suggested value has been raised to the munifi- cent level of fif- teen dollars (not British pounds).



If you choose to participate please mark your package in accordance with modern pronoun usage: *His / Hers / Theirs*.

The Red Lobster has promised us our own room so it should be a great occasion at which to renew old friendships, even boisterously.

It all starts 6pm Tuesday December 7 at the Red Lobster at 298 E. Win-

chester St., Murray UT.

Thanks to our Activities Committee—Sue, Kay and Liz — for putting this together.

Auction analysis: Jaguar continuation cars have become collectible stars

The ClassicCars.com Journal
By Andy Reid, October 30, 2020

This past weekend, RM Sotheby's held a single-consignor auction in Elkhart, Indiana, and sales numbers at this live and online sale were strong, with many of the cars selling for record figures. The auction

was no reserve and generated \$44,385,420 in commerce.

Among the many spectacular cars at the auction were three stand-outs from Jaguar — an XKSS, D-Type, and an E-Type Lightweight.

All the more interesting was that they were all Jaguar continuation cars, and with the exception of the E-Type Lightweight,



This continuation series 1957 Jaguar XKSS brought nearly \$2 million at auction | RM Sotheby's photos

they were the first to come to the auction market since they were built.

high prices for original examples of these cars in the collector car market, Jaguar decided to start building a few new ones to their original specifications.

The first was the E-Type Lightweight. These continuation cars were announced in 2015 and were built to complete the original planned set of 18

cars (only 12 were built in period). The continuations sold new



1957 Jaguar XKSS continuation car

Just for some history, and likely due to the extremely

for an estimated \$1.6 million; all six sold

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Jaguar continuation cars — *cont'd from p. 4*

almost immediately.

Jaguar followed up in March 2016 by announcing that it would complete the intended original production run of 25

XKSS cars by building the nine XKSS that were never finished due to the Browns Lane fire. Just like the E-Type Lightweight continuation cars, each of the cars was made in the Jaguar Land Rover Classic facility at Browns Lane. And like the E-Type Lightweights, all nine cars sold immediately after the announcement, each for an estimated \$1.5 million.

In 2018, Jaguar announced it would build 25 D-Type continuation cars. This number was again due to the company having planned originally to build 100 cars, but due to the fire built only 75 of them in period. The continuation cars could be ordered in long- or short-nose form. Again, all cars were sold immediately at the estimated price of, you

guessed it, an estimated \$1.5 million. The car offered in Indiana was a short-nose example.

Since these cars were built,



there has been much speculation about what they would be worth on the secondary collector car market. If you used Shelby Continuation Cobra cars as an example, it seemed likely that values would drop considerably.

I have to say that these Jaguars are a different breed from other continuation cars, having been built in the same location as the originals rather than somewhere else. Each was constructed utilizing the same

materials and hand craftsmanship as the originals in the 1950s and '60s.

Also, the number of Jaguar continuation cars was limited to the company's original intentions, making them more exclusive and more special.

Each of these Jaguar models carries the chassis number it was intended to have in the original production run. They are true continuation cars, built to complete the planned production for each model.

So how did they sell? Quite well. The E-type Lightweight went for \$1.71 million, the XKSS for \$1.985 million, and the D-Type for \$1.325 million.

These prices indicate that each of these incredibly special "true" continuation cars has a strong place in the collector market. I am both envious of their new owners and, at the same time, congratulate each for tremendous taste and foresight.



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2021 Club Calendar

Monday November 29
[International Jaguar Day](#)

6pm Tuesday December 7
Christmas Party at Red Lobster
298 E. Winchester St., Murray UT
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Ongoing

9am—noonish Third Sunday of Each Month
Park City Cars and Coffee
Hugo Coffee
1794 Olympic Parkway, Kimball Junction

WMJR members have a standing invitation to participate in events of the [British Motor Club of Utah](#).
Here is their [calendar](#) of events



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—*Burma Shave, 1937*

