

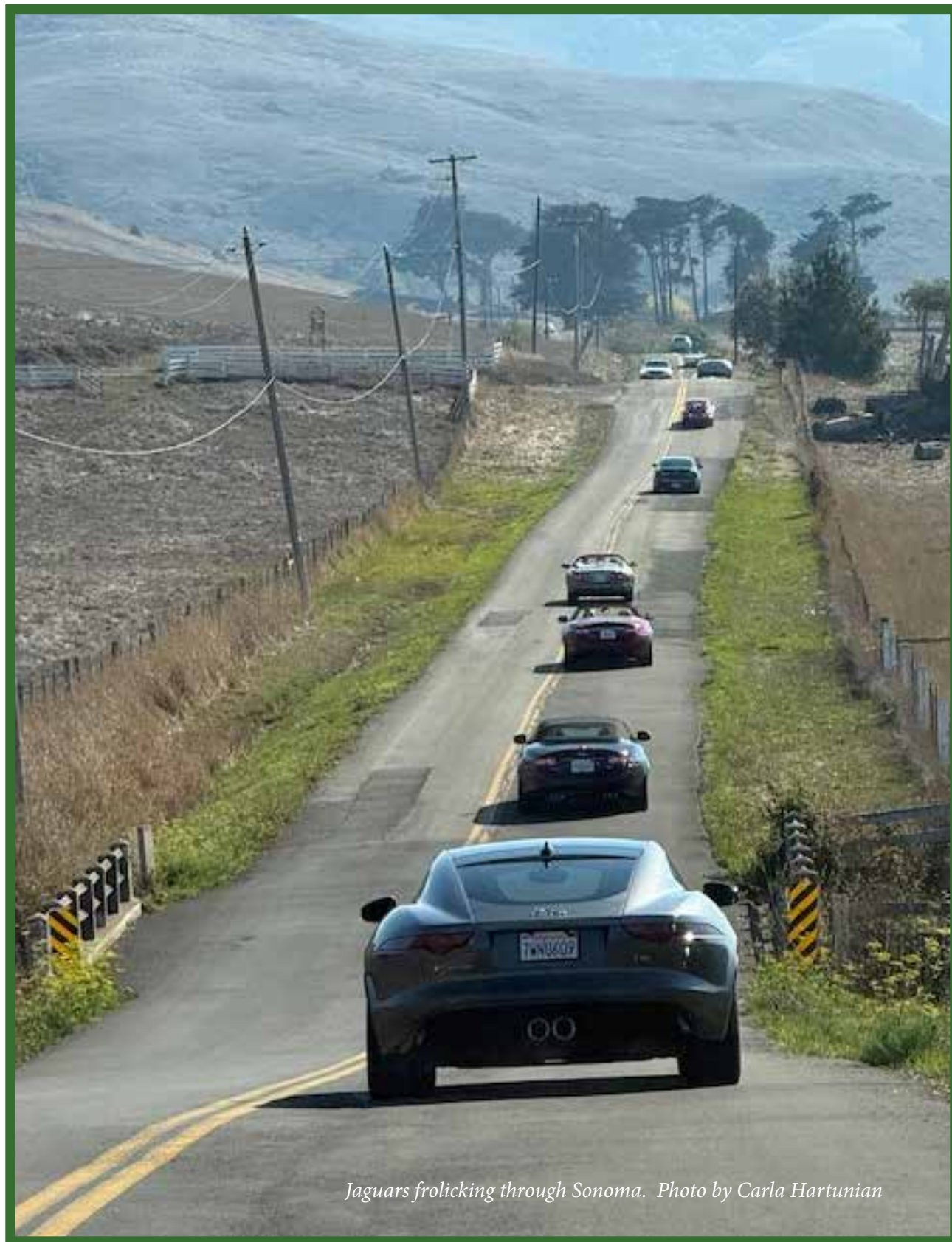
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Jaguars frolicking through Sonoma. Photo by Carla Hartunian



All photos by Andy Preston

President’s message for November 2025

Driving back from Monterey the other day, I started paying attention to the parade of cars that were on the highway around me; a typical assortment of compact imports, domestic sedans, SUVs and pickup trucks. Two things struck me: Practically every car I saw was painted either white, black or silver/grey, and most of those cars were visually quite similar and, frankly, pretty boring, design wise. In contrast, my red XKR Jaguar convertible definitely stands out from the crowd; it’s svelte body and classy interior appointments make it sexier and more desirable than the vast majority of other cars on the road. As I contemplated all this, I thought it would be fun to write a bit of a “love letter” to Jaguar about all the things that I think make their cars so very special.

To drive a Jaguar is to experience more than transportation; it is to embrace a tradition of craftsmanship, performance, and prestige that few marques can rival. From the moment one settles into the driver’s seat, the sensation is unmistakable: this is not merely a car, but a statement of artistry and engineering excellence. Driving a Jaguar is both a joy and a privilege; a blend of exhilaration and refinement that elevates every journey.

The joy begins with the design. Jaguars are sculpted with a balance of elegance and dynamism, their flowing lines suggesting motion even at rest. The iconic leaping cat emblem is not just a badge but a promise of agility and grace. Sliding behind the wheel, one is greeted by interiors that combine modern technology with timeless luxury—supple leather, polished wood veneers, and intuitive controls that make the driver feel both indulged and empowered.

Performance, however, is where Jaguar truly distinguishes itself. The brand has long been associated with motorsport heritage, and that DNA is evident in every model. Whether it is the purr

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of a refined six-cylinder engine or the surge of the all-electric I-PACE, Jaguars respond with precision and poise. The steering is communicative, the suspension tuned to balance comfort with control, and the acceleration immediate yet smooth. Driving a Jaguar is not about brute force; it is about harmony between driver and machine; a symphony of power delivered with grace.

Yet beyond the thrill, Jaguars carry with them a legacy of British craftsmanship and innovation. To own and drive one is to participate in a lineage that includes icons like the E-Type, once hailed as the most beautiful car in the world. It is a privilege to command a vehicle that embodies decades of design evolution. This heritage instills a sense of responsibility: a Jaguar is not just driven, it is cherished.

In the end, the joy of driving a Jaguar lies in its ability to stir the senses, while the privilege lies in being part of a tradition that values beauty, performance, and distinction. To drive a Jaguar is to experience the road not as a necessity, but as an experience to be savored.

Looking forward to our next drive together,
Hope to see you all soon,
Sandor Nagyszalanczy,
JAG President

Keeping your Jaguar on the road

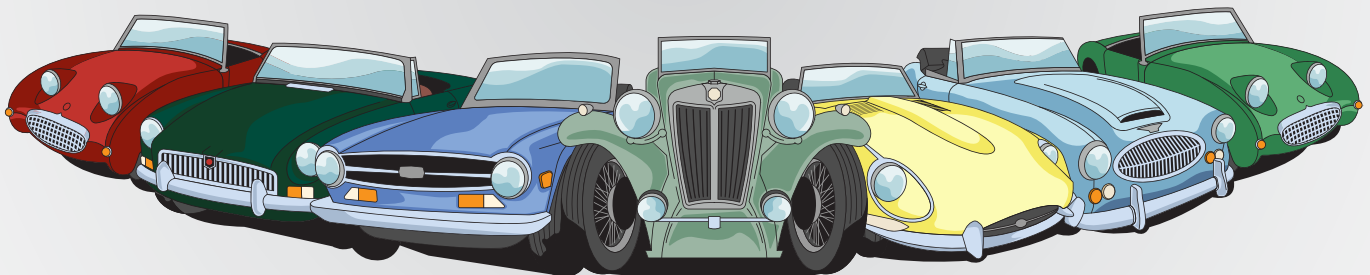


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Kenneth Bilodeau, 77, a Palo Alto resident who worked at numerous high-tech startups, who helped form the investment management company AKJ Asset Management and who was a superb woodworker and a private pilot, died on Sept. 28, 2025.



November Jaguar Birthday's

Roger Bohl	Nov. 2
Waldon Carlson	Nov. 2
Katrina Smolen	Nov. 2
Henry Offer	Nov. 4
Paul Henderson	Nov. 6
Chun Chang	Nov. 6
Richard Mitchell	Nov. 10
Janie Burtch	Nov. 10
Austin Kilburn	Nov. 12
Cindy Osman	Nov. 12
Russell Couch	Nov. 15
John Cabrinha	Nov. 15
Wella Urrutia	Nov. 17
Carol Witt	Nov. 17
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Glen Barker	Nov. 21
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Rancho Nicasio Drive

by Andy Preston

We had a beautiful autumn day in mid-October for the Sonoma tour with clear and sunny skies. We met at Sonoma Valley Bagel on Rohnert Park Expressway; well, let's say that most of us met there but a few members including our 2 VPs went to another Sonoma Valley Bagel shop in RP. However John Swenson noticed the lack of bathrooms and Deborah said "Andy would never meet somewhere without bathrooms" and since no other Jaguars were there, they realized that this was the wrong location. They soon joined us and after a short drivers' meeting, we were off into the countryside.

There were 22 cars and 43 members including 3 E-types, 1 XK150 DHC driven by Ken & Marcia Fritz NEW members and 18 assorted Jaguar models. All cars were in beautiful condition, and it was quite spectacle driving along the roads. There were fewer cars on the road than normal and even fewer cyclists, so we had the roads to ourselves. Even at this time of year the Sonoma countryside is beautiful with ranches and pastureland everywhere. We were able to stay together as we traversed Chileno Valley which always reminds me of the TV show "All Creatures Great and Small" set in the Dales of northern England.

Our first stop was at the Marin French Cheese factory in Marin which is a wonderful place to stop and take a break. If you haven't been there, it's definitely worth a visit. Many members took advantage to taste the many cheeses laid out on display which are always delicious and tempting to buy. In fact, many members were tempted and took advantage of the sale of the day "10 cheeses for \$40" and loaded up. Unfortunately, the break was too short and we were back on the road again.

Our second leg took us along Nicasio reservoir and into Pt. Reyes Station where we were greeted by hundreds of "NO KINGS" demonstrators lining the road. There was lots of tooting of horns and friendly waves as our parade of Jaguars drove by. You felt as if we were part of the parade due to the fact that the two-lane street was so narrow. We turned inland to Olema where once again there were lots of "NO KINGS" demonstrators to greet us and cheer us on. We drove through Samuel P. Taylor Park which is especially spectacular at this time of year and onto our lunch spot at Rancho Nicasio.

They were ready for us when we arrived, and we were seated in the garden area at picnic benches which was really pleasant on this warm sunny day. The food came out quickly as it always does and was hot and delicious. They are definitely well-organized and used to catering to large groups. They had a wedding party later in the afternoon.

I'd like to thank everyone who showed up for this event which made it very successful. I know that many of you travelled a long way to join us, especially Deborah and Carla who came all the way from Fresno. Thank you to everyone.

MOSS BEACH DISTILLERY

Exercise your CAT and have brunch at the Moss Beach Distillery on Sunday November 16, 2025. Join us for one of our most popular events. A short drive from multiple locations, followed by a display of our cats in the parking lot and then a delicious brunch in the Fitzgerald Room, with spectacular ocean views. We will meet at four Bay Area locations to caravan to the Moss Beach Distillery located at 140 Beach Way, Moss Beach. During Prohibition it was an ideal spot for rum running and bootleggers and became a 'speakeasy' establishment. The restaurant is located on a cliff above a secluded beach with fabulous views. It is also famous both because mystery writer Dashiell Hammett was a frequent visitor and used it as a setting for his detective stories and because long time JAG member Bernie Stein worked there in his teens! We will assemble in the parking lot south of the entrance by 11:00 to exhibit our CATS and socialize with brunch starting at 11:30. The brunch includes:

- Fresh baked pastries (unlimited supply)
- Fruit cup
- A bottomless glass of orange juice, sparkling wine or Mimosas
- Coffee or tea and soft drinks
- **#1: Coastal Crab Cake Benedict**- two crab cakes topped with poached eggs and hollandaise. Served with homestyle potatoes
- **#2 Grilled Pork Chops and Eggs**-One pork chop marinated in chimichurri with a mustard sauce, accompanied by eggs scrambled with parmesan cheese and artichoke hearts. Served with homestyle potatoes.
- **#3 California Coastal Omelet**- Three egg omelet with chopped prawns, tomato, avocado, scallions, Monterey jack cheese, topped with a bay spice aioli, Served with homestyle potatoes.
- **#4 Grilled Salmon Fillet**- Fresh Salmon filet served over homestyle potatoes with seasonal vegetables and beurre Blanc sauce.

Because of the popularity of this event and the fact that our room only holds 55 people, you'll need to make your reservations early. While some may feel this is a steep price to pay for brunch, the food is delicious and plentiful, the view is spectacular, and the fellowship can't be beat. So, sign up on the website or use the form included. This is a rain or shine event.

Reservation Form-- Deadline to sign up is November 10, 2025

Moss Beach Distillery & Drive, Sunday, November 16, 2025

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Cost: \$55.00 per person x_____members \$_____

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Sign up online or Pay with ZELLE or make checks payable to JAG and mail to Phil Endliss, 37 Campbell Lane Menlo Park, CA. 94025 (650 269-0457) For more information contact Deborah at 415 509-2909.



2025 HOLIDAY GALA DINNER, December 6, 2025

DON GIOVANNI RESTAURANT, 235 CASTRO STREET, MOUNTAIN VIEW

HOSTS: DEBORAH & CARLA HARTUNIAN

On Saturday, December 6, you're invited to join us for our last JAG event of 2025. We have our private room reserved at DON GIOVANNI restaurant. It has always been our tradition for the Club to subsidize the budget for this event and this year is no different. You don't want to miss this event, welcome the new 2026 Board of Directors, and enjoy a delicious 4 course meal and wine. Our entrée choices this year are:

1. New York Steak- Charbroiled New York Steak with red wine and black peppercorn sauce served with mashed potato and seasonal vegetables.
2. Salmon Piccata- Pan seared salmon filet with capers and lemon butter white wine sauce with mashed potato and seasonal vegetables.
3. Chicken Marsala- Free range Chicken breast in Marsala wine sauce with mushrooms served with mashed potato and seasonal vegetables.
4. Spinach Ravioli with Marinara sauce

Red and white wine will be served with our meal and the evening will start with a no-host cocktail hour and appetizers starting at 6 P.M followed by dinner at 7 P.M. We'll be announcing the New JAG Board Members after Dinner, along with a little music. The cost for the evening will be \$95.00 per person (sorry restaurant increase) to be

sent in by November 28. We can only comfortably seat 56 people. Signup early! We look forward to you joining the festivities for another great Jaguar club fun filled Holiday party.

HOTEL: Hampton Inn by Hilton, 390 Moffett Blvd. MV., 94043,

KING ROOMS are \$150.00 per night including taxes. 2 Queens are \$175.00 (650-988-0300) JAG does not have a block of rooms as we don't need the number of rooms they require. Note that these rates may vary.

HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATIONS

Dinner choice:

Please reserve _____ members at \$95 each for dinner
(1) New York Steak (2) Salmon Piccata (3) Chicken Marsala (4) Spinach Ravioli

Name _____ (1) (2) (3) (4)

Name _____ (1) (2) (3) (4)

Which fabulous Jag Member would you like to be seated with? _____

Sign up online or Pay with ZELLE or make checks payable to JAG and mail to Phil Endliss, 37 Campbell Lane Menlo Park, CA. 94025 (650 269-0457) For more information contact Deborah at 415 509-2909.

2025 South West Colorado Oil Leak: A Week of Scenic Drives and Jaguar Camaraderie

By David Langley, Glen Barker, and Les Hamilton

Photos by Phil Endliss and Les Hamilton

In late September, J.A.G. members David and Debbie Langley, Glen and Sharon Barker, Phil Endliss, and Les Hamilton took part in the 2025 South West Colorado Oil Leak, an event planned and led by David Langley. This gathering was not just about driving; it was a celebration of tradition, camaraderie, and the love of Jaguars.

The Oil Leak event began in 2011 when a group of Jaguar E-Type enthusiasts organized a road trip to mark the E-Type's 50th anniversary. What started as a single celebration has grown into an annual tradition, with planning duties and destinations rotating each year. In 2025, the event was based in Durango and Montrose, Colorado, with participants spending three nights in each location.

This year's timing coincided with the peak of Colorado's fall colors and allowed for less crowded venues. Twenty-one participants, driving eleven Jaguars, gathered in Durango. The lineup included two XK-120s, five E-Types, two XK8s, and two F-Types, with attendees traveling from California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, and Oklahoma. Many groups drove more than 1,000 miles to reach the starting point in Durango.

Day 1: Mesa Verde National Park

Given the long journeys many participants had undertaken, the first day featured a short drive to Mesa Verde National Park, located just 35 miles away. The day began with a minor setback when the newly restored white XK120 experienced a charging issue, necessitating a quick return to Durango for a replacement alternator.

Upon arrival at Mesa Verde, the group split up to explore the park's renowned cliff dwellings. Built by the Pueblo people in the late 1200s, these structures are remarkable feats of engineering, constructed without metal tools and tucked beneath cliff overhangs. Some participants viewed the dwellings from overlooks, while others joined guided tours. With so much to see, a single day could not do the park full justice.

The evening concluded at the Diamond Belle Saloon, where members enjoyed drinks, dinner, lively conversation, and the unmistakable sound of an out-of-tune honky-tonk piano.

Day 2: San Juan Skyway Scenic Byway

The second day was dedicated to the San Juan Skyway, a scenic 230-mile loop through the San Juan Mountains. The group started on US-160 and continued on CO-184 and 145, where the route wound through grasslands and the Dolores River valley before ascending to the first glimpses of the golden Colorado Aspens.

Lunch was served at an exotic car storage facility near Telluride. After a brief visit to Telluride, the journey continued east on CO-62 and south on US-550, passing through Ridgway and Ouray. The stretch from Ouray, marking the northern end of the Million Dollar Highway, offered dramatic mountain scenery, switchbacks, and steep, unprotected sections with breathtaking views. The drive descended into Silverton for a coffee break before returning to Durango, slowed occasionally by construction, which provided time for photos and windshield cleaning.

Day 3: Durango to Montrose

Wednesday's route took the group from Durango to Montrose, about 100 miles to the north. Retracing the Million Dollar Highway in reverse, participants enjoyed new perspectives of the rugged landscape and vivid aspens, pausing again for roadwork. After lunch in Ouray, two route options were possible: a direct drive to Montrose or a more scenic 200-mile journey through Gateway. Most of our party chose the scenic route, heading west on CO-62 and soaking in additional views of the San Juan Mountains.

The twisty road passed through wooded canyons, ideal for spirited driving. After Placerville, we followed CO-145, stopping at Naturita for fuel and a break. Continuing along the Unaweep Tabeguache Scenic Byway, the drive traced the Dolores River's dramatic canyon through red sandstone. The route then veered into Unaweep Canyon, with its striking grey rock walls, before joining US-50 for the final leg to Montrose. The day concluded with dinner at a local steakhouse and a review of the day's highlights.

Day 4: Black Canyon of the Gunnison

Thursday's itinerary featured a visit to Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and a scenic drive. Entering the park, the group observed the aftermath of a recent wildfire—blackened vegetation alongside signs of regrowth. The park's dramatic landscape was shaped over millions of years by uplift, volcanic activity, and the relentless erosive force of the Gunnison River, which carved the steep, narrow canyon.

Members explored the South Rim, stopping at overlooks and hiking short trails to the canyon's edge for breathtaking views. Some areas were closed due to wildfire damage.

Leaving the park, the drive continued east on US-50 along the Gunnison River, crossing Blue Mesa Dam, then west on CO-92 along the Black Canyon's north rim. At Pioneer Point, the group enjoyed a picnic lunch before some returned to Montrose and others continued along the scenic, winding road.

During this segment, the white XK-120 DHC broke its custom alternator mount. Glen and Sharon Barker took the part to a local welder, and repairs were completed by day's end. Thursday night was Pizza Night, a tradition for the Oil Leak event. The group took over the Holiday Inn patio in Montrose for pizza, drinks, laughter, and discussions about plans for 2026.

Day 5: Colorado National Monument and Grand Mesa

The final day included a visit to Colorado National Monument and a scenic drive to Grand Mesa. The monument features striking red rock formations and expansive canyon views. The group drove 60 miles north on US-50 to Grand Junction and entered the park, where we saw Bighorn sheep navigating the cliffs. The drive along Rim Rock Drive atop the mesa offered more panoramic vistas.

During this leg, one E-Type FHC was found to have a failed brake fluid pressure sender, and another 1969 E-Type OTS suffered a blown fuse affecting multiple systems. Both issues were promptly repaired, and the group continued to lunch in Fruita before heading east on I-70 toward Grand Mesa.

Grand Mesa, with over 300 lakes and spanning more than 500 square miles, rises to 10,000 feet and is covered in aspen and pine forests. The group traveled the Grand Mesa Scenic Byway (CO-65), a 63-mile route with remarkable views, ascending from 4,500 feet to the plateau. The temperature dropped by 20 degrees at the summit, which is dotted with lakes. The vivid aspens recalled the scenery of the Million Dollar Highway, and the group agreed that a future visit would be worthwhile.

Descending from Grand Mesa, the group traveled through Delta and returned to Montrose for a final dinner together. After dinner, members exchanged farewells in the parking lot, concluding a memorable week of driving, sightseeing, and forging new friendships.

Conclusion

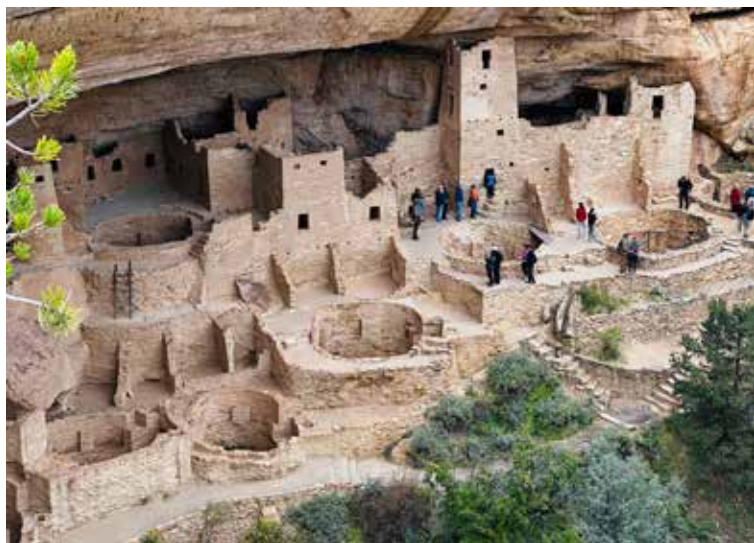
Three cars remained for the Telluride Concours the following day, while Phil Endliss and Les Hamilton began their two-day drive home. Upon returning to Menlo Park, Phil's XK8 had accumulated more than 3,500 miles during the journey—a fitting testament to a week of unforgettable experiences and Jaguar spirit.



Part of cadre of Jaguars ready for the first day drive to Mesa Verde from Durango



The summit of the Million Dollar Highway between Silverton and Ouray, CO



Overlooking the Cliff Palace, one of the largest dwellings in Mesa Verde



One of the straighter stretches, lined with golden aspens and pines welcomes the Jaguars



Approaching the mountains



Our Jaguars climbing out of Ouray after lunch



Cruising along the Dolores River's Canyon below the red sandstone escarpment



Jaguars waiting for us to return from viewing the Black Canyon on Gunnerson



Glen and Sharon Barker's E-Type ahead of Mike Jenkins at Colorado National Monument



The expansive vista from the top of the Colorado National Monument. Note the exit road winding around below



David and Debbie Langley's E-Type leading the way through the fall colors on the Grand Mesa Scenic Byway



David and Debbie Langley's E-Type climbing towards the clouds and the Rim Rock Drive of Colorado National Monument

Footnote: If anybody would like to see more pictures of the tour they can be found online at

<https://jagles.smugmug.com/2025OilLeak-Tour>

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October Membership Report

Phil Endliss - Membership Director

JAG continues to be the largest club with JCNA with 229 members including 8 Associates. We are really close to our annual goal of 235 members and I am ever so thankful to all our members who refer new members to join the club. Please continue to be on the lookout for potential new members to help us maintain our status as the largest Jaguar Club in North America and offer a wonderful environment to enjoy your Jaguar. Make sure to use your "You've Been Spotted" postcards or business cards when you see a Jag on the street, in a parking lot, during a visit to a Cars & Coffee meeting and especially at car shows. New member signup

New member signup

All you need to join JAG is a Jaguar and the desire to spend time with others who enjoy using their Jag and socializing with others. Even if you just have a desire to own a Jaguar or lust after one, you can become a Friend of JAG. To join, fill out the application on our website (www.jags.org) under the Membership tab. Your dues will provide membership in JAG and JCNA, the North America Jaguar Association, through the end of 2026.

New Members

Kjeld Molvig & Linda Kern of San Francisco
rejoined with their 2014 XKR

David Colbert of Belmont
with his 1987 XJS V12 & 1971 E-Type V12

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Anniversaries

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Dave & Jacquie Lawrence - 2 years
Norm Madge & Linda Kern – 1 year
Deidre Quick - 2 years
Pamela Rhodes - 8 years
Keith Schafer & Laurel Ayala - 3 years
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Thank you

I have had the honor and privilege to be your JAGazette Editor for the past five years. The time has come for me to pass it on. We have shared some great stories, giggles, and occasional editorials from Ginger. I know the JAGazette is going into wonderful hands with Les Hamilton taking the proverbial wheel.

Thank you,
Kristan Neubecker



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