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Happy New Year!

Letter from your new President

Articles of Impeachment

By Ray Hiatt

This will be my first article as club president for what I hope will be a good year for our club. We have two new officers beside myself this year. David Doyle is the new VP and Kathy Schuett is our new secretary while her husband Dale will continue as treasurer.

Last year saw president Peter Gulash and his band of merry members organize the Reno British Car and Motorcycle Show at Rancho San Rafael. It was a great success and Peter is already back at work on this years show. That would be a be a hard act to top so that ain't happening. My hope is to be able to continue the other activities that make our club fun.

I hope we can have some tech sessions during the weekends but not in place of our Saturday lunches. I've already received some positive feedback but I'm asking members to let me know their ideas, interests and skills they have to share with us. One member, Steve Brooks, will degree his cam on his new Triumph motor. That will be interesting. I may be finally installing the over drive transmission in my Spitfire. Anyone else doing a project they're be willing to share. We have a few members who compete in vintage road racing. Maybe how to prep a racer? Maybe the proper way to tune an older British car?

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President's Letter Continued...

I'll be looking for different restaurants in the area but I'm not going to turn things upside down. Again any thoughts will be welcome. Most of the schedule will look very familiar. If it ain't broke..... I'll be checking in Carson City for a restaurant that can meet our needs. We won't be going back to Virginia City for the 4th of July this year. I've heard too many complaints about that event. I've looked around for another July 4th parade but their aren't any so maybe an afternoon picnic in one of the parks in our area.

John Dark has been asked to put together a gimmick rally for one of Saturday gatherings. And maybe a drive to the Heyday Inn located near Smith Valley for lunch. As of the date of this writing the only lunches set are January 11th at the Lil' Wall and February 11th at the Redwood Rotisserie. As the schedule expands we'll let you know. Watch this space.

So in closing, you were warned!

Ray Hiatt,

2023 Membership Dues

It is time to renew your RBCC membership dues for 2023. **Please pay your \$30 dues by 1/31/2023.**

You can now renew your membership dues online: <https://renoallbritish.org/asp-products/club-membership-dues/>

You can point your phone camera on the QRCode to the right, and go directly to the website to pay your dues online.

Or you can send a check for \$30 made payable to Reno British Car Club, P.O. Box 21013
Reno, NV 89515-1013

Or pay Dale Schuett directly at the next two breakfast meetings. Checks are preferred when you pay in person.



Fun-Filled Christmas Party

One of the most anticipated events of the year, the Annual Christmas party, took place on December 3, 2022, at the Masonic Lodge in Reno.

We had a wonderful gathering for our Christmas Party this year. Thank you to all the members that helped Peter and Karen Gulash with this event. A special thanks to David Doyle and John Young who supplied the wine. As usually, the food was delicious (the Club provided the ham) and the gift exchange was fun. (Note to self: bring alcohol next year for the gift exchange—alcohol was stolen many times.)

We had about 50 people at the luncheon—the room was packed.



2023/2024 Board Members:

Peter Gulash, Past President

Brain Kahler, Webmaster

Kathy Schuett, Secretary

Dale Schuett, Treasurer

David Doyle, Vice President

Ray Hiett, President



Thank you John Dark for the photos of the party.

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Winston

By Iain Buxton



The story that unfolds here is for me, a magical one. Some of it may strike you as unlikely or improbable, but as enthusiasts of the British Mark, we are nothing if not an improbable lot, so I am encouraged to tell you this story. When I first saw the 3.8 S-Type Saloon in early 1979, I was 29 years old driving a 1973 Datsun 610. My 1972 240Z had been totaled and I was no longer focused on cars but rather, on my career. Seeing the Jaguar at a distance stirred something within. I had to get a closer look.

My attraction to the Jaguar was unexpected and looking back, I can see little reason for it. I was not a particular fan of Jaguar, nor was anyone in my family. My father, a reference standard that I use to this day, had been derisive of the Mark over the years and I had not ever noticed Jaguars beyond the E-Type that I had always viewed as narrow-stanced and beyond my means and so my attraction to the 3.8S was odd.

Odd or not, it was a love formed so quickly as to conform to *theia mania* ("madness from the gods"). Mad because as a resident in training, I had no business thinking about any major purchase, let alone a car. But there it was, opalescent dark green with suede green interior, mahogany dash and a leathery aroma that can be hard to explain unless you experience it. The early Jaguar Saloons smell of mimosa

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bark and myrobalan seed used in the curing of Connally leather, together with wood veneers and Wilton wool make for an unmistakable aroma that the E-types cannot attain.

The S-Type saloon was assigned for sale at Escondido's Garton Motors by the daughter of the original owner, one Edward L. Plimer. Mr. Plimer, an Englishman, was the US Vice President of Royal Worcester, a purveyor of fine china that dates to 1751. Plimer had clearly decided on the S-Type as a first choice having considered and then eliminated the 4.2 Sedan and dismissed the E-Type. Plimer purchased the 'S' in 1966 on an Overseas Purchase Contract. He traveled to London in the early summer of 1966 and after driving in London for some months, returned with his Jaguar to New York on the Queen Mary.

My decision to purchase the car took no careful deliberation. Indeed, I confess that I didn't even test drive the car. I simply had to have it. The sale was final in a day or two and I received a box of things with the car that I put in the boot to deal with later. For now, it was time to drive my new Jag. I remember that drive fondly. It went on for a long time. I don't remember where I went only that I was somehow meant to own this Jag; a feeling that came in a rather mysterious way.

After reaching speed on a long stretch of road, I realized that I had not tested the radio. It was the early Blaupunkt transistor-type radio at an original option price of \$106; it snapped immediately to life with what to this day seems the most improbable advertisement. An announcer began immediately with, "Yes, for your Jaguar or other fine automobile it's Duckhams Q."

The image shows a Jaguar invoice and a check. The invoice is from Jaguar of New York, Inc., dated April 19, 1966, for an S-Type sedan. The check is for \$500.00, dated 4/19/66, payable to Jaguar of New York, Inc.

JAGUAR U.S. OVERSEAS DELIVERY PRICES

FACTORY TAX FREE
PRICE — COVENTRY

3.8 SEDAN WITH LSD, P/A DISC BRAKES
& HEAVY DUTY DYNAMO
Overdrive \$3,985.00
Automatic 4,163.00

3.8 'S' SEDAN WITH LSD, P/A DISC BRAKES
& HEAVY DUTY DYNAMO
Overdrive 4,470.00
Automatic 4,648.00

ACCESSORIES:

Radio (AM only) 106.00
Whitewall Tires 35.00
Chrome Wire Wheels 218.00
Painted Wire Wheels 98.00
Tinted Glass Windscreen 50.00
Tinted Glass All-round 85.00
Seat Belts FRONT each 16.00
Seat Belts REAR each 12.00
Power Steering 130.00
Reclining Seats (Standard 3.8'S) 43.00

4.2 SEDAN WITH LSD, P/A DISC BRAKES
& ALTERNATOR & POWER STEERING

Overdrive (on Special Order Only) 5,344.00
Automatic 5,528.00

ACCESSORIES:

Power Windows (4.2 Sedan Only) 136.00
Radio (AM only) 115.00
Whitewall Tires 38.00
Tinted Glass Windscreen 60.00
Tinted Glass All-round 96.00
Seat Belts FRONT each 16.00
Seat Belts REAR each 12.00
Electrically Heated Rear Window 45.00
Air Conditioning (4.2 Sedan Only) 644.00
Power Steering (Standard)
Reclining Seats (Standard)

4.2 'E' TYPE WITH LSD, P/A DISC BRAKES,
ALTERNATOR & PAINTED WIRE WHEELS

Roadster 4,580.00
Coupe 4,811.00

ACCESSORIES:

Detachable Hard Top (Roadster) 195.00
Radio (AM only) 106.00
Whitewall Tires 35.00
Chrome Wire Wheels 120.00
Tinted Glass Windscreen (Roadster & Coupe) 20.00
Tinted Glass All-round (Roadster) 26.00
Tinted Glass All-round (Coupe) 36.00
Seat Belts FRONT each 16.00
Non-Standard Paint (All Models) 141.00
Power Steering (Not available on 'E' types)

All prices quoted are subject to prices in effect at factory when delivered.

NOTE: Insurance is compulsory in England and Continental Europe, and the overseas visitor must make his own arrangements for insurance coverage, which should be valid for the United Kingdom and any of those countries on the Continent in which he wishes to travel. A suitable dollar policy can be arranged through your own broker, or Automobile Club.

Dated: Jan. 1, 1966

JAGUAR CARS INC., 32 East 57th St., New York 22, N. Y.
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This was followed without further comment by the Beatles, 'Penny Lane'. This combination was magical to me. Not just because Penny Lane was a favorite and had been recorded in 1966, the year the car was made, but because Duckhams Q is a British motor oil that I had never seen in US stores or heard advertised in the US before or since!



I had been changing oil for a lot of years and this was the first encounter with Duckhams. It was as if the sounds had been stored in the car's radio since its days at Browns Lane and they were finding their way to my ears now to affirm our new bond, an improbability that has lasted for us both now for forty-three years.

My excitement with my new Jaguar was intoxicating and I thought of little else. The first Saturday I was out bright and early detailing the car. I vacuumed, and waxed and polished everything and found to my surprise that Plimer had left a few bits behind. In addition to the extra tools in the boot, I found a coin under the seat wedged next to the seat rail. Churchill as perhaps the finest statesman western Democracy has ever known, was the impetus for naming the car Winston. I could easily imagine Churchill himself driving an 'S'.



The box of papers and things turned out to be a treasure trove, if a sobering one. Among the loose records of the car that detailed its history was Edward Plimer's death certificate. He died in 1978 of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Plimer's Rancho Bernardo address suggested affluence and yet he had kept his Jag for 13 years. It seemed he loved the car and I was primed to do the same. Plimer had picked the car up in London and first licensed it there where he drove for three months. Among the papers was the first license for HHP 773D. And there was much more.



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There were many outings and lots of loving attention paid to Winston. My wife Wendy and I were married in 1981 and of course we were conveyed in style.

Winston has been appreciated by others as indicated by a First Place at the Carmel Classic during Car Week in 2017.

Winston now has colleagues in the stable; a 2015 F-type and a 1960 Mark IX. The IX is was reborn from a misery of bits and pieces as it had been disassembled in 1988, but that's another story.....



Winston in Carmel in 2017 after taking First at the Carmel Mission Classic

1 Tallis, Frank (February 2005). "[Crazy for You](#)". The Psychologist 18 (2).

2 Royal Worcester and Spode Ltd., born of the merger of Spode Pottery and Royal Worcester in 2006, has a history which stretches back to the late 18th century. Spode Pottery, established in 1770, is best known for its "Blue Italian"; design while Royal Worcester, established in 1751, specializes in dinnerware and other products. The company went bankrupt in 2008.

3 Penny Lane was recorded in 1966 during the Sgt. Pepper sessions and release early the next year.

Classified:

Generator off of a Triumph Spitfire 1500 engine. Free to a good home. Was working well when I took it off my car and replaced it with an alternator. Contact Ray Hiett at his email address or at a meeting



RBCC Events

- **Saturday, January 14, 2023**, Little Waldorf Saloon, 1661 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV Meeting at the Little Wall at 11:30 am. We will be able to order off the menu and receive separate checks.
 - **Saturday, February 11, 2023**, Redwood Rotisserie & Grill, 860 E. Plumb Lane, Reno, NV. Meet at Redwood Rotisserie at 11:30 a.m. We will have a special menu with advanced selection (more details to come).
 - **Saturday, March 11, 2023**, The Event Center at Redhawk Golf & Resort, 6600 North Wingfield Parkway, Sparks, NV. We will have a special menu with advanced selection (more details to come).
 - **Breakfast at Mimi's every other Wednesday**. The next ones are January 4 and 18, 2023, 9:00 a.m. 5090 Kietzke Lane, Reno, NV
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Other Events (2023)

- **Friday, February 10, 2023, Drive your Triumph Day**
- **July 27– July 30, 2023, All Triumph Drive-In**, Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond, Oregon <http://www.portlandtriumph.org>
Registration opens in March 2023
- **September 7-September 10, 2023, Triumphest Marin 2023**, For more information visit Triumphest.org or email triumphest2023@gmail.com
- **October 14, 2023, Reno British Motor Show**, Rancho San Rafael Park. Reno , NV Contact Peter Gulash at 775-622-7053

Vendors

Need something done that you can't do, check out these folks.

Mark Thomas, (traveling mechanic) 1-817-602-6485
Dave Logan, (traveling mechanic) 1-925-425-9230
Marty Enterprises (manufacture rebuilder), Ray 1-503-357-5640 Oregon
Tim Dickey, Integrity Automotive (full service shop) 1-775-351-2500
Wellman's Upholstery 1-775-331-7105 Reno
Terry Davidson at Classic Restoration (Upholstery) 1-775-331-3533
Ray's Tire Exchange (tire removal) 1-775-329-1106 Reno
Sierra Wheel Repair (can fix pitted chrome wheels) 1-775-815-1980
Ayres Brake and Alignment 1-775-331-4553, Sparks
AIMS Restoration (machine shop), Tyler 1-775-359-8866 Sparks
ABC Lock and Glass, Debbie 1-775-331-5308 Sparks
Brite Glass 1-775-827-6767 Reno
Concours Body Shop, Susan, 1-775-329-4557 Reno
ABC Plating, Rick, 1-775-358-2929 Sparks
Car Chrome Decals 1-416-550-1906 carchromedecals@gmail.com
Engravers of Reno (name badges) 1-775-786-0776
North American Embroidery (logoed Club jackets) 1-775-322-8600
Canoe Hill Design and Embroidery, Carole, 1-775-846-5427 Sparks
Industrial Finishers, 3865 Mira Loma Dr., Suite 102 1-775-729-4274
Touch-up and Paint matches
Woody's MGM Parts, Woody Williams 1-775-364-4978, Yerington
Ol' Phartz Partz, Steve Banning, CA 1-951-797-0730, 1-714-686-1236 cell
www.olphartz.com
Big O Tire Balance Wire wheels and sells 14" tires 1-775-737-0085
Classic Restoration, 3000 Highway 40 West Verdi 1-775-331-3533
Auto Diesel Electric Supply, LLC, 1267 Gator Way, Reno, Larry White 1-775-358-0607

The Following are Internet Companies:

MossMotors.com, 1-800-667-7872
Northwest Import Parts, www.northwestimportparts.com, 1-503-245-3806 (MG
The Roadster Factory, www.the-roadster-factory.com, 1-800-234-1104
British Parts Northwest, www.bpnorthwest.com, 1-503-864-2001
Abingdon Spares, abingdonspares.com, 1-800-225-0251
Rimmer Bros, www.rimmerbros.com, 1-855-746-2767
Delta Motorsports, LLC, www.deltamotorsports.com, 1-602-265-8026 (Jensen Healey)