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President's Letter

Hello everyone and welcome to October. As I write this, the spectacular turnout at this year's British Conclave of all vehicles British, wonderful weather and a delicious picnic lunch are still fresh in my memory. The Jaguar car count stands at 46 "Jaaaaag"s in our "corral" plus a few Aston Martins that were re-located by the organizers from their previous traditional space. I guess it was time for them to move up in class and spend some time with their cousins. As with past Conclave participants, a number of non club cars made the show and at least 2 that I am aware of became RMJC members while in attendance with several more expressing a strong interest in joining us for the future. RMJC friends "Allies Vintage Automotive" and our own Jeff Schroeder's "Brooklands Motorcar LLC" were in attendance as vendors with Jeff displaying a 47th Jag; a spectacular late edition Red XJS coupe with the much coveted final rendition 6.0 litre V-12.

This year's Telluride Autumn Classic takes place Sept 26th through the 28th and may be in progress when you read this. I mention it here because next year's edition may be especially inviting for Jaguar owners. Our Steve Parker has spoken with the folks who put the annual Autumn Classic together and they have expressed interest in making Jaguar the "Featured Marque" in 2025. Discussions are still in the preliminary stages and would, among other things, require a commitment on our part to have a certain number of cars present. The Autumn Classic is definitely an upscale event and would make for a terrific early fall event. Stay tuned!

Our annual Fall Drive takes place on Sunday, October 19th, and we are heading to the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg. Long considered one of the best animal rescue facilities in the country, their habitat enclosures are viewed from a network of overhead walkways and the experience is truly Unique. With a little luck, their 2 resident Jaguars will be on display. Plan on lunch at the Pepper Pod in Hudson afterwards. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please think about serving the club as an Officer or Board Member. At this month's monthly meeting we will discuss the slate for Candidates for our Club Elections which will take place at our meeting in November.

See you all on the 8th at the Blue Bonnet!

"Anybody going slower than you is an idiot and anyone going faster than you is a maniac". *George Carlin*

Vince

This Month's Cover

This month's cover is of Jeff Kern's 1969 Willow Green "The Green Machine" Series 2 E-Type. Jeff purchased the E from a dealership in Billings Montana back during the COVID days. After having Ted Hummel go through it, Jeff says it is now fun to drive. For those of you reading the electronic copy, see his complete story on page 17. I can only get 16 pages in the printed copy but it was too good a story not to include.

CCCC Minutes

CCCC Bylaw Change: The committee met and agreed on the following changes to be made to the By Laws: In Article I. Last sentence of the paragraph, Delete "equal shares among its Member Clubs at that time" and replace with "proportional shares equal to members at the time of most recent renew".

In Article III. 1. Delete "The club must have at least ten (10) members" and replace with "The club must initially have at least ten (10) members". Also in Article III. Last paragraph. Second sentence. Remove "and at each January regular business meeting thereafter".

Article IV. First Paragraph last sentence. Remove "January".

These changes were presented by Carroll Reichen. Motion was made by Carroll Reichen (and seconded by Bret Johnson) to publish them in the minutes of the September 3 meeting. They will then need to voted on at the **Feb 5, 2025** meeting. This will take an affirmative vote of the authorized Representative of at least two-thirds of the Member Clubs of the total current membership roll of the Council. Current membership is 53 clubs so it will need 36 affirmative votes to pass. In order to secure the best possible representation of the member clubs in a vote to amend the Bylaws, the Council will accept absentee ballots, for this purpose only, cast in writing by the authorized Representative of Member Clubs and received by the Secretary of the Council subsequent to publication of any such propose amendment, but no less than two (2) days prior to the regular business meeting at which such vote to amend is to conducted (Feb 5, 2025).

It is also required that the two previous motions be withdrawn and no one can remember who made those motions. Maybe the Secretary can research this and this can be done at the Oct 2 meeting.

Review of August 3rd Airport Show:

Current net income from this show is \$7,125.33 (with \$1,000 still due). This was a very successful event with over 350 classic cars and about 700 spectators.

Two big issues for the show are:

1) We need a show manager (either an individual or a club to manage the event). The event also needs managers to manage the Volunteers, Vendors, Sponsors, Displays, Parking and Set up on Friday and Tear down on Saturday.

2) The Airport can not supply and drive the Hay Rack wagons next year due to their insurance. We need to come up with another way to get the spectators from the Parking Lot to the show and back.

Friends of Collector Cars PAC. Ted Rossi and Dick Thompson will attend club meeting to discuss the CCCC and the Friends of Collector Cars PAC. Please just call either at let them know the date, time and place of your club meeting. Ted Rossi is 303-618-3935 and Dick Thompson is 303-929-5533.

Dick Fritz, CCCC Secretary

RMJC September Meeting Minutes

RMJC September Monthly Meeting. President Vince called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Even though it was Debate Night, there were 20 members in attendance.

No new members, no new vehicles.

Frank Oakley did sell his F-Type, it was sold locally so maybe they will join the club.

September birthdays: Nicholas Wilson Oct 4

Gail Berger Oct 6, Jonathan Galassini Oct 6, James Poole Oct 12, Bill Denton Oct 14, Merikay Anderson Oct 18,

Susan Cookenboo Oct 18, Ray Satter Oct 19, Jay Adams Oct 22, Tom Keohan Oct 22, Keiko Riven Oct 22, T. L. Riven Oct 24, Larry Frakes Oct 28, Jeff Schroeder Oct 28, Michele DeWilde Oct 31

Membership: No new members but we did have someone rejoin that had been a member in the past.

Treasurer's Report: We are doing good.

CCCC Air Show Report: There were 300 cars at the show and they made \$7500.

Newsletter: Steve is always glad to get another one done.

Facebook: Mark has the September issue of the newsletter posted along with photos of some recent events.

Morgan Adams: Chris B attended, nice air show, good car turn out.

Springs Concours: A number of our members and Judges attended the Colorado Springs concours.

Upcoming events: The Conclave drive is on Saturday, September 14th and the Show is on Sunday, September 15th. They do not mail anything out, except the email notice you received. Deanie is bringing cold cuts, everyone else please bring side dishes. The Vail Concours is the same weekend as the Conclave. Bid for the Kids is the following weekend. It will be Friday night at the Denver Country Club on Speer. Brent has four open seats at his table.

Telluride Autumn Classic: This is a 3 day event. Tickets for this year's event are \$349 pp plus hotel. Steve Parker has asked if maybe next year our club wants to attend. Steve has been in touch with the person that runs the Telluride Classic. It is a high class event. They have several events during the three day weekend. The person who runs the event has asked if Jaguar club members would be interested in attending the event next year.

Fall Drive: The Fall Drive is scheduled for October 19th, to the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg. A last minute update, we will meet at Mike and Deb Ramirez's home at 8~8:30 am on Saturday, October 19th and leave at 9. We should get there about 10. They say it takes about two and half hours to tour the facility. Deanie will put out a registration so we know how many are attending. Then lunch at the Pepper Pot afterwards. Everyone will pay their own way. 70 and over is \$20, under 70 is \$50 per person.

Holiday Party: **The Holiday Party will be on December 15th** at the Blackstone in aurora where it was last year. Deanie and Betsy B are working on it.

New Business: CCCC employs a lobbyist, he keeps an eye out for things that might affect our cars. SEMA originally formed for Speed Equipment Marketing Association is now the **Specialty** Equipment Marketing Association. Guest tickets are available for the SEMA event in Las Vegas at the convention center. There will be an amazing underground transportation, provided by Tesla, if you are interested, you should get on the CCCC web site to apply for tickets. They have a limited number of passes. Vince and Tom spent two 8 hour days and did not see everything.

JCNA is looking for a CPA (not Deanie, been there, done that) to help with JCNA concerns.

Club Elections: Vince is not going to run for president next year. Tom Estes has said he will run. Other elected offices are Vice President, Secretary and Chief Judge. Steve K will run for Chief Judge again.

Bill and Betsy went to Vail and came back sick so no presentation tonight.

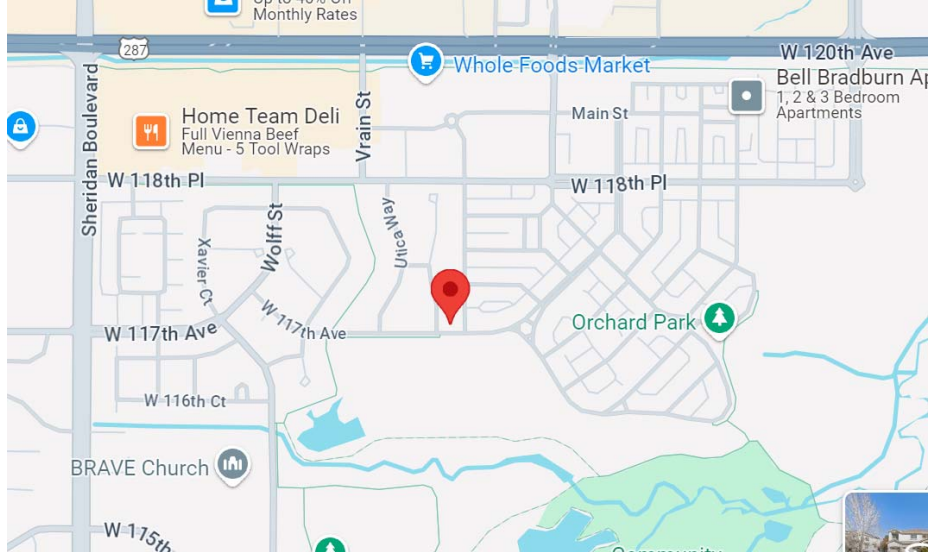
Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Steve Kennedy, assistant secretary.

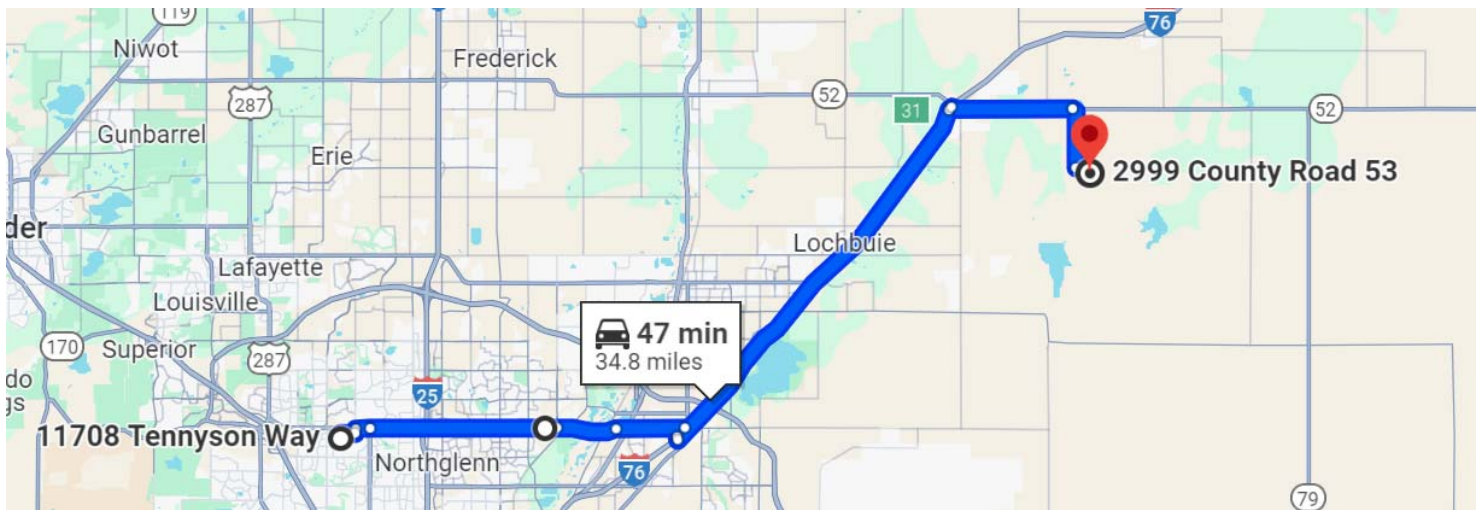
Fall Drive to

We will meet at Deb and Mike Ramirez between 8 and 8:30 am for rolls and coffee on Saturday, October 19th, 11708 Tennyson Way, Westminster (near 120th and Sheridan) .

We will leave Deb and Mikes at 9 am We will be at the Wild Animal Sanctuary (under 70 is \$50, 70 and over is \$20, everyone pays their own way) til 12:45, then we are going to Hudson to Pepper Pod for lunch. **WE MUST HAVE A HEAD COUNT** by October 1st so we can let both places know how many to expect. Deanie, dkennedy@ecentral.com.



11708 Tennyson Way, Westminster to 2999 County Road 53, Keenesburg, CO 80643



Jaguar Club of New Mexico Concours d'Elegance



Steve & Deanie and Mike & Deb attended the Albuquerque club's Concours on Saturday, September 7th. There were about 25 Jaguars on display along with about 100 other cars of various marques.

Albq Concours at the State Fair



Stan Fitch's F-Type



Steve Quilty's Sport Brake



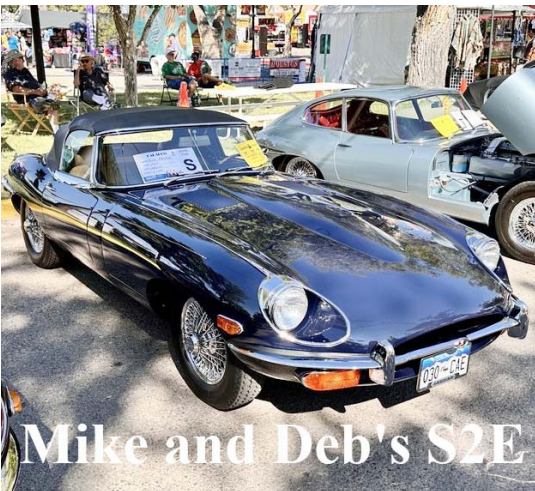
Deanie's XKR-S



Firesand Metallic SVR



Lyle Chief Judge



Mike and Deb's S2E



Mike won People's Choice



Deanie got 1st in Class

2024 Conclave



Jon's XK 120



John W's XK 120



Jim Hegy's 120



Norm's XK



Chris' MK 2



Jeff Schoreder's Business



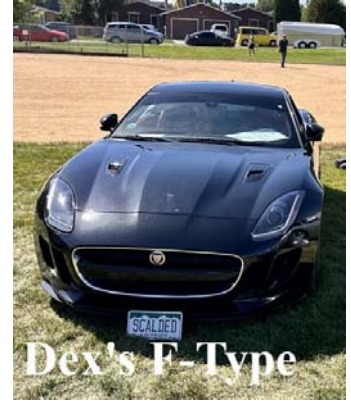
Ace's XJ6



Tom E's XK8



Alex's F-Type



Dex's F-Type

There were 45 Jaguars at this year's Conclave. Everyone brought something to go with lunch, the weather was perfect, and we had a great turnout. There were lots of new Jaguar owners stop by the tent, we got 3 new members from the Conclave.

Jaguar Sports 74 and Older

Mike Ramirez, 1969 S2E-Type
 Jim Hegy, 1954 XK 120 DHC
 Mel Salter, 1966 E-Type

Jaguar Saloon , 73 and older

Chris Barrington, 1960 MK 2
 Steve Kennedy, 1959 MK 2
 William Steinhauer 1972 XJ6

Jaguar Sports 75 and newer

Deanie Kennedy 2014 XKR-S
 Vince Lane 1992 XJS
 Wayne Anderson 2011 XKR

Jaguar Saloon 74 and newer

Steven O-Conner 1999 XJR
 Ace Cosley 1986 XJ6
 Mario Sosa 2007 S-Type



The Aston Invasion



Mike & Deb's S2E



Digby's F-Type



Deanie's XKR-S



Chris got 1st with his MK 2



Vince's XJS



Wayne's XK



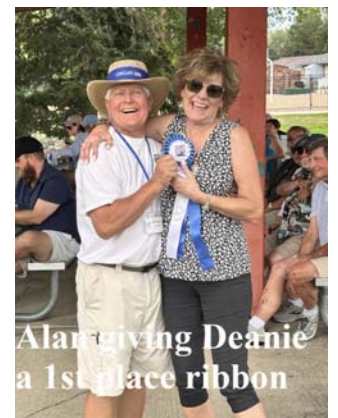
Ace got 2nd in class



Wayne won a ribbon with his XK Conv.



Vince won with his great XJS

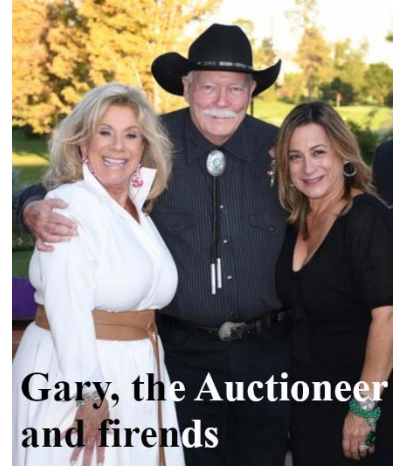


Alan giving Deanie a 1st place ribbon

Bid for the Kids



Mike Nelson and his wife



Gary, the Auctioneer and friends



Jeff was there too



Some of our members in attendance



Linda and Dwight



Brent and his friend Marie



Deb & Deanie with their Enstrom's Candy, Thanks!



Gary and Bob

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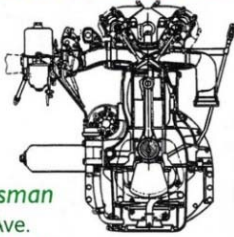
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2024 RMJC Club Schedule of Events

January

9th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet
27th, Polar Bear Swap Meet-Adams Cnty Fairgrounds

February

3rd SeminarTri-state swap meet *
6th, Board Meeting at Ramirez
13th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet

March

9-10th, Tri-State Hot Rod Car Show
10th Daylight Savings Time Begins
12th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet
14-17 **AGM in Charlotte, NC**
31st, Easter

April

2nd, Board Meeting at Eisnachs'
4-7 Denver (New Car) Auto Show, at the
Convention Center
9th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet
20th Judge's school at the Kennedys

May

4th, Spring Dust-Tour Jeff Schroeder's
11th, Judge's School at the Kennedys'
12th, Mother's Day
14th, Monthly Meeting at The Blue Bonnet
27th Memorial Day Car Show at Applebee's
on west Colfax & Miller

June

4th Board Meeting at Jeff Kern's
9thACC Show
7-9 Glenwood Rallye
11th, Monthly Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
16th, Father's Day
22 RMJC – Cherry Creek Country Club
Concours d'Elegance

July

4th, Independence Day
9th, No Monthly Meeting
13th, Summer Party 3-? pm at the Kennedys
20th, Forney's Dusting and Donuts

August

3rd & 4th Colorado Scottish Festival at the Denver
Polo Club in Sedalia
3rd - CCCC Cars, Planes, Swap meet, Rocky MT.
Metro airport
6th, Board Meeting at Barb and Vince Lanes
13th, Monthly Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
24th, Morgan Adams-Centennial Airport
25th, JCSC Concours

September

2nd Labor Day
7th, Albq Club Concours
10th, Monthly Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
14th-15th Colorado Grand in Vail
14th-15th, Conclave
20th, Bids for the Kids, Denver Country Club
Sep 26-28 Telluride Autumn Classic

October

8th, Monthly Meeting followed by the
Board Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
Talk about slate for Candidates for Elections
19th, Saturday, Fall Drive— Deanie & Deb

November

3rd Daylight Savings Time Ends
12th Monthly Meeting at the Blue Bonnet
Club Elections
28th Thanksgiving

December

3rd, Board Meeting at the **Kennedys**
10th, NO Monthly Meeting
15th Holiday Party at the Black Stone Country Club
25th Christmas

October Members' Birthdays

Nicholas Wilson	Oct 4
Gail Berger	Oct 6
Jonathan Galassini	Oct 6
James Poole	Oct 12
Bill Denton	Oct 14



**If we missed your birthday
during the year,
please let us know.**

Merikay Anderson	Oct 18
Susan Cookenboo	Oct 18
Ray Satter	Oct 19
Jay Adams	Oct 22
Tom Keohan	Oct 22

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The Green Machine

I have had the E-type, the “Green Machine” (apologies to Dartmouth alumni), since October of 2020, purchasing it from the estate of the original owners, John and Annie Shaver in Billings, Montana, and am the second owner. Not having met them, I don’t know how the car made its way to Montana. The Shaver’s were partners in a Chevrolet dealership in Montana, so clearly had an interest in cars. The Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust certificate has the Green Machine produced April 17, 1969, in Willow Green with black interior trim – all of which remain original. It was imported through British Leyland in New York, and dispatched to the US on May 29, 1969. Interestingly, the Shaver’s liked E-types as they had both a S1 and S2.

I found the E searching on line in the spring of 2020, trying to decide on how to replace my recently sold Austin Healy BN1. I had been attracted to E-types ever since I first saw one as a college student in the ‘70s in Madison, WI. When I saw this E-type listing, it fit what I was looking for; a running, numbers matching, driver in original condition. So, off to Billings, Montana at the start of the COVID pandemic in July of 2020 to check it out. I pulled into the lot where the car was being stored and saw the E displayed - the bonnet up, the door and boot hatch open, and fell in love with it.

Jerry, the seller, and I went over the car pretty thoroughly and confirmed it was completely original, with 48,000 original miles. It must have been stored since 1976 since the Conoco service station sticker said the next oil change was due in November of ’76, and the date stamp on the tires was ’76. I drove the car and, though rough, thought it was in great shape for a 51 year old car, all original, and the driving connection I wanted. I took plenty of pictures, came back to Denver, and left out the number of times I had to pump the brakes to stop while promising my wife it was safer and more reliable than the BN1 (really?). I got Ted Hummel to help me sort out what repairs would likely need to be done, and get an opinion on price. I called Jerry back, and negotiations began. We came to terms on the price, but came to a stop when I found out there may be a title problem! The title was not in Jerry’s name. A clear title should have been one of my first questions – rookie mistake. It was an open title; it had been signed over to Jerry the prior year (2019) but he had not signed as the buyer. Ownership had not been formally transferred to Jerry, and the car would be sold without Jerry in the line of ownership. Could Jerry sell the car without signing the

title? Since it was the middle of the COVID pandemic, getting Montana DMV to change the title and re-issued it would take months which the Jerry didn’t want to do. I was nervous about buying the car with an open title and didn’t know if the Colorado DMV would accept it.

After calls to a lawyer to sort out how to do this, Jerry and I agreed to a 50% refundable deposit, he would send me the title and I would take it to CO DMV to be absolutely certain they would accept it. Good news - CO DMV had no problem with the title. The deal was on! I overnighted the balance, and waited for his call telling me he had received the check. But, instead the next day I got a call from FedEx. The driver was at Jerry’s house, and a neighbor had come over to let him know that Jerry had unexpectedly passed away that night!

I felt terrible about Jerry’s death as I had gotten to know him over the weeks we were dealing over the car, and his passion for classic autos. But, who owned the car now, and who do I deal with? Turned out Jerry had a partner in the business. I called up his partner and we picked up the deal where Jerry and I had left it. As a bonus he asked if I wanted any other cars Jerry had in addition to the E-type – an XK-140, or a Porsche 356, or a TR3, among others. I passed, perhaps I shouldn’t have, and focused on the E-type. We quickly wrapped things up and had the car delivered to Jaguar Denver to get started.

Since I have had the car, to get it drivable and reliable, I have replaced the clutch, clutch master and slave cylinder, put in new engine mounts, new fuel and water pumps, new brake master and front rotors, a stainless steel exhaust system, replaced all the weather stripping and got new shoes (period correct Vredestein 185x15), replaced all the incandescent bulbs with LEDs, reupholstered the sun visors and headliner, and had the clock restored (thanks Mike Eck!). Has taken about 3 years to get things sorted. Now it runs well, really dependable, and a joy to drive. Every time I take it out, I get a thumbs up from other drivers. People always come up to it in a parking lot. The Green Machine, and all E-types, really leave a mark on people, including me. Every time I take it out I am 21 all over again – and with no phone, no navigation, no problems, it is just a driving experience.

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