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Christmas Party
7pm Thursday December 8
At The Old Spaghetti Factory, Trolley Square

on the twelfth day of christmas



my true love gave to me...

Duane and LeAnn Allred have arranged this year's WMJR Christmas party at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Trolley Square, 500-600 South and 600-700 East in Salt Lake City.

The party will start at 7pm in a reserved private room. Or-

dering will be off the standard menu.

As in past years attendees are invited to bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 or so to exchange on a raffle basis. These can be marked Guy, Gal, or GN (Gender Neutral).

The restaurant has asked for an accurate advance count, so please RSVP to Duane or LeAnn at 801-943-9253.

Be there or expect lumps of carbon in your holiday stocking.

Christmas Traditions In The UK

From <http://www.learnenglish.de/culture/christmas.html>

Christmas Eve - December 24th

In England less emphasis is placed on Christmas Eve than in other countries, much more is made of Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Carol singing, midnight church services and going out to the pub are some of the activities that many families enjoy (sometimes all three activities can be combined into one fun night out!).

Night time on Christmas Eve though is a very exciting time for young children. It is the time when Santa or Father Christmas comes. They hang up their stockings and go to sleep. Santa and his elves make all the toys for Christmas in his home in Greenland. On Christmas Eve he piles all of the toys onto his sleigh and rides across the sky with his 9 reindeer (Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner (or it may be Donder), Blitzen and of course ... Rudolf!).

The most famous one is Rudolf the who is always the one at the front, to lead the way with his red nose. In the morning when the children wake up they open their stocking presents. Tradition-

ally on Christmas Eve mince pies and sherry (or milk) are left out for Santa and nowadays carrots are left for his reindeer. Most children are in bed way before midnight waiting for Santa to visit.



Christmas Day

The origins of the now traditional Christmas Celebration, distinct from earlier pagan winter holidays, date to sixth century England. By the middle ages, it was a well established important holiday, with traditional pageantry, customs, music and feasting all its own. Customs from pre Christian days were incorporated into the Celebrations, and many still remain.

However in 1647, the English parliament passed a law that made Christmas illegal, all festivities were banned by the Puritan leader Oliver Cromwell, who considered feasting and revelry on what

was supposed to be a holy day to be immoral. The ban was lifted only when Cromwell lost power in 1660.

In Britain, the Holy Days and Fasting Days Act of 1551 (which has not yet been repealed) states that every citizen must attend a Christian church service on Christmas Day, and must not use any kind of vehicle to get to the service. There are a large number of Britons who break this law every year. The law may have been intended to encourage humility by forcing even the wealthy to attend the church on foot, or perhaps it was simply to avoid the traffic and parking crush that universal attendance would otherwise have brought about.

Later, during Queen Victoria's reign, Christmas became a time for gift giving, and a special season for children.

Nowadays, according to research by, of all things, Jarlsberg cheese, the average family gets out of bed just before 8am and is ready to start opening presents by 8.19am. Once the wrapping paper has been torn off all the presents,

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the family sits down to breakfast at 9.02am, but not before they have tucked into a bit of chocolate at 8.39am.

13 per cent of families always attend church on Christmas Day.

Unfortunately all the excitement and stress means that at precisely 9.58 on Christmas morning the first rows begin, and the average parent ends up losing it, and they start to tell off their children for the first time around 11.07am.

The strain of cooking the big Christmas dinner sees the average Brit start to sip their first alcoholic drink at 11.48am.

27 per cent of families sit down to watch the Queen's Speech.

Dinner is finally served at 3.24pm, with 85 per cent of people enjoying the traditional turkey with all the trimmings.

All that food and drink means the first person falls asleep at around 4.58pm, with dad being the leader in losing the "staying awake" battle. Almost half of those who do nod off end up annoying the others with their loud snoring. For those who

manage to stay awake, family board games are brought out at 5.46pm.

38 per cent of families think that spending time with the family is the best thing about Christmas Day.

And lights out? 11.39pm.

The Queen's Message



One Christmas ritual not drawn from an ancient tradition is the British monarch's broadcast on Christmas day. The tradition began in 1932 when King George V read a special speech written by Rudyard Kipling. The broadcast was an enormous success. It began, "I speak now from my home and from my heart, to you all...".

Queen Elizabeth II continues the tradition to this day. Every year she broadcasts her message on Christmas Day, and it is heard by millions of people all over the world. In England most people watch or listen to it whilst digesting their Christmas Dinner!

Boxing Day - December 26th

In England Boxing Day celebrated on December 26th,

is traditionally a time to give gifts to tradesmen, servants, and friends.

It originated in medieval times, when every priest was supposed to empty the alms box of his church and distribute gifts to the poor. Wealthy people indulged in huge Christmas feasts, and when they were finished, packed up the remains of feasts in boxes and gave them out to their servants. It didn't become widely celebrated though until Victorian England.

In Ireland there is an Irish custom called "feeding the wren". The custom is based on a legend of St. Stephen. Once he was forced to hide in a bush, but a chattering wren gave him away.



In the past Children caged the wren to help it do penance for this misdeed. Nowadays children carry a long pole with a holly bush at the top - which is supposed to hide a captured wren.

In the UK Boxing Day is still a public holiday, some shops and supermarkets open nowadays, but banks and most offices remain closed.



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How To Resurrect A Car—Part 4

—Gary Lindstrom

In Part 1 of this epistle we talked about the why and how of going about getting a “ran when parked” car back on the road. Part 2 discussed how to get started.

Part 3 described what to do after the engine is functional in a stationary manner. We now end the saga taking the reader through making the car truly roadworthy, showing it and eventually selling the car.

Stage 4: Prepare for safe and reliable longer trips

Now that the car is sorted properly for outings close to home it's time to make it reliable and enjoyable for trips farther afield. Here are some steps toward that end.

Install a battery cut off switch and get in habit of using it. This is cheap insurance and can prevent disastrous situations such as fires and vaporizing temperature gauge ether tubes, the latter being lousy high current conductors.

Take a serious look at your tires. The general rule is that if they are older than ten years they are unfit for high speed driving, e.g. over 40 mph. They may look fine with lots of tread, but avoid freeways if they are in their teens or beyond. You may want to keep the old ones for show - there's nothing like vintage Avon tires to light up a Jaguar judge's eyes.

Make sure you have a usable spare - the age requirement is more lax here.

Check tire balance and front end alignment (camber, caster, toe in/out) at a specialist shop. If your car has wire wheels the



shop will need either to balance them on the car (a rare service these days) or use adapter cones for their balancer - ask me about borrowing these.

If flakey crap persists in the fuel line and filter(s) consider removing the fuel tank and having it cleaned out and inside coated. Most radiator shops can do this, though you will need to bring in the tank.

If you haven't done so yet drain and refill the engine oil (with zinc enhancement if your cam followers don't have roller bearings), gearbox, overdrive, rear end, and clutch if it's hydraulically operated.

Fix the overdrive if you have one and it is not working reliably. How to go about this is a whole 'nother story, but the easy things to do are to make sure it's filled with proper lubricant (I like Red-line MT-90), has a clean internal filter, and has a properly adjusted operating lever. Note that if it was drained before refilling it may take a while for the air to be purged from the internal hydraulic system.

If your O/D is a Laycock de Normanville unit (aren't they all on British cars?)

one helpful item for tracking down problems is a hydraulic pressure gauge that screws into the opening capping the operating valve shaft. These are not terribly expensive and can be obtained on eBay - just Google "overdrive pressure gauge" or the like.

A reading over 500 psi is necessary for reliable operation. I have a gauge for short term loan, but note this requires access to the O/D top (i.e. carpet and tunnel removal) and operation in place, i.e. connected to the engine with the rear wheels elevated.

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Stage 5: Show the car

Now that the car is running as reliably as the sun rising in the east each morning, its time for cosmetics.

If you are planning on showing the car, either just to satisfy your pride or in serious pursuit of trophies, take the words of Andre Agassi to heart: Image Is Everything!

Of course this means fixing tears and stains in trim material (seats, interior panels, carpets, headliner in closed cars and top in open cars).

But mostly this means cleanliness. Jaguar (JCNA) judges have been known to take this to extremes, though I have heard Corvette judges are even worse. Buy a case of Q-tips and get to work. This is when you start hating the fact you have those gorgeous wire wheels.

And don't forget the engine compartment and boot (trunk), as well as splash panels, shut faces, and door bottoms. In the case of JCNA judging, there is no need to spend time on the under carriage since judges are not permitted to leave the feet (leaving their senses is another story ...).

This is why good detailing shops charge so much, though this is not to say they do a job that would get 100 points under Jaguar judging. There is a saying that Jaguar judges are so compulsive that they give anal retentive a bad name

Stage 6: Sell the car

OK, you've had your fun, won lots of awards, and put all the blissful miles you want on the car. Or perhaps another car has captured a gleam in your eye and you need to make room in your garage and/or wallet.

How to go about selling a collector car really deserves its own treatise, but here are the basics.

First of all, do you want to sell locally or nationally (or beyond)?

A good rule of thumb is sell it in the market where it has or could win prizes, be it locally, nationally, or internationally.

An exception might be a car that is in a preservation class candidate (unrestored paint, interior, seats, and possibly engine) or is an extremely rare car which even in rough condition would draw broad interest.

Selling locally has the advantages of quickness (maybe) and low cost. The drawbacks are market size and level of sophistication, and personal involvement (e.g. setting asking/minimum prices and conducting negotiations).

Lots of cars change hands in Utah via KSL.com (no affiliation).

Selling on a grander stage takes patience and seed money, e.g. for detailing, transport and/or commissions. As suggested

above if your car is national winner caliber you'll probably need to sell it nationally, perhaps through advertising, a broker or an auction.

Auctions are the best way to reach a maximum audience for a truly special car, though you'll need to deliver or hire transport for the car to the auction venue, and pay a seller's premium, typically around 10% of the hammer price.

Stipulating a reserve (minimum acceptable) price can be tricky: the auction company may not allow it, and if they do the car may not sell, in which case you have another transportation cost to get it back home (and possibly a listing fee to the auction company).

Auction sales have the not-to-be-overlooked advantage of a third party acting as escrow agent collecting funds and finalizing the sale in a non-recourse manner.

Brokers sometimes offer a similar service, in part to ensure their commission is paid.

My own experiences in selling a car at auction are related in the [September 2013](#) issue of this newsletter. Jim Revel contributed a similar report in [April 2011](#).

This ends my ramblings. I hope you've found some enjoyment and edification. Now get to work on that heap!

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Last Call For WMJR 40th Anniversary Pub Glasses

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It's Baaaack—the British Humour Section

This being a slow news month with sappy good will sloshing about, relief is in sight in the form of some fine British humour.

A Scots boy came home from school and told his mother he had been given a part in the school play. "Wonderful," says the mother, "What part is it?" The boy says "I play the part of the Scottish husband!" The mother scowls and says: "Go back and tell your teacher you want a speaking part."

Two Americans are talking. One asks: "What's the difference between capitalism and communism?" "That's easy" says the other one. "In capitalism man exploits man! In communism it is the other way around!"

One day a Viking named Leif returned after a long sea voyage and found that during his absence his name had been removed from the town register. He sent his wife to the town hall make a complaint to the mayor. 'I'm sorry,' said the mayor, 'I must have taken Leif off my census.'

A man was walking down the street and he met a small boy. The man asked what was his name. The boy replied, 'six and seven-eighths.' The man asked him why his parents had given him such a strange name, and he replied, 'they just picked it out of a hat.'

Why did the Siamese twins move to England? So the other one could drive!

England doesn't have a kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool

Two Englishmen, two Scotsmen, two Welshmen and two Irishmen were marooned on a desert island. The two Scotsmen got together and started a bank; the two Welshmen got together and started a choir; the two Irishmen got together and started a fight; The two Englishmen never spoke to each other - they hadn't been introduced!

There was a man who entered a local paper's pun contest.. He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

I went to a restaurant that serves breakfast at any time. So I ordered French Toast during the Renaissance.

I needed a password eight characters long so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarves.

Toughest job I ever had: selling doors, door to door.

And why couldn't the loutish baseball umpire have his little boy sit in his lap? Because the son never sits on the brutish umpire.

What do you get when you toss a hand grenade into a kitchen in France? Linoleum blown-apart.

Event Calendar

7pm, Thursday, December 8, 2016

Christmas Party

[Old Spaghetti Factory](#), Trolley Square
Duane and LeAnn Allred, 801-856-2251

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Saturday, June 17, 2017

British Field Day

Saturday, July 1, 2017

Eaglewood Festival of Speed

Saturday, August 26, 2017

Park City Classic Car Show

Friday, October 27, 2017

Halloween Party

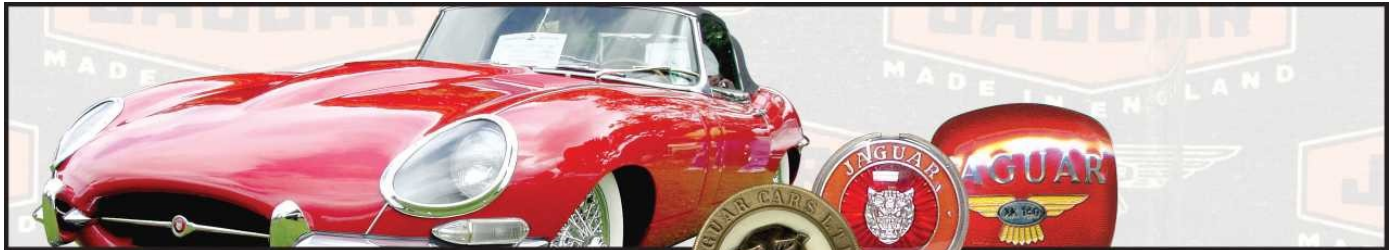
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Final Reminder To Pay Your 2017 Dues

The club needs to finalize our membership roster with JCNA in January, so it's important that you pony up your \$50 no later than the Christmas party.

John Green will be present with his membership roll open so be sure to give him your check at that time. Failing that you can emit to him payable to WMJR at P.O. Box 648, Farmington, UT 84025.



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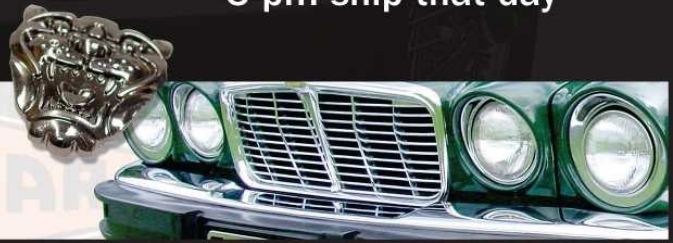
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