

# LYONS TALES

## 2016 VJC KICKOFF

### Kickoff the 2016 Virginia Jaguar Club Season!

As the first event of the 2016 Virginia Jaguar Club Season, Marian and I are again very pleased to invite all perspective, new, and faithful members to a drive in the country, a welcome for new and old members, and a preview of the 2016 VJC agenda. As in the past after the Kickoff and elections we will caravan to a local watering hole for lunch.

So, come rain or shine, sleet or snow, the event is scheduled for Saturday, January 16th, at 10:00. Please mark your calendar and we hope to see you, your significant other, friends, and the Jag of your choice. And, yes, come early and we will open the garage for tire kicking, folklore, and Jag bragging.

We are located about eight miles North of I295, exit 31A. From the exit, travel North 1.8 miles to the Exxon Station on left, angle right on Market Road. Take Market Road for 2.5 miles. You will angle left at the E.J. Wade sign and continue on. When you are driving parallel to a white board fence you will come to a three-way intersection. You have the right-a-way to turn right onto Rockhill. Then travel .4 miles to McClellan Road and take a left. At .6 miles turn right on Westwood. Travel Westwood for almost a mile and turn right onto Boundary Run Drive. At about 1.3 miles you see 6281 Boundary Run Drive. You have arrived. I will have a Jaguar Flag out front to confirm the driveway..

See you all soon...

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## LYON'S ROAR

The last month has seen interesting Jaguar and personal activities. The VJC was invited to participate in the first British Car Show at Battersea Plantation in Petersburg, as part of their annual Oyster Festival. The invitation was also extended to the CVBCC and RTR folk and about twenty-five cars attended, their owners enjoying free oysters, BBQ and wine. Long time VJC member Michael Malone invited the VJC for coffee and pastries at his Petersburg house, after which we followed his red XJS convertible to the Plantation. I drove my 1960 MGA roadster for a change, with Una following in



her jade Green XJ6, and David Glick in his Series 2 E- type. The historic plantation House was open for inspection of the extensive restoration work; the place definitely needs more structural repair than a rusty E-type. There was old-timey music, and nice cars and people in a lovely fall setting, so I look forward to the VJC returning next year with bigger participation.

I was lucky to notice an ad on the JCNA classifieds site, offering NOS left rear turn signal for the Series 1/1.5 E-type for \$75. That's about the same price as a used one, so I snapped it up. The owner said he was amazed that it did not sell for almost a month despite the giveaway price, possibly an indication of low usage of the "improved" JCNA website. It arrived a few days later in its original Lucas box and is beautiful. It shows what Lucas could do, with a little help from Bill Lyons (*page 3*).

On a personal level, I spent a couple of weeks onstage as "Marley" and "Christmas Future" in an early holiday adaptation of Christmas Carol, directed by my lovely wife. Una and I are members of the Richmond Playwrights Forum and presented a scene at Barksdale from my "The Last Elizabethan", a one-act play about Sir Walter Raleigh. Don't ever believe an actor's life is easy. And just a few days ago we dressed in 1920s attire and attended the "Downtown Abbey" display and reception at the Virginia Historical Society. Groupies should note that the 5<sup>th</sup> and last DTA season starts Jan 3 on PBS, and there is a big bash and free preview at the Altria on Jan 2.

The next official VJC event will be our 2016 Kickoff and Garage Tour at the Murff's on January 16. This year we will also use this popular and well attended event for officer elections. Please put this on your calendars and don't worry about a surprise nomination. I have been preselected as chair of the VJC events committee. Our 2015 Concourse Chair David Glick is already thinking about 2016, my understanding is that we will not have last year's \$4000 dealer support, which allowed us to more or less break even. I don't think we want to go in the hole for four grand next year, so we will have to try something innovative next year at Williamsburg. (*next pg*)

On a more immediate note, Wally Groom is in hospital as this is written, recovering from surgery. Wally is the father of Carol and father-in-law of Bruce Woodson and is a well-known and respected British Car enthusiast, host of many Boy's Nights at his garage in Powhatan County and a super nice bloke. He is doing well and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

As the end of my term as your Prez approaches, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

*-David Harrison, VJC President*



## VEEP VIEWS



Greetings my friends! Almost Toikee Day, and since our VJC Fall Picnic, the Upstate NY/ Rome trip and my Birthday weekend in Goldvein, have had to focus on the Columbia house maintenance, preparations for winter? and neglected 'paperwork'!

I did rewire the XJS 'auxiliary' electric fan and adjusted the Jensen Interceptor style thermo switch contact setting. As the Nippy Nippy temps arrive, the heated seats (still work) and the smooth smooth XJS V12 ride still entice for 'local' drives for Fredericksburg 'food shopping, Lowes runs, and over to the Warrenton Airport, usually a 26-36 mile RT

from the Tree Farm.

Speaking of 'Airport', the Fredericksburg Shannon airport sponsored a Fall Harvest Fly-In on Halloween Weekend', and I flew Camellia the short flight over. Children were in costume and we're able to explore different airplanes and watch the Flying Circus mini airshow.

The most unexpected treat was I had a call from Tom Krefetz of Classic Showcase, which whom I served on the JCNA BOD for several years. Classic Showcase had restored a very early production #323 Series 1 E type and the car was being auctioned by Keno Brothers on NY. Tom asked me to Judge the car based on the JCNA Series 1 Rule book Guide to authenticate that the car was in fact restored to 'Authenticity standards'. Rather than go up to Westchester County, I examined dozens of fine quality jpegs in addition to those on the Web link. You will find this incredible Jaguar, as I did, most fascinating :

<http://www.kenobrothers.com/auctions/1961-jaguar-e-type-roadster>

Touch the 1st pic and scroll across.

So a very interesting month in my 'Jaguar World'. I also caught up with some of our Triumph Club friends for a 'Thanksgiving Lunch' , and a nice N of Baltimore Country drive. I realize by the time this appears Thanksgiving will be past, so we trust all had a great Holiday with family &/or friends, and WE

Hope to see a great club turnout at the Murffs!

*- Sherman Taffel, VJC Vice-President*

## OUT ON A LIMB



I am now wrapping up my second calendar year of Lyons Tales as I approach the end of my term as your Editor. The time seems to have flown by. It's been quite a love/hate relationship; the downside being that it is quite hard work and very time consuming - the upside being my pride in the finished copy and knowing it is read by a (mostly) appreciative membership.

You may have noticed this issue is a bit thinner than most. With the "season" over and a dearth of events, there simply is not that much out there to fill the blank pages. Unfortunately, while most of you tend to see a few more days off than usual during this time of year, my industry steps up it's activity, resulting in a somewhat busier schedule than normal; therefore, I've had precious little time to devote to the newsletter.

Going forward, I believe we have an excellent candidate to replace me. This individual is far more qualified than I could ever possibly hope to be and will most likely bring a more professional slant to the publication. I will withhold mentioning his name for the time being as neither he nor the Board have confirmed his acceptance of the position.

In other news; now is the time for all good men and women to renew their membership in the JCNA. There is an application further on in LT or you can contact Ron Mitchell directly at the email address posted under the club officers section.

It is my understanding that the new XE has arrived in Jaguar showrooms on this side of the Atlantic. My only experience with the XE was sitting in one at the dealership in Manchester, UK several months ago. So, if one of you have already taken an XE for a test drive, then put a pen to paper, or in this case finger to keyboard, and let the rest of the world know what your initial impressions are. If you've already purchased one, more the better.

Jaguar continues to expand the number of new models available in their showrooms, while the older Jaguars simply become more and more expensive. Even the XJS has become a collector item of late and we've seen the resulting price rise along with its collectability. Recently, a 1995 XJS convertible sold at Barrett Jackson for \$22,000! That figure was only \$12,000 below a rather clean XKE we advertised in this tome just a few months ago. Yeah I know.

So far I've managed to survive Black Friday and Cyber Monday with my finances still in-tact; however, I'm not sure if they will make it all the way through to Christmas that way, since I seem to procrastinate when it comes to Christmas shopping. That said, I hope all of you have a very merry Christmas or happy holiday season as is your particular want or belief and a very happy new year.

Remember, if you don't know where you are going, then any road will take you there.

*Brad Purvis, Editor*

## BONHAMS TO AUCTION EX-MOSS C-TYPE

### BONHAMS RETURNS TO MONACO WITH EX-STIRLING MOSS JAGUAR C-TYPE

THE MONACO SALE 'LES GRANDES MARQUES À MONACO'

13 May 2016  
Monte Carlo

In 2016, Bonhams will return to Monaco to present an exclusive sale of just 40 hand-picked, exceptional motor cars. Timed to coincide with the Monaco Grand Prix Historique, the sale will take place on 13 May 2016.

"Already renowned in motorsport circles for its annual Monaco Grand Prix and Monte Carlo Rally, the glittering Mediterranean Principality is now to host the Bonhams Monaco Sale," said James Knight, Bonhams Group Motoring Director. "The auction will be carefully curated, tailored to offer only the most desirable models to the market.

"We are delighted to confirm that we already have several incredible consignments for the sale, led by the fantastic 1952 Jaguar C-Type 'XKC 011'. This very special sports-racing car is not only an ex-Stirling Moss ex-Works team entry, it is also in wonderfully original condition, and is offered direct from the family that has owned it for 52 years. Research indicates the car is fully original, remaining un-restored since the day it left the Works team in 1955."

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Jaguar C-Type 'XKC 011' was built new for the Jaguar Works racing team early in 1952. After making its racing debut at Silverstone in May of that year, driven by one-time pre-war Brooklands star Peter Walker, it was fitted with special longnose/longtail aerodynamic bodywork for the Le Mans 24-Hour race. There it was co-driven by Stirling Moss and Peter Walker, but failed to finish.

Reverting to handsome standard body form, it was again co-driven by Moss and Walker in the 1952 Goodwood 9-Hours race, finishing 5th, before Walker set best times in both the Shelsley Walsh and Prescott hill-climbs. World War Two hero Major Tony Rolt drove it to victory in the September Goodwood Meeting.

In 1953 'XKC 011' was then campaigned by Stirling Moss and 'Mort' Morris-Goodall in the 1,000-mile round-Italy Mille Miglia, and by veteran driver/journalist Tommy Wisdom in the Sicilian Targa Florio. This great car's Works Team career concluded with Moss finishing 2nd in heat, and 4th in the final of the 1953 British Empire Trophy race which took place at Douglas, Isle of Man.

The following year the car achieved further success, when it was loaned from Jaguar Cars Ltd to Belgian team, Ecurie Francorchamps.

After it was sold from the Works, the car became one of the most raced and best-known of all C-Types on the British club-racing scene, owned and driven by Michael Salmon, Gordon Lee and Robin Sturgess. It finally passed into the current vendor's family ownership in March 1963, and it has been maintained in active yet incredibly un-spoiled order ever since.

Bonhams' sale of Jaguar C-Type 'XKC 011' in Monaco, 2016, will provide a truly incredible opportunity to acquire the cream of the historic car collecting world. *- Courtesy Bonhams*



## TIME TO RENEW

It's that time of year again. Time to renew your JCNA membership. There is a membership form later in this issue (and every issue) for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact Membership Secretary Ron Mitchell at: [rmitchelljag@cox.net](mailto:rmitchelljag@cox.net) or 757-877-1132.



## JAGUAR TO DETROIT - PXXX OFF

Jaguar Land Rover won't attend the 2016 Detroit Auto Show in January because the automaker will shift its focus to other international shows instead, the company confirmed to *Autoblog*.

"Following a review of our global consumer engagement program, the decision has been made not to exhibit at the Detroit show in 2016," said a company spokesperson told *Autoblog*.

The story was first reported by *Automotive News*. JLR will continue to attend other US auto shows in Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles; plus those abroad in Geneva, Frankfurt, Paris, Beijing, and Shanghai. "We recognize that the Detroit show is a world-class Tier 1 auto show, however, we have had to make this decision to sharpen our focus as indicated," the spokesperson said.

Detroit Auto Show PR Manager Max Muncey told *Autoblog* that the organizers already knew JLR wouldn't be there. "We are in discussions with other automakers to fill that spot," he said about using the open space. The show expects 70 percent of the floor plan in 2016 to be different from last year.

The automaker used the 2015 Detroit Auto Show to announce diesel versions for several models, and it revealed the name for the Jaguar F-Pace there. JLR reportedly now has a plan to cut the equivalent of \$6.8 billion in costs without firing workers and increase production to a million annual deliveries by the end of the decade.

- Courtesy Chris Bruce @Autoblog

## GLASSNER DOES HILTON

By Greg Glassner

I missed last year's Hilton Head Concours in South Carolina due to a date conflict, but when a car club friend of mine e-mailed me and said he and his wife had a three-bedroom condo for the week within walking distance of the concours venue, I made the drive.

Last year, Jaguar was one of the honored marques, and the VJC's Ron Gaertner and Davis Harrison made the trip down, with Ron showing his superlative green 120 coupe and red and black 150 drophead, and David his venerable Austin-based Swallow.

This year's program mentioned that Ron's 1953 XK120 SE fixed head coupe took Best in Class in 2014 and his 1960 XK 150 dhc a Palmetto Award for second in class. Congrats, Ron.

Having Jaguar honored the previous year must have spurred interest in the marque as there were a number of very nice cars from Coventry this year as well.

One of the interesting cats on display was the 1948 Jaguar MK IV 3.5 liter drophead coupe belonging to Chris and Caryn Lapinski of Wellington, Florida.

The postwar MK IV was the first model to be badged Jaguar, those before the war were known as SS motor cars. (Not sure if Hitler's co-opting the SS designation for one of his military units had anything to do with Sir William Lyons abandoning the name, but it does make sense. The Jaguar name was the happy result.)

Anyway, the Lapinskis' example is one of 378 left-hand drive coupe built and featured a three-place top with landau bars, Lucas Proo headlights, four speed transmission and twin SU carbs. It showed quite well in deep maroon paint with matching leather and a tan top.

This particular MK IV was restored in 1998 and refreshed in 2014. It had previously taken the most elegant convertible award at Palm Beach and best Jaguar at the Winter Park Concours.

Another very nice Jag was the 1967 MK II of Hilton Head's Thomas and Sandy McCurry. The 3.4 liter dohc MK II was produced from 1959 to 1967, with this one being one of the nicest survivors of the 29,000 made.

Tom McCurry is this car's third owner. It had been in dry storage for 25 years when he acquired it and spent six months on the cosmetic restoration.

It looked quite elegant in maroon and black two-tone livery.

(My camera lens seemed to be attracted to maroon cars that day.)

Also worthy of note was the royal blue 1954 XK 120 SE dhc of Gabe Hrib of Canton, Georgia.

I first attended the Hilton Head show in 2009 and this was my third visit. The breadth and depth of cars has increased over the years and moving the event onto a golf course was a wise one, adding the correct ambience.

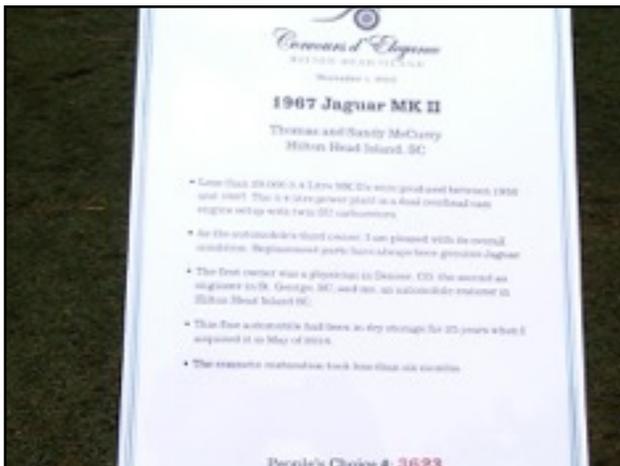
While not the rival of Amelia Island or Pebble Beach, they are trying and the event is headed in the right direction.

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I arrived in time Friday to rubberneck at the preview of auction cars and Saturday's showcase is also improving in quality, although they really should not charge extra admission for this array of local cars, in my humble opinion.

Chrysler was one of this year's honored marques and, although I am not a huge fan of the brand, there were some very nice ones, including three Ghia bodied examples from the 1950s and 60s. Also honored were 100 years of BMW and 50 years of the Shelby Mustang.

A Chrysler won best of show (of course). Still, I can't quibble with the 1933 Chrysler Custom Imperial Phaeton of Joseph and Maggie Cassini of West Orange, N.J. A truly splendid classic. Hilton Head is a nice place to be in November and their motoring Festival and Concours d'Elegance is worth repeated visits.



**FOR SALE**



1996 Jaguar XJ12 Sedan  
133,000 miles  
Exterior: Topaz (Champagne)  
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The Positives:  
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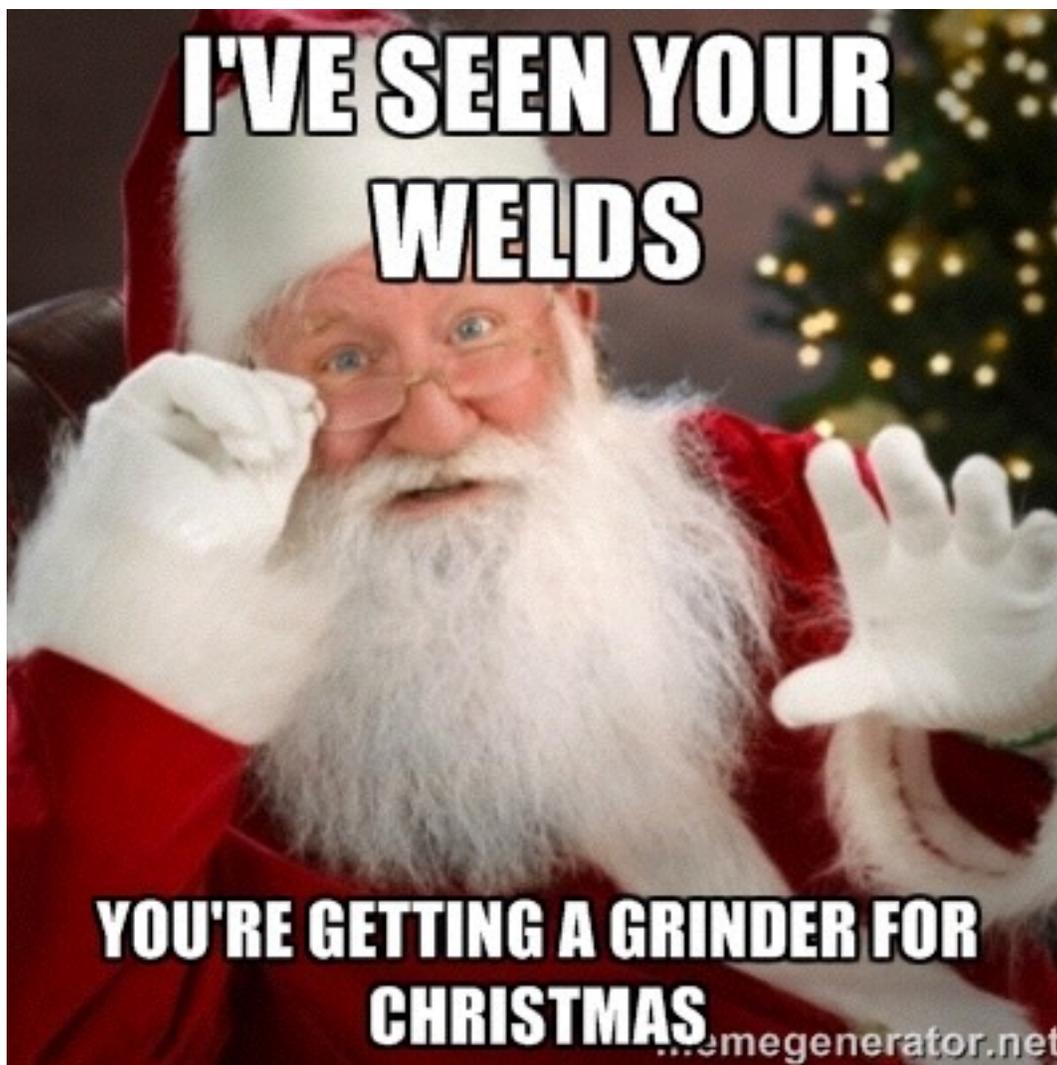
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## **1949 Jaguar Mark V**

Offering this 3 1/5 liter saloon with 4 speed transmission. Winner of multiple awards car show awards. This saloon draws a lot of attention on the road. The older restoration is stunning in a combination of Dove Gray and Pewter with red leather interior. The abundant chrome and the lavish interior wood are in excellent condition. \$39,900. For more information call Bob Shiflet, Lyndhurst, VA @ 540-836-9312 or email [bshiflet@ntelos.net](mailto:bshiflet@ntelos.net).



## JAGUAR V12 SU CARBURETTOR CONVERSION KITKIT

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# BODGER'S CORNER

**Noun**

bodge job (plural bodge jobs)

- I. A job that was completed quickly and carelessly, possibly with one's mind on other things, or without using the correct tools, or parts, even if no mistakes were made.

Synonyms

- botched job



If you have any bodge jobs or techniques that you would like to share, please send them in along with a picture or two.



## GRAB THE KEYS

**JANUARY 16, 2016** *(Event)*

Annual Membership Meeting

10:00 am til...

"The Murff's"

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Scottsdale, AZ

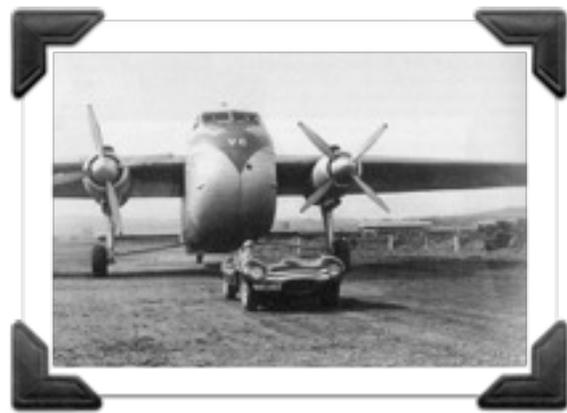
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\* = JCNA Sanctioned Event

*Dates marked with (Event) are the VIC event(s) of the month. Please forward any event information, including date, location and contact, to [bradpurvis@mac.com](mailto:bradpurvis@mac.com) for inclusion on this list.*



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Membership in the VJC is open to any Jaguar enthusiast regardless whether you own a Jaguar or not. For more information please send an Email to Ron Mitchell, VJC Membership Chairman: [rmitchelljag@cox.net](mailto:rmitchelljag@cox.net) and we will send you details on how to become a member or fill in and return the membership application on the following page.

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Membership Count ~ 101

## Virginia Jaguar Club - Membership

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**Jaguar #1:** Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_

**Jaguar #2:** Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_

**Jaguar #3:** Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested and/or are willing to assist with (check all that apply):**

Car Shows  Rallies  Racing  Club Administration  Newsletter  Web Site

**Type of Membership:**

Annual Membership (January – December): \$52.00 \*\*\*

Half Year Membership (July – December): \$40.00 \*\*\*

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Half Year Young Enthusiast (25 Years or Less) Membership (July – December): \$28.00 \*\*\*

Club Membership for Active JCNA Member (Club Membership Only): \$30.00

\*\*\* Includes JCNA Membership

*(Memberships Include Spouse/S.O. All Memberships Expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>)*

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## ANY ROAD UP



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*- Editor*

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