



Under The Bonnet

Newsletter of the Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register



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WMJR Annual Christmas Party

December 1, 2025

6:00pm

It's that time a year again when the weather turns cold and the big cats go to take their winter naps. It also means it's time for the WMJR Annual Christmas Party. With everyone loving the food at Red Rock Brewing last year, we decided to hold the party there again this year. This years party will be on

December 1, 2025 at 6pm. We will be doing a gift exchange. The gifts should be around \$20.00 and marked Man, Women, or either. This year we have decided to use tickets for the gift exchange. We will be handing out the tickets when we take your gift for the exchange. That way everyone who brings a gift will get a gift.

So if a person or couple bring one gift they will get one ticket. If a person or couple brings two gifts they will get two tickets.

If you haven't RSVP'd to Jackson please email him at **wmjr1976@gmail.com** to see if he can still add you to the list.

Red Rock Brewing Co.
Fashion Place
6227 State Street
Murray, UT 84107



Gary Rex Buxton

September 9, 1949 — November 5, 2025

Our beloved father, grandfather, husband, and dear friend, Gary Rex Buxton, peacefully returned to his Heavenly home while residing in Kaysville, Utah, after a brave battle with Parkinson's disease. His passing leaves a void in the hearts of all who knew him, but also a legacy of love, kindness, integrity, and joy that will never be forgotten.

Gary was born on September 9, 1949, in Lewiston, Utah, to Alfred Henry Buxton and Bernice Brian. With a spirit as sturdy and warm as the brickwork he cherished, he spent his childhood working beside his father and brothers in their construction business—developing not just his craft, but a love for creating beauty with his bare hands. His passion for hard work showed in everything he touched, especially the fireplaces and brick projects that became treasured landmarks across Utah.

He later founded and operated Buxton Masonry, Inc., a company renowned for excellence and craftsmanship. Gary's integrity, honesty, and steadfast character were the foundation of his success. These qualities, along with his gift for making and keeping friends, and his ability to uplift and build others—are why his business thrived and remains one of the most respected masonry companies in Utah to this day.

Graduating from Ben Lomond High School in 1967, Gary's journey took him to Australia on a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he made lifelong friendships that meant the world to him. In September 1971, he married Pamela Rentmeister, with whom he shared three children and many memorable years. Later in life, his loving heart found companionship once again with Diane Payne Bitaraf, whom he married in November 2018, forever grateful for her presence in his life.

Gary's faith was the anchor of his life. He served diligently in numerous callings within The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including high council member, bishopric member, elders quorum president, Young Men president, and his most loved—Sunday School teacher to the youth.

His gentle guidance, infectious smile, and homemade cookies every Sunday became treasured traditions that touched many lives. His legendary chocolate chip cookies, baked with love and shared freely, became a symbol of his generosity and warmth. Sacred memories abound of baking alongside his grandchildren, passing down his love of life and good humor through these sweet moments.

Gary's creativity extended far beyond his craftsmanship. He loved boating, aviation, old Jaguars, and horse shows, always embracing life's adventures with his signature joy. He was often seen dancing on the bow of the boat to Merle Haggard or enjoying a favorite chocolate shake from Baskin-Robbins.

His zest for life, combined with his unwavering integrity, warmth, and positivity, drew people toward him effortlessly. He had an extraordinary gift for making friends and lifting people up, building them with kindness and encouragement. His life was a testament to the power of love and genuine connection.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, yet his spirit lives on in the hearts of those he loved most.

He leaves behind his devoted wife, Diane; his children, Tyler (Cheri) Buxton, Tami (Buddy) Millett, and Megan (Trevor) Fritzsche; and his stepchildren, Burke (Jess) Bitaraf, Tori (Jared) Allen, and Bronte (Charles) Greenwald.

His legacy continues through his 16 grandchildren (with one on the way), a great-grandchild, his siblings Darrell Buxton, Gregg (Kelley) Buxton, Susan (Kent) Allen, and Carol (Terry) Semrow, and the many lives he touched.

Gary's love, his spirit of adventure, his legendary cookies and the kindness he shared will be forever etched into our hearts. His presence in our lives was a blessing – one we'll cherish always.

I am sad that we have lost another member of our club. Gary Buxton was always very happy to talk about his cars. I loved it when he would text me to tell me what car show he was taking his cars to next. He would then send me pictures after the shows and tell me what they had won. Below are some of those pictures. Some of the pictures were also sent to us from Diane Buxton.

Susan Jennings
WMJR President



2022 Las Vegas Concours "Best In Class" and 2022 JCNA National Champion



2023 Las Vegas Concours Robb Report Winner

Idylwire,CA Concours



Utah Motorsports Park with his Mark II

2026 Club Dues Due December 31, 2025

With the year coming to a close, it means it is time to pay your annual club dues for 2026. For 2026 the dues will remain \$65.00 per couple. We would like as many members as possible to get their dues paid by the December 31, 2025 JCNA deadline. Our Annual Christmas Party is a great time to get them paid. Otherwise dues can be mailed to Ken Borg.

If mailing your dues send them to the address below:

WMJR
Attn: Membership
3581 Hermes Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84121

If you mail your dues please email wmjr1976@gmail.com so we can keep an eye out for them.

December Birthdays

Jackson Jennings December 22





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Wasatch Mountain Jaguar Register 50th Anniversary Shirts

With next year being the club's 50th Anniversary we have decided to do a order of shirts to commemorate 50 years. The shirts will be black polos with a special 50th anniversary logo. As of now we only plan on doing one run of these shirts. They will be \$25.00 each and we hope to have them in time to hand out at our opening social in February.

Below is the order form for the shirts along with a sneak peak of 50th Anniversary logo.



WMJR 50th Anniversary Shirt(s) Order Form

Price ea. \$25.00

Write the quantity under the corresponding size.

Men's				
XS	S	M	L	XL
XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
LT	XXLT	3XLT	4XLT	

Women's				
XS	S	M	L	XL
XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL

Member Name	Total Amount Due
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50th Anniversary Merchandise

In the past the club has had different items to sale, from pint glasses and coffee cups to hats and jackets. Through out this coming year we are looking at getting some of these items to celebrate and we would like your input on what items we should get. If you have any ideas email Jackson at wmjr1976@gmail.com

Club Photos Through Out the Years

If any club members have older photos of club events we would like to collect as many as we can to feature them in the celebration of 50 years of the club. If you have any photos please email copies of the photos to wmjr1976@gmail.com

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We would like to get input from everyone on what they would like to see in the newsletter. If there is anything club members would like to see in it each month, or if you have any input on things please email Jackson at wmjr1976@gmail.com

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