

## **BILL AND BILLI BRIDGES**

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As I peered along the noses of the British Cars at Novembers Silverthorn breakfast there was one which protruded out from the MGs and TRs, a 1966 Silverblue Jaguar Series 1 XKE OTS (open two seat).

This beauty has been proudly owned by two of our more recent members, Bill and Billi Bridges.

They've owned this artwork on wheels for 38 years.

The couple hail from picturesque Yarmouth, Maine and recently moved to our area.

Both Bill and Billi were teachers. Bill taught high school math for 37 years and Billi taught middle school english for 35 years. Now Bill and Billi occupy some their time involved with the Homosassa State Park and the Hernando Heritage Museum.

I've heard it was about 38 years ago the newly wed couple went to California to pick up there new XKE and drove her home.

When asked what his "dream car" would be he said "that's easy, I own it". Whats not to like, the Series 1 XKE designed by Malcolm Sayer was ranked first in the Daily Telegraphs list of the 100 most beautiful cars. The only fault that Bill finds is one that plagues many a LBC, Lucas (the Prince of Darkness).

In spite of that Bill treats his car as it was meant to be - - Driven. With 265 horsepower, 3 carbs, and 4 speeds it's no wonder that Bill and Billi enjoy carving up the twisty roads.

Bill, Billi and their XKE have been together for over 38 years. It must be love.