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A famous open problem in the field of Rendezvous Search is to ascertain the rendezvous value of the symmetric rendezvous problem on the line wherein both agents begin 2 units apart. We provide a new, Bayesian framework to both create new strategies for the agents to follow and to provide a new interpretation of previously posited strategies. Additionally, we have developed a method that modifies any strategy, even those with potentially infinite expected meeting time, into a new strategy that is guaranteed to have a finite expected meeting time. This process, combined with using our Bayesian framework to create new strategies, yields an upper bound that is within 1% of the current best upper bound for the symmetric rendezvous value. (Received September 25, 2018)