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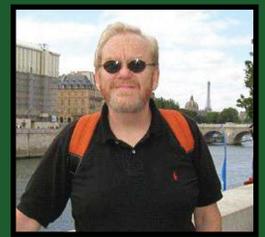
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JANE lost two key people in the month of May ... Many events ... Skip's is closing ...

By Ray O'Brien

Mark Alosa, General Manager of Jaguar Exeter, died suddenly on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at the family home in York, Maine. He was only 40 years old. Mark and Jaguar Exeter have been among JANE's most generous supporters. Mike Kaleel and Brenda Soussan attended the funeral service, and JANE sent a floral arrangement.

We lost Bernie Yurt, the founder of the original New England Jaguar Club, the New England XK Association (NEXKA), on May 25, 2008. Bernie was 78 years old when he died and the longest member of JANE. Our club was started 40 years ago by Bernie Yurt and was renamed JANE in 1986. In memory of Bernie we will be renaming the President's Award the Founder's Award; it will be engraved with the NEXKA logo and the JANE logo. JANE is making a donation in Bernie's name to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Additionally, Carl Hanson, past president, has been working on the history of JANE and is preparing a historical document in two copies, one for the club and the other to be presented to Bernie Yurt's family. See the article about Bernie on the JANE website.

We had lots of events in May. Here are a few highlights . . .

May was a great month for weather, much better than last year. In May we had thirteen events to kick off the New England car season.

A rainy day was in store for Carl Hanson and an intrepid group who toured with their Jags out to the Blue Moon Diner in Gardner, MA, on Sunday, May 4th.

A new event for JANE, a Concours Judging Seminar and Social Event, was held at the Eklofs' home in Groton, MA. The event was led by JANE's Chief Judge, Aldo Cipriano (the Omnipotent). Aldo explained how to prepare a car for the Concours, the differences in classes, and more. A sumptuous lunch buffet was prepared by Prebble. All attending had a great time.

Our Spring Slalom event took place on Sunday, May 18, at the Nashoba Valley Ski Area, with 32 cars participating from JCSNE, JANE, and the AONE.

We were also well represented at the Newport Concours D'Elegance held in Newport, RI, on Memorial Day. JANE had seven club members attending, and all reports indicate it was a very nice event. JANE members receiving awards were:

George and Janet Jones for their MK II, sharing top honors in Post-War Closed Sedans.

John and Carmen Chiungos for their XJ6 C, won Best Hot Rod.

Bob Alexander won for Best Race Car.

One of our annual events is JANE Night on the Lawn at Larz Anderson Park. It was held on Wednesday, May 28th. We had great weather, great food, many laughs, and a new Jaguar XF sedan to test drive, courtesy of Woburn Jaguar.

See all of the event reports on the JANE website at www.j-a-n-e.org.

On another note -- Skip's Restaurant in Chelmsford, where we hold our monthly meetings, is closing sometime this summer. It will be torn down and replaced by a mini-mall.

We are starting the search for a new location, and would like a volunteer to do some research and find a nice spot for us to hold our monthly meetings. If you would like to volunteer for this project, please contact me at raymondobrien@comcast.net or contact any of the club officers. Among the criteria for choosing a location are: access from a major road, like routes 93, 95, 495, or 128; food should be reasonably priced; and we need a private room. Typically we have 20-30 people attending the monthly meetings.

Our next regular club meeting is Wednesday, June 25th, and yes, it will be at Skip's in Chelmsford.

Hope to see you there. 🍀

RAY

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In Memoriam

**Bernard V. Yurt – Founder of NEXKA (became JANE in 1986)
January 28, 1930 – May 25, 2008**

Bernard (Bernie) Yurt, of Medway, MA, passed away on Sunday, May 25th, at the Metro West Medical Center in Natick. Bernie was the founder and first president of the New England XK Association (NEXKA), which became JANE in 1986. His 1954 Jaguar XK120 OTS with license plate number “ONE 20” was a fixture at NEXKA and JANE events right from the first club event, a picnic at West Hill Dam in Northborough, MA, in September 1968. Bernie continued his membership through the entire forty years of club history, making him the longest member of JANE to date. He was extremely knowledgeable on all aspects of Jaguars and finally parted with his beloved XK120 only last fall. Pictures of Bernie and his wife Audrey are prominent in the early club events documented in the photo albums in JANE archives. Audrey passed away in 1985. Bernie is survived by his second wife, Janet, and many children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. One of Bernie’s daughters, Laurianne Storme, of Blackstone, MA, came up with the name of our newsletter, *The Coventry Cat*, when she was 11 years old.

Besides his love of Jaguars and other English sports cars, Bernie had other interests. He was a talented musician, as a trumpeter in various orchestras and swing bands in the area. His occupation was as a specialist in electronics, having worked at Foxboro Corporation for 25 years as supervisor of digital production. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean conflict.

Funeral services for Bernie were held on Thursday, May 29th, at the Community Church of West Medway, in Medway, MA. 🇺🇸



Bernie Yurt in his XK120 at the Hunnewell Hillclimb in 1970



Bernie and Audrey Yurt, photo taken around 1969

**Mark J. Alosa - General Manager, Jaguar Exeter
February 3, 1968 - May 20, 2008**



Mark Alosa passed away on Tuesday, May 20, at his home in York, ME. Mark was general manager of Jaguar Exeter and general partner in Firepoint Properties and Conspiracy Creative, a marketing solutions company. He recently founded GoGreenGarb.com and was marketing vice president and director for Patsy’s Inc. and the Profile Group.

Mark had attended JANE’s Concours in the past, as well as British Invasion in Stowe, VT. He was an enthusiastic supporter of JANE.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held for Mark on Saturday, May 24th, at St John the Evangelist Church in Concord, NH. 🇺🇸

The JANE Calendar of Upcoming Events

From the Editor

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
June		
8 - Sun	JCSNE 35th Annual Concours d'Elegance	Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT
12-15 - Thu-Sun	VSCCA Watkins Glen Historic Races	Watkins Glen, NY
20-22 - Fri-Sun	VSCCA 50th Anniversary June Tour	Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge, MA
22 - Sun - 9 am	LAAM Members Car Day	LAAM, Brookline, MA
25 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
29 - Sun - 9 am	British Car Day	LAAM, Brookline, MA
July		
12 - Sat	JANE Goes Kart Racing	Sugar Hill Raceway, Weare, NH
19-20 - Sat-Sun	VSCCA Pittsburgh Gran Prix	Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, PA
20 - Sun - Noon	Collings Foundation Tour	Stow, MA
23 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
27 - Sun	Day of Triumph	LAAM, Brookline, MA
August		
3 - Sun - 9 am	Tutto Italiano	LAAM, Brookline, MA
7-9 - Thu-Sat	VSCCA Mount Equinox Hill Climb	Mount Equinox, VT
8-10 - Fri-Sun	JANE's 36th Annual Concours d'Elegance	Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA
17 - Sun - 2 pm	JANE Pot Luck Party/Social Gathering	The Eklofs', Groton, MA
21 - Thu - 5 pm	JANE Ice Cream Cruise Night (tentative)	Kimball Farms, Westford, MA
22 - Fri	JANE Friday Night at the Drags	New England Dragway, Epping, NH
23-24 Sat-Sun	JANE at 24 Hours of LeMons	Stafford Motor Speedway, Stafford, CT
27 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
29-Sep 1 - Fri-Mon	VSCCA Rolex Vintage Festival	Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, CT
31 Sun	JCSNE Slalom One	Hartford, CT
September		
7 - Sun - 8:30 am	JANE/JCNA Autumn Slalom	Nashoba Valley Ski Area, Westford, MA
14 - Sun	An Afternoon Picnic & Polo (tentative)	Myopia Hunt Club, Myopia, MA
19-21 - Fri-Sun	16th Annual British Invasion	Stowe, VT
24 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	To be determined
October		
3-4 - Fri-Sat	VSCCA, Finale Weekend	Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, CT
4 - Sat - 9 am	Bonham and Butterfield Auction	LAAM, Brookline, MA
5 - Sun	JCSNE Slalom Two	Hartford, CT
12 - Sun - 9:30 am	JANE Chauncey Creek Lobster Tour (tent.)	Chauncey Creek, Kittery, ME
18 - Sat - 12:30 pm	JANE/JCNA Fall Foliage TSD Rally	
22 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	To be determined
November		
19 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	To be determined
December		
7 - Sun - 3 pm	JANE AGM and Holiday Party	To be determined

Welcome to our new advertiser Harwood Enterprises, Victor, NY. See their ad on page 11. Marc and Roger Corea began their business operations in 1996 and now enjoy a preeminent reputation as a leading buyer, seller, and restorer of Jaguars from the 50's through the 70's.

Note that there are also new ads this month for JAGFIX and Jaguar Exeter, replacing their previous ads.

Know of something else happening that would be of interest to our members? Contact JANE Webmaster at www.j-a-n-e.org. Have an idea for a JANE event? Want to run an event? Questions about an event? Contact Events Vice President Harry Parkinson at 603-882-9367 or harryparkinson@comcast.net.

CHECK WWW.J-A-N-E.ORG FOR LATE-BREAKING NEWS PLUS MORE DETAILS ON THESE AND ALL OTHER EVENTS!

Upcoming JANE Events

JANE Monthly Meetings But H E L P – New Location Needed!

Skip's Restaurant in Chelmsford, MA, has been sold and will soon be torn down to make way for a shopping center. JANE Monthly Meetings will continue to be held at Skip's on our usual fourth Wednesday of every month, starting at 7:00 pm, but only until sometime this summer. Finding a new restaurant may be difficult. Here are our criteria.

A function room that can accommodate 25 -30 people
No advance head count
Good food
Ample and safe off-street parking

No charge for the function room
Ability to order individually from the menu
Reasonably priced menu and bar
Easily accessible from either Route 93, 95, or 495.

Do you know of any place that might consider letting us meet there? We need input from anyone who has any suggestions. Please call Ray O'Brien at 617-734-5949 or email him at raymondobrien@comcast.net with any ideas you may have. 🍷

Go-Kart Racing and Picnic at Hot Laps Karting Center

July 12th

Circle the 12th of July on your calendar. JANE has reserved the picnic grounds and the Hot Laps Karting Center go-kart track at Sugar Hill Speedway in Weare, New Hampshire, for a day of fun for family and friends.

The Karting Center will set up for JANE members to compete with each other, and they will provide (for a fee, of course) all the equipment necessary. The lawn area is available to us, and you may bring your own picnic or buy food at the Karting Center, which has complete food service as part of their facility.

Check out www.hot-laps.com for the location and directions to the Karting Center. For any additional information about the event, get in touch with Harry Parkinson at 603-882-9367 or via email at harryparkinson@comcast.net. 🍷



Collings Foundation Tour and Tailgate Picnic

July 20th

Alfa Owners of New England have invited JANE to join them at the Collings Foundation Headquarters in Stow, MA, on Sunday, July 20th, when the Collings Foundation will open its aircraft and automobile museum collection to a private showing for AONE and its guests. For those of you who have never seen this fabulous collection, it's a real treat!

The Collings Foundation's collection is one of the hidden treasures of the Boston area. On display are over sixty-five antique automobiles and race cars that include the 1932 Duesenberg Dual-Cowl SJ Phaeton owned by Fred Duesenberg; a 1940 V-16 Cadillac Limousine custom-built for Al Capone; a 1927 Rolls-Royce Phantom I Phaeton built in Springfield, MA; and an Indy Car driven by Mario Andretti. The aircraft collection includes a rare original 1909 Bleriot Model XI; a WWII vintage Fiesler FI-156 Storch; and a 1943 Cessna UC-78 that was formerly flown by Revere Airways. Also on display will be several micro-cars owned by the Charles Gould Foundation. These three-wheeled cars were produced by former aircraft manufacturers Messerschmidt, Heinkel, and BMW. There is also quite a number of Indy, formula, and midget race cars, and in general a very eclectic collection of really interesting cars and airplanes.

In addition, the Foundation's grounds are themselves worth the trip! It's a beautiful setting, with lawns and gardens that complement the

attractive buildings housing the collection. We'll be taking advantage of the surroundings by holding a tailgate picnic before the tour! Fill up a basket with your favorite lunchtime comestibles, pack a couple of lawn chairs, and we'll circle the wagons for a little dining and pre-tour schmoozing. A few other area sports car clubs will join in for this event, so you'll be able to ogle some other interesting cars besides your own before and after the tour.

Plan to arrive around noon or a little before with your picnicking paraphernalia and share your company (and your food?) with your fellow sports car buffs. The tour will then begin promptly at 1 pm. Donation for admission to see the collection and display is \$5 per person. The Collings Foundation is located at 137 Barton Road in Stow, MA, near Lake Boon. Directions and a lot more information can be found on the Collings Foundation website (www.collingsfoundation.org) or by calling 978-562-9182. This event will be held rain or shine! If it's raining, you can either picnic with the top up or just show up a little before 1 pm for the tour.

Although it's not required, we're asking that you contact event organizer Jim Miga (j_miga@comcast.net or 781-729-7567) to let him know that you're coming (and how many of you) so that we can give the Foundation an approximate head count. 🍷



LeMons Car Makes Its Debut

By Tom Moses



It was a beautiful day for a slalom as the XJ40 VDP LeMons Car was loaded onto the trailer. Only a week before, the last bits of the once plush interior were removed to make room for the specification roll cage to be fabricated and installed by Alan Quinn. Armed with a new set of Torx bit-drivers and an impact wrench, Tom Letourneau and Ed Hall freed the car's headliner by removing door trim, tread plates, moulding, and interior panels. A quick vacuum to remove screws, clips, wire, and debris revealed the sophisticated strength and construction underlying the originally well-appointed sedan. Stu Forer's trailer was at the ready to provide transport from Ed's garage in Berlin, MA, to the Nashoba Valley Ski Area.

You have only one chance to make a first impression, and Aldo Cipriano arrived early to give the LeMons Car a quick dust-off and shine.

Oil, coolant, and tire pressure were checked one last time. The trailer ramps were set and the car was driven aboard. Heavy nylon webbing with giant ratcheting mechanisms locked each corner of the car to heavy-duty 'D' rings welded to the trailer.

Even with the XJ40 weighing in at around 4500 lbs., the rig towed easily. It was a quick trip to the slalom site. We pulled in alongside the trailers that had delivered some of the slalom greats, like Jim Roberge's modified Series III E-type and Dean Cusano's special XJS. The LeMons Car came off the trailer and joined tech inspection already in progress.

The LeMons car was assigned number 100, and after removing the loose spare tire from the boot, it passed tech inspection. "Lucky 100" took its place in line to slalom.

The first lap is hour-glass shaped; the second lap a figure-eight; the third and final is an oval. The car was running smoothly, and there was a certain serenity sitting in the lone, upholstered seat surrounded only by a high-tech body shell and wiring.

I rolled my foot into the throttle and the big engine and big car responded. Smoothly and surely building speed, straight line travel wasn't going to be a problem. But straight line travel isn't what the slalom is about. And into the first turn it was obvious that the nationally ranked slalom cars had nothing to fear. The shocks on the car are original and the car heaved up into each and every turn. The tires aren't the best, and with the extreme body roll and redistribution of weight to the front, it was easy to break away and slide off course and into the cones.

The LeMons car finished intact, with a one-run time of 56 seconds and one cone (3-second penalty).

The LeMons race is August 23-24 in Stafford Springs, CT, and work on the car continues on Saturdays at Ed Hall's in Berlin, MA. All are welcome to join in the fun.

The official organizer's website for the event is www.24hoursoflemons.com. For more information on this adventure email Tom Moses at tmoses@spillcenter.com.



Chuck Centore and Harry Parkinson removing headlights



Ed Hall enjoying the last of the plush interior



Chuck prepping for the roll cage



LeMons car at the starting line in the Spring Slalom

Check here in July for the latest on the LeMons project

JANE's 36th Annual Concours



JANE Concours Co-Chairs
Michael Kaleel and Brenda Soussan

JANE's 36th Annual Concours will be held in Sturbridge, MA, on Saturday, August 9.

More details coming in July.

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Some preparation will be needed. You will need to learn a few of the basics. Things like: "Right turn," "Left Turn," "Back Up," "Pick Up," "Press," "Throw," and the all important "Exit your vehicle"!

Many of you may think this is easy. This event requires unique skills that make sharpening a pencil look like child's play. We need JANE's best to take on the challenge of being a Weenie Toss champion and, of course, a "Legend."

Plan to attend JANE's Sunday morning "Second Annual Funkana and Weenie Toss." You might be the Legend we are looking for.

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Other Events -- Near and Far

JCSNE Concours d'Elegance

June 8, 2008

The JCSNE will have its 35th annual Concours d'Elegance this year on Sunday, June 8th.

It will be held at Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT, a lovely new location for their Concours. It really is an orchard, and there is also a golf course and restaurant, and fields and tents for the Concours activities.

Like JANE, the JCSNE is also celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, and they will be hosting a banquet on Saturday evening, June 7th, for out-of-towners coming in for the event.



This is a JCNA-sanctioned Concours, so it's a good opportunity to get your car judged at a lovely, nearby location, while also supporting our JCSNE "neighbors to the south."

For more information on the Concours, get in touch with Bob Aldridge at 860-482-9849

or via email at thespottedcat@optonline.net. You can also go to JCNA.com and click on Calendar, then NE Region, for more details and an entry form. 🇺🇸

Concours d'Elegance Hamptons Plum

June 15, 2008

JANE's long-time friends Stephen and Barbara Ring have reminded us of their Concours d'Elegance at Hamptons Plum, on Long Island, on Sunday, June 15th. Entry is by invitation, but Stephen may be able to get a few entries from the organization. Alternatively, some of us might want to consider just a nice tour down to that area. There's no entry fee to simply show your car and look at all the other cars. For more information on this Concours call Carl Hanson at 781-275-2707 or email him at chansonjag@aol.com.

According to Stephen there are a number of other car events on Long Island all summer, including the Bridgehampton Road Rally, a vintage car event, near the end of the season. We will post more information on these events as it becomes available. 🇺🇸

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Events Schedule:

- July 28 Registration**
- July 29 Slalom, XF Drives, Rodeo and BBQ**
- July 30 Rallye, Museum Tour and Dinner**
- July 31 Sunrise Breakfast, Afternoon Croquet, Casino Night and Gambling**
- Aug 1 Western States Concours and Award Banquet**
- Aug 2 Optional RMJC Concours**

For more Information:
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or
Steve Kennedy at
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VSCCA 50th Anniversary June Tour

June 20-22, 2008

The VSCCA's 50th Anniversary Tour takes place the weekend of June 20-22. The event centers around the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, MA, and as of mid-May there were still rooms available at the Inn, so why not join in the fun.

The event kicks off with a cocktail party at the Inn on Friday evening, June 20th. The Saturday tour is about 100 miles and stops somewhere for lunch. The Saturday night dinner is also at the Red Lion Inn. There is another tour and lunch on Sunday morning.

Four JANE couples are already registered for the tour. There is a VSCCA Group Rate for the two nights at the Red Lion Inn (telephone 413-298-1690 and refer to Group #129882). Check out the VSCCA website www.vscca.org for more information about the weekend's activities and an entry form. 🇺🇸

Falmouth Dream Cruise by the Sea

August 30-31, 2008

Car Show:

Saturday, August 30 -- 11 am to 5 pm

World War II (and before) vehicles and elegant cars
American, European, and Japanese 2-seat sport cars and all performance coupes/sedans
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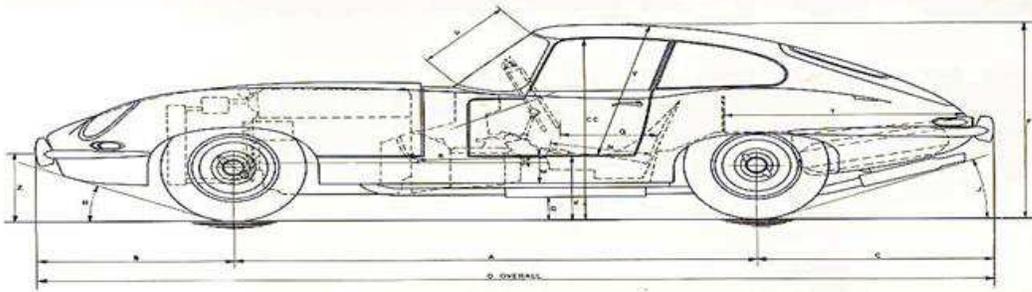
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Event Reports

Sunday Brunch Tour to Blue Moon Diner

By Carl Hanson

Sunday, May 4th, the intrepid among JANE members ventured out for what promised to be a delightful back roads tour to open the spring driving season. Our tour started at the usual JANE meeting place, Skip's Restaurant in Chelmsford, with the goal of reaching the Blue Moon Diner in Gardner, MA, in time for brunch. Alas, the weather gods were not cooperative. A drizzle of rain greeted us in the morning as we set out for Skip's for the proposed meeting time of 8:30 am. As we fortified ourselves with hot coffee, people started to show up, and the drizzle turned to a downpour. By departure time of 9 o'clock, a hearty group of ten people in five cars braved the deluge to set out for what we hoped were drier conditions. Among the five cars were three Jaguars – my 1951 XK120 FHC (touring on a rainy day is a good reason to have a fixed head coupe!), John Doolittle's 1960 Mk 2 (right-hand drive, no less!), and the Kennedys' XJS. Oh, yes, there was also the Halls' famous "Jagillac," followed by the Eklofs' German car (name starts with "B," claimed to be waterproof ... where is the adventure in that?).

The route wound north toward the NH border through North Chelmsford, then west toward Dunstable, Pepperell, Townsend, Ashby, Ashburnham, and ended in Gardner for a total of 44 miles in an hour and a half. On a nice day, it is an enjoyable drive through classic New England countryside. On a rainy day, it is . . . well, wet. One deep puddle drowned out the ignition on my old Jaguar. I came to a dead stop while leading the five-car parade. All five cars obediently stopped, probably assuming that this was a trick thrown out by the tour leader. No, sorry folks, my car stopped dead. Oh, it cranked away happily all

right, but no start. (Not to worry, been there, done that!) Much to the amazement of my fellow tourists, a quick wipe on the distributor with a towel (all experienced XK120 owners carry towels in their cars!) resulted in a restart. Thanks to Dennis Eklof for holding the umbrella over me during the wipe! By now, we were wondering what would be next -- a river flood? a road washed out? But as we drove farther west, the deluge turned to rain, and the rain turned to drizzle, and by the time we reached Gardner, the roads were dry!

At Gardner, we found street parking for all five cars in a row just across from our destination, the Blue Moon Diner! This is one of the classic old Worcester lunch car diners from the forties, with a small addition on back for a few more tables. It was featured in the 1992 movie *School Ties*, which launched the careers of Matt Damon and Ben Affleck. The Blue Moon features typical diner food – just what you want for a Sunday morning brunch. Lots of coffee, eggs easy over . . . corned beef hash and home fries was my choice for brunch. Others chose eggs and sausages, crabcakes, pancakes – the usual diner menu. Jamie Floyd, the young woman who owns the diner, was pleased to have us come and show our lovely cars, adding to the lively atmosphere. The diner was very busy, as it is nearly every morning.

We will do it again sometime . . . and maybe add a few other New England diners to the list. Let our Activities Chairman, Harry Parkinson, know if you have a favorite diner and would like to organize a road tour some Saturday or Sunday morning! 🇺🇸



Dark, dreary, wet conditions along the way



Carl and Sing Hanson's XK140 stalled in the middle of the road after running through a deep puddle



Jags parked in a row across from the diner



At last, a cozy table at the diner. Note the *School Ties* movie poster on the wall.



Carl Hanson, tour organizer, with Jamie Floyd, owner of the Blue Moon Diner

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A New Kind of JANE Event -- Concours Prejudging

By Dennis Eklof

The day started off cloudy and a bit chilly, and all week the weather mavens had been predicting rain, so Prebble and I were a bit concerned that this outdoor event might be a total bust. As late as Friday afternoon we were still considering notifying everyone of a rain date alternative. However, the only logical alternative was the next day, and that was Mother's day, so it really wasn't an option.

When the first JANE guests arrived promptly at 11 am, everyone gathered on the enclosed sun porch to escape the chill. But the Jaguar weather gods smiled on JANE, and with each passing minute the weather improved. By noon most of us were enjoying the warm sunshine out by the pool and enjoying the beautiful Jaguars arrayed on the lawn down the hill from the house. What a glorious day it turned out to be.

The purpose of the event, besides just getting together with our JANE friends, was to provide an opportunity for those interested in entering their cars in this season's Concours to better understand what judges are looking for when they walk around with clipboards in hand.

Aldo Cipriano, JANE's Chief Judge, was joined by Ed Hall, another experienced Concours judge, to provide a judges' eye view on how to prepare a car to be judged.

The day started off with lots of socializing and casual tire kicking, but we eventually got down to business as JANE President Ray O'Brien

introduced the event and Aldo went through the ins and outs of how cars are judged. There were many questions that Aldo fielded expertly.

Then it was down the hill to the cars, and Aldo and Ed went over any cars that requested it, pointing out the things for which they would be looking and making suggestions on what changes might be considered before the next show. I think everyone appreciated Aldo's and Ed's knowledge and candor.

About 1:30 or so, Prebble Eklof (take my word for it -- a real gourmet cook) served up a fine home-cooked lunch of curried chicken salad, sliced baked ham, potato salad, and pasta salad. Carmen Chiungos contributed a chicken dish and Kathy Hall brought a beautiful, patriotic-themed dessert. This was all complimented by a selection of wines and beers. By this time the weather was spectacular, and everyone enjoyed the sunshine around the pool even though the water was still much too cold (54 degrees) to swim in. Many thanks to Prebble, Carmen, and Kathy for the great food.

Prebble and I really enjoyed hosting this event, and everyone who attended seemed to appreciate the insights into judging, as well as the opportunity for one of the first outdoor gatherings of the season. If you missed it this year, keep your eyes on the calendar for next year, but also mark your calendars for the August 17 Pot Luck party later this year. It will be the next gathering of Jaguars on the Eklofs' lawn. By then the pool should warm. See you then. 🍷



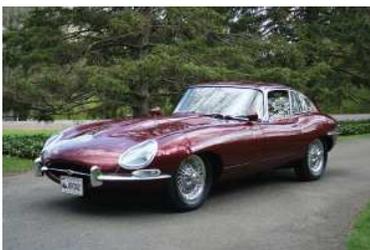
A small gathering on the front rock walls as people arrived



Ray O'Brien with JANE's Head Judge, Aldo Cipriano, explaining the judging procedures



Aldo showing how the judges go about their business, as Brenda Soussan looks on and takes notes



George Jones trailered his newly restored E-Type up from Connecticut



The girls visit on the patio while the guys kick tires



John Sweeney brought his XK120



Lunch is served



Cars on the lawn

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Spring Slalom

By Bill Parish

On Sunday, May 18, we had the first of two JANE-sponsored slaloms in 2008. The weather cooperated, looking a bit questionable in the morning, but the clouds gave way to bright sun throughout the event – with just a few rain drops falling as we were packing up.

This was a great event, with a number of first time slalomers and many new members/guests. We had 32 cars/drivers entered in total, with 8 E-Types alone, making for a great battle for D-Class honors. Also saw some new vehicles – Dennis Eklof's Stalker, several new E-Types, a very dubious Alfa (Wes, I think you dropped your battery again on the way out), and the guest of honor – the JANE 24 Hours of LeMons XJ40 entry.

The course was fast, with an incredible number of quick runs that will put JANE members in good stead in the national standings. Dean Cusano had five sub-40-second runs, including FTD with a time of 39.414. Bill Parish ran a quick 44.591 to take D-Class.

Other than that, just a typical Jaguar/car hobby day -- Jaguars that would not start (imagine that); Alfas dropping parts and fluids all

over the course; people getting lost on the course (Adrian, you did find your way home, right?); timing equipment that was temperamental, particularly after being knocked halfway across the lot by an "energetic" driver. At least everyone managed to stay out of the lake. We had all the elements needed for a thrilling day of slaloming.

Thanks very much to the dedicated timing and scoring crew, particularly Diane Appleton, Prebble Eklof, Brenda Soussan, Adrian Curtis, and Bob Totten, who was there early and stayed late to help out. Special thanks to Tom Moses' daughter, Abby, who did a fantastic job announcing the scores.

Mark your calendars now for the next slalom, which will be Sunday, September 7, at Nashoba Valley Ski Area. 🇺🇸



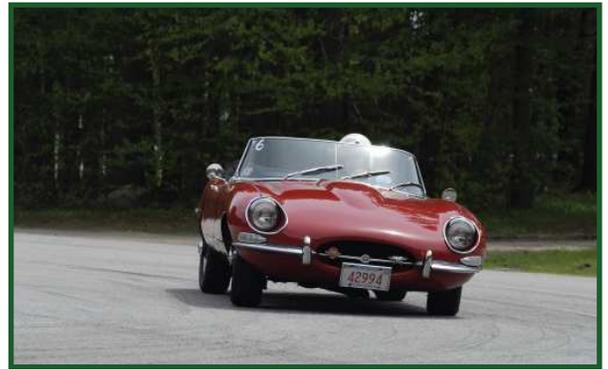
First-time slalomer Richard Gill, who attended with his wife, Jan



Lunchtime! Sandwiches from the Metropolitan Deli in Westford



Bob Totten brought his always spectacular Spitfire



Herb Strachman's E-Type on the course



Tom Parish realigning the timing gear



Joe Greco's E-Type coupe

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JANE on the Lawn at LAAM A Splendid Time was Guaranteed for All By Ray O'Brien

Our May meeting was held at Larz Anderson Park in Brookline, MA, on May 28th. This has become our initial show and shine event each season to get members together for a nice dinner and some socializing. This is always a popular event, and this year was no exception, as over 35 Jaguars and 60 people were in attendance.

The evening was a challenge for me. I left my house in Brookline at 3:30 pm to meet the caterers, sign for the wine and beer delivery, and receive the new XF from Woburn Jaguar. All of this was to happen at 4:00 pm. But no. I had decided to drive the E-Type over, as Larz is only ten minutes from my house. I made the turn onto Route 9 and the E-Type stalled; got it going and it stalled again; had to call Sanda as I waited for AAA to tow me away. Sanda sprang into action and got over to the museum, met the caterers, signed for the beer and wine, and started to set up the tables. I finally limped over to Larz in the E-Type at 4:30 pm. Early diagnosis says that it could be the ignition amplifier. We'll see.

The new XF showed up and I drove it onto the lawn. As members started to arrive, we set up the tables, the bar, and the serving tables for the caterers. Sanda made another trip to get flowers (two years in a row). We were now ready.

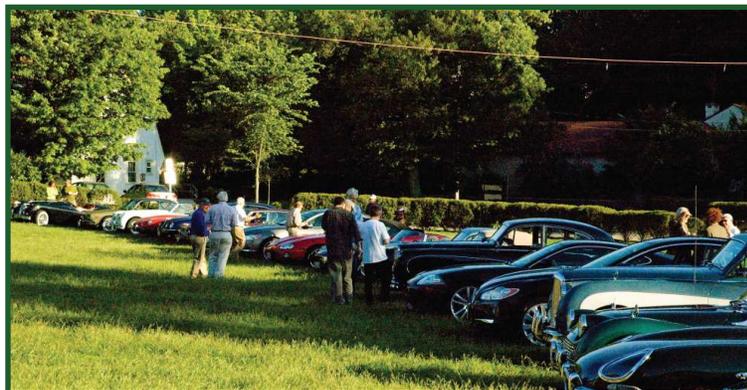
The meeting portion was brief. We had a few announcements, and three awards were presented. The first award went to a new member who had joined JANE in May; the second to a member who had driven the farthest to the event in a Jaguar; and the last was a new award created by the president -- the Ball Buster of the Year Award. This was presented to Mike Kaleel. All of you who know Mike don't have to ask how he could have won it.

Next we moved on to dinner, a great meal prepared by Catering by Chumley. We received many comments on the food and the service. We'll be sure to bring them back again for another event.

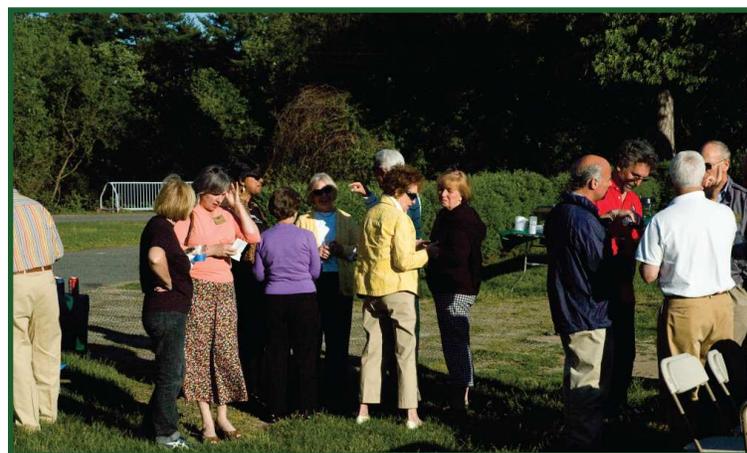
There was lots of car inspecting going on, and a lot of folks checked out the new XF. Laughter could be heard everywhere on the lawn.

We were honored to host this event; we had a great time, too. 🇺🇸

Ray and Sanda O'Brien



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Newport Concours d'Elegance

By Tom Moses

Over Memorial Day weekend, the sun shone, and strong on-shore breezes swept the oceanfront Newport, Rhode Island, venue paying homage to an inspiring European Concours. The 2008 Newport Concours d'Elegance included an exclusive Private Auto Salon, Formal Dinner, and Boutique Concours d'Elegance. And JANE was well represented.

Our own John Sweeney was involved in the planning of the event this year. Set oceanside at Bel Mer, an incredibly diverse field of "Pebble Beach" quality cars were featured. From horseless carriages to muscle cars – and everything in between – the concours combined stunning coachwork with historically significant technical achievement.

The classic Jaguar cars at Newport and their JANE owners earned their share of recognition and admiration. Members recognized with awards included George and Janet Jones for their Mark II, which shared top honors for the best "post-war closed sedans." John and Carmen Chiungos were tops in the "hot rod" category, and Bob Alexander won the best in class award for "race cars." Stu Forer's XK120 rounded out the vintage race car field and won the approval of the admiring crowds.

Tom Moses displayed his 1970 E-type FHC, and Rod Gilbert showed his award-winning E-type OTS.

This is the third consecutive year of the Newport Concours d'Elegance, which benefits the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County, the Newport Restoration Foundation's Community Fund, and the Collectors Foundation, designed to serve the long-term interests of collector vehicle and classic boat hobbyists. 



JANE's own Tom Moses and Stu Forer dressed in their finest for the formal dinner



Stu Forer's XK120 racer on the show field



George Jones's newly restored E-Type and his always elegant Mark II, with the bridge in the background making a beautiful setting



Not a JANE car, but a very classy car

Supercharged at Last!

By Chuck Centore



A 2009 Jaguar XF Supercharged sedan has landed in Patt and Chuck Centore's driveway. It will be visiting destinations throughout New England soon. Believe me, once you drive it, you won't leave it alone. It's addictive!

We chose the Vapor Grey with the Champagne interior. The option list on this car is extensive -- from the rich leather seats to side-viewing radar that alerts you when those pesky drivers sneak into your blind spot. This car knows where they are. A sound system to die for from Bowers and Wilkins . . . had not heard of them before, but this is one of the best systems I have ever heard. Good choice, Jaguar!

The car has an accessory outlet for your iPod and has a USB port for a jump drive. It's Bluetooth equipped, has GPS Navigation and Satellite Radio, Adaptive Cruise Control, and 20" Selena wheels. A rear-window Sunblind -- this is real cool. It can be activated from the cockpit, and out of nowhere a shade rises from the bottom of the rear window to provide shelter from the hot sun or from those trucks' lights that just won't go away. The seats can be heated or cooled, your choice. Keyless entry and the return of the starter button. This time it pulses in red as it invites you to turn it on. This Jaguar does return the favor.

Oh yeah, the best part, it has a 420-hp supercharged V8 hooked up to a six-speed transmission with shift paddles. You can choose to run the car in full automatic or a full manual mode using shift paddles to make shifts as you want them. Power is delivered to the road with a set of 20" Pirelli PZero Asymmetric 255X35ZR20 low-profile tires up front and giant 285X30ZR20's in the rear. Jaguar's DSC (Dynamic Stability Control) monitors the ABS

system, Traction Control, and yaw control. This is a driver's car!

During my selection process for the new XF, I drove the 4.2 liter and then drove the XF Supercharged, and it was over. Clear winner. No second chances. No hesitation. This car is both sophisticated and incredibly fast. The XF Supercharged pushed all my buttons. I had to have one.

Richard Congelosi at Woburn Foreign Motors made it easy. He's a great guy and made this buying experience a quick and painless one. Woburn also included the \$750 rebate for being a JANE and JCNA Member. I guess membership counts!

Jaguar has won me back again. I was an early doubter of the new XF, but once bitten by the steroidal cat, it's impossible to get away. The new 2009 Jaguar XF Supercharged is a clear winner, and I'm sure we'll share many stories about our new JANE member over the coming months. 🐾



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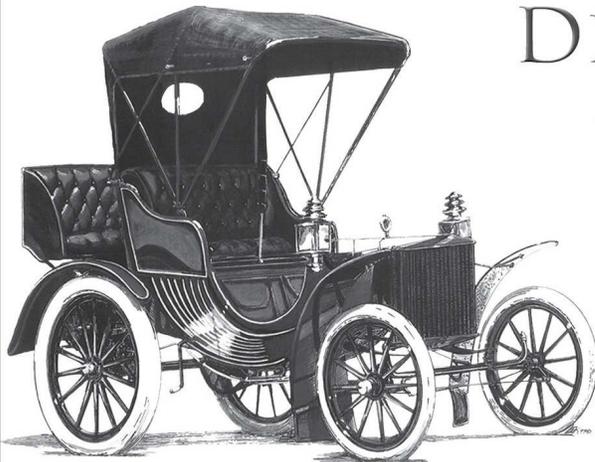
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