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This year's Jaguar Festival and Concours Co-Chairs, Bruce Murray (above) and Ed Avis (below). Watch for their monthly Concours updates beginning in this issue of the Cat (page 10).



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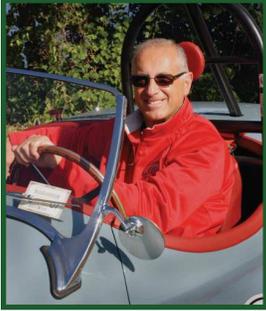
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President's Update - March 2012

JANE -- A Group of Friendly Auto Enthusiasts!

By Michael Kaleel



With all of the behind-the-scenes hustle and bustle preparing for our upcoming season, I was reflecting on why JANE members are so active. When I started thinking about the activities that we are also involved in outside JANE, it's incredible how much our members accomplish. What an interesting, diverse group of personalities and characters in our Club.

We have members who can totally rebuild an engine or an entire car, to those that do not know how to open the car's hood (bonnet). Yet they all have passion for their Jag, its history, and the history of the Jaguar marque, plus great car stories to tell about life with their Jag. We need to bring more of our members out to share these experiences.

And, talk about bringing out members, they didn't need convincing to join our monthly social meeting on February 22nd. We had another sellout crowd come out to listen to Bill Stephens, our featured speaker. Bill kept the packed room lively and engaged as he played a clip from what was the genesis of the *What's My Car Worth* TV series he co-hosted

for several years, and then moved on to a discussion of the Mecum car auction and his knowledge of evaluating muscle cars, vintage cars, and race cars. He really got everyone going when he asked to hear our members tell their stories of their first car experiences. As you can imagine, we heard stories that we never heard before. Our members also asked a lot of great questions that Bill used to spark even more exciting discussions, and based on the responses I received, everyone had a very enjoyable evening and maybe even learned something. I know from the feedback I got from our members after dinner, we all had a great time.

JANE is growing (18 new members so far this year -- see our new February members on page 18), and there is a reason. Current members are bringing in new members; new people from other clubs -- are hearing about us, showing up, and joining instantly; and Jag people who have never thought about car clubs have found us and liked what they found. It shows that not only is our Board doing a good job, but our members are very excited and talking JANE up to their car guys and gals. The fun is being involved.

Our February annual Valentine Day dinner, put on by Tom and Clare Moses, is a clear example of involvement. Tom and Clare have been running this special Valentine Day dinner for the last few years, and this year, again, it was a sellout. All reports are in ... the food was delicious, relationships were made or deepened, and laughter filled the room. This annual event is not to be missed next year. Thank you, Tom and Clare, for all your thoughtful attention to detail and for making this event such a memorable evening.

Being involved and sharing your knowledge is what we will see at the March Dinner Meeting on the 28th at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury. John and Tom Brady (not the football player) will present a very special program on their trip to the 24 Hours of Le Mans races. Tom and John are very experienced and have been going to these top-level European races for the last 20 years. We'll see some priceless pictures, hear about the drama at the track, and laugh at the hijinks of our boys (and girl) in France. And rumor has it that Dennis Eklof, who joined the Brady's for the 2011 races, may have some added tales to tell. John and Tom always put on a good show, and if you have not heard their talk you are in for a treat.

March is also the Annual General Meeting for JCNA, our national parent organization. This year it is being held in Phoenix and is being combined with the Western States meeting and Concours. Chuck Centore and I are going out as delegates and voting on the new rules. Since it's a very short trip for us, we decided that it cannot be all work and no play, so according to Chuck we are forced to play a round of golf. I know that he will beat me badly. The rules under discussion are on the JCNA website, and Chuck and I invite you to look them over and let us know how you want your vote directed on these important issues.

On Sunday, April 1st, JANE drivers will be praying for the storms to hold off while we race off to our traditional Maple Syrup Run and Pancake Breakfast at Parker's Maple Barn in Mason, NH. Bruce Whitmore is the organizer for this easy cruzin' morning.

Parker's Maple Barn is an institution—they make their own syrup on-site, and you can find lots of things in their gift shop to bring home. And it's a fun and easy drive up. Check the story on the breakfast in this issue of the Cat and sign up today. We have our own room reserved, but overflow crowds have to get tables in the main restaurant, so call Bruce right away to save your spots. This event fills up fast and you don't want to miss the fun.

Carl Hanson's the guy to call to join the Spring Adirondack Tour set for May and described in more detail in this issue of the Cat. Carl has planned an easy, self-directed tour to Saratoga Springs, where our Jags will have pride of place in their International Historic Auto Show. After that, our members will rally to Lake Placid, a former Olympic Winter Games site and the hunting ground for the Astors and Vanderbilts. Now you can hunt a small white ball across championship courses. A lot of members have already signed up for this trip and discounted rooms are going fast (local colleges have graduation that weekend, too). If you haven't driven around that part of the world, you owe it to yourself to participate. Call Carl for details, you will be glad you did.

As you can all see, JANE's calendar is starting to fill up and the days are longer and warmer. It's a signal that fun times are ahead. And with that said, my XK120 engine bay is now painted and it looks beautiful. All the new wiring is in place and my new engine is just about together. I hope to have it ready for the first VSCCA race at Lime Rock Park raceway, and to take it on the street for the first time in six years.

Remember, the fun, the learning, and the new friendships are all here. Come out and join us. 🇺🇸

Michael



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From the Editor



While cleaning out and organizing our basement recently, I came across a box labeled "Memorabilia." Its contents were a huge surprise and took me back many years.

During the summer between my sixth and seventh grades in school, my brother began taking me with him to car races. These were merely modified stock car and midget car races on an old quarter-mile dirt track in Houston, Texas, but I became hooked on car racing that summer (spectator, of course). I followed the sport through my middle school and high school years, and I saw A. J. Foyt, still a teenager, race at Playland Park and Arrowhead Speedway in Houston several times during those summers. I was the only girl in my small town to have such an interest, and my interest in the sport began to grow far wider in scope than those short dirt track races in Texas.

I knew what the Mille Miglia was. I knew who Juan Manuel Fangio was. I doodled black and white checkered flags in class. And I certainly knew everything that went on at the Indianapolis 500 every year. I read Wilbur Shaw's book, *Gentlemen, Start Your Engines* (and still have the book). In-depth racing news didn't get to my small Texas town quickly, sometimes not at all, so I even subscribed to the *Indianapolis Star* newspaper every month of May in order to get the most complete coverage of all the Indy activity. Of course the races weren't televised back then, and in my town we couldn't even get a radio broadcast of the races. Every Memorial Day my dad would drive us to a larger town where we knew we could bring in a radio station that carried the race. I even cried when I heard the news that Bill Vukovich had been killed during the race in 1955, going for his third consecutive win.

Eventually, all I wanted for my high school graduation was to go to the Indianapolis 500, and my parents granted that wish, though we actually went the year before my graduation. It was in 1957, and I clearly remember that Sam Hanks won the race in the No. 9 yellow Belong Exhaust Special and promptly retired from racing while in Victory Lane. When Dennis and I went to the JCNA Annual General Meeting in Indianapolis in 2010, we visited the Speedway Museum and saw that car on display there in a mock-up of one of the old Indy garages.

So back to a few days ago. In my box of memorabilia I came across the 14-page paper I wrote in my senior English class about the speedway and its history (I had a couple of punctuation errors and was given a grade of A-); an old felt "Souvenir of Indianapolis Speedway" banner; the official race program (price 50 cents); and my ticket stub from the race.



Get this... General Admission \$2.73; Bleacher Seat \$2.27; Tax \$.50; Total \$5.50. It was less than what I now pay for two gallons of gas, and only a little over twice the \$2.22 I paid for a cup of coffee in a Houston airport recently.

I know this has nothing to do with JANE nor the Jaguars that we all love, but I couldn't resist digressing with this bit of trivia, and perhaps making some use of something I have hung on to for so long.

Prebble

The Coventry Cat

Memories of Pete Forte

By Carl Hanson

Long-time JANE member Pete Forte passed away at Massachusetts General Hospital last August. Sadly, most of us in JANE were unaware of our loss until Pete's wife, Mary Jane, re-upped the family membership alone. But it is never too late to memorialize our friend and we will do so during the upcoming year.

So let's talk a bit about Pete Forte. Pete and Mary Jane have been members of JANE since 2000, and although we seldom saw them at club meetings, they were active participants in our events, especially those in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine. Pete was a big fan of Jaguar V12s. He had a Series 3 E-Type OTS in the mid-60s, bright red, which he drove to work every day. Later he had another V12 ... this time an XJS convertible, bright red, of course. And finally, he ended up with another E-Type Series 3, again bright red, which he nearly finished restoring before he could no longer continue.

It was the XJS that most of us remember and associate with Pete and Mary Jane. That bright red beauty led JANE tours a number of times. They often brought it to the British Invasion in Vermont (sometimes winning an award), Owls Head weekends in Maine, and scenic tours of New Hampshire. Regarding one particular scenic tour of New Hampshire, in 2003 (see *Coventry Cat*, Vol 5, No.7, page 11, for event report), Pete organized and led a JANE weekend tour through Mt. Washington Valley, New Hampshire, including stops at the fabulous John Moir car collection (sixty cars that cover the alphabet from A to Z), a drive through the Kangamagus Highway, a stop at the landmark Mt. Washington Hotel, a banquet, and a drive to the top of Mt. Washington on the Auto Road! All the way, that bright red XJS would be the unmistakable leader!

Pete's wry sense of humor was his calling card. Sometimes he kept a perfect poker face while telling an absolute fabrication, and then come up with a punch line that got a laugh all around. He had a "Leaper" mounted on the bonnet of his XJS, which he retained after parting with the car. What did he do with it? He mounted it on his riding lawn mower!

Pete, we are going to miss you. Mary Jane, we hope to see you at many of our events this year. 🇬🇧



Left: Pete and Mary Jane Forte

Below: Pete in his red XJS that he loved so much



Calendar of Upcoming Events

March

09 - 11 Weekend JCNA Annual General Meeting San Marcos Golf Resort, Chandler, AZ
28 - Wed - 7 pm JANE Monthly Meeting Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

April

01 - Sun - 11:30 am JANE Maple Syrup Run - Parker's Maple Barn Meet at Johnson's Drive-In, Groton, MA
25 - Wed - 7 pm JANE Monthly Meeting Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

May

06 - Sun JANE Judges' Training Woburn Jaguar, Woburn, MA
18-21 - Fri-Mon JANE Adirondack Tour Saratoga Spgs./Lake Placid, NY
23 - Wed - 7 pm JANE on the Lawn at Larz Anderson LAAM, Brookline, MA

June

01-02 - Fri-Sat Jaguar Club Empire Division Drivers' School Lime Rock Park, CT
03 - Sun - 10 am British by the Sea Auto Show Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford, CT
10 - Sun JCSNE Concours d'Elegance Middlefield, CT
15-17 Weekend Berkshire British Motorcar Festival Lenox, MA
22-24 - Weekend VSCCA 2012 "Nooks and Crannies Tour" The Heritage Hotel, Southbury, CT
27 - Wed - 7 pm JANE Monthly Meeting Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

July

22 - Sun (Tentative) JANE at Myopia Polo Match Hamilton, MA
25 - Wed - 7 pm JANE Monthly Meeting Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

August

10-12 - Weekend JANE Jaguar Festival and Concours d'Elegance Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA
22 - Wed - 7 pm JANE Monthly Meeting Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

September

14-16 - Weekend British Invasion Stowe, VT
26 - Wed - 7 pm JANE Monthly Meeting Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
30 - Sun - 9 am JANE Fall Slalom Devens Air Base, Ayer, MA

October

06-07 - Weekend Owls Head Foreign Car Show Owls Head, ME
07 - Sun Boston Columbus Day Parade Boston, MA
24 - Wed - 7 pm JANE Monthly Meeting Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
27-28 - Weekend Cape Cod "Pilgrim's Path" Tour of Cape Cod Cape Cod, MA

November

14 - Wed - 7 pm JANE Monthly Meeting Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

December

02 - Sun - 3 pm JANE Holiday Party and Annual General Meeting TBA

JANE Monthly Meetings



Longfellow's Wayside Inn

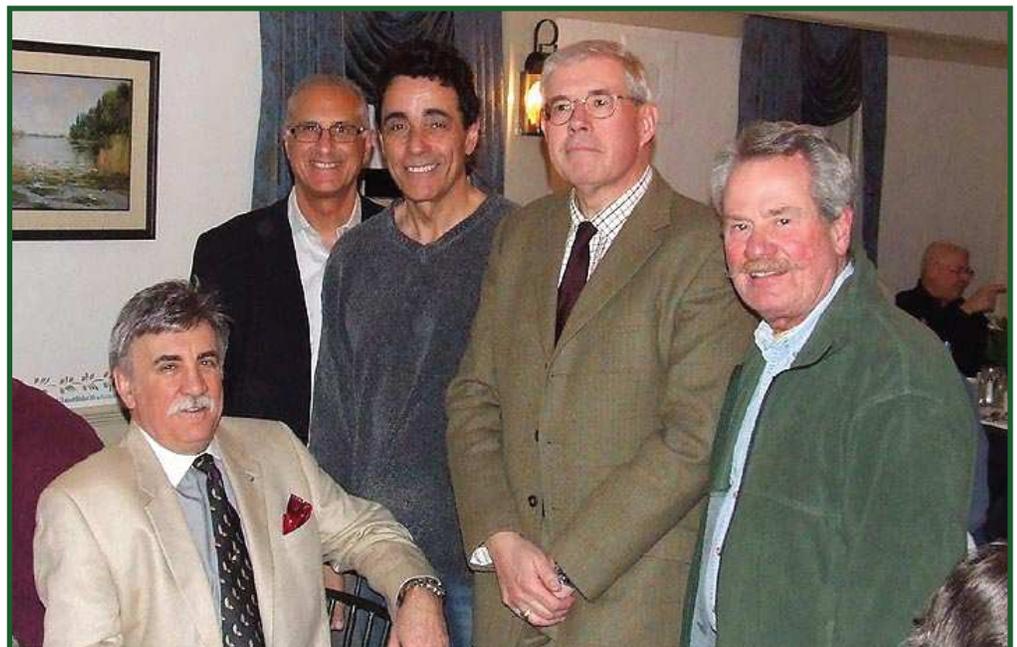
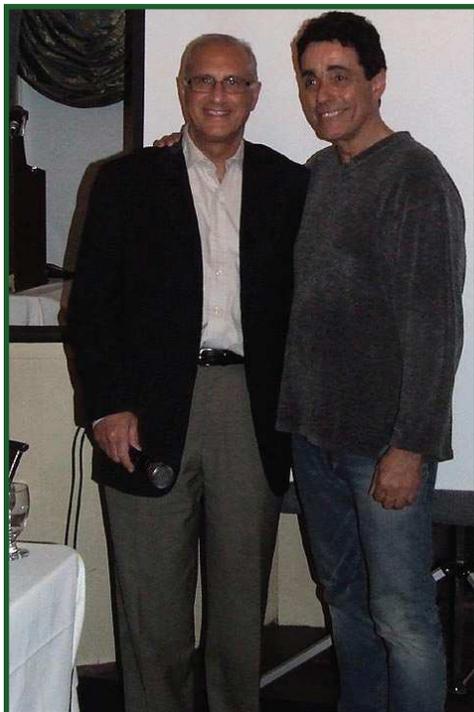
Most of our monthly meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA. If you've not been to one of these meetings, consider giving them a try. You'll always find members already gathering in The Old Tavern by around 6 p.m., and our dinner meetings begin at 7 p.m., followed by a program. It's an opportunity to visit with your Jaguar friends, for new and existing members to meet each other, have a nice meal, and enjoy a good, car-related program. Once the days get longer it's always nice to wander around the grounds at the Wayside Inn, a historic landmark itself, well worth the visit if you've not been there before. And you just might see that a fellow JANE member drove a nice "historic" Jaguar to the meeting ... well, at least an old one.

Our February meeting was very well-attended, and our featured speaker, Bill Stephens, entertained us with a lot of car talk. Here are some photos from that evening taken by Dennis Eklof and John Romano. 🇺🇸



Clockwise from top left:
Marjorie Cahn checking attendees in for dinner.
Bill Stephens telling stories.

Stu Forer, Ray O'Brien, and Frank Grimaldi enjoying something that Bill Stephens said.
Michael Gaetano, Michael Kaleel, Bill Stephens, Gus Niewenhaus, and Carl Hanson.
JANE President Michael Kaleel with Bill Stephens following Bill's presentation.



Upcoming Events

March Monthly Meeting

Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA - Wednesday, March 28th

SAVE THE DATE!

2011 Le Mans Brady Presentation



The Brady Bunch (and JANE's esteemed past President Dennis Eklof) attended the 2011 edition of the 24 Heures du Mans last June and will be presenting their wildly popular annual report to the JANE masses. The Brady's, with local color added by Dennis, will share their unique perspective on the race. Come and join the fun and see and hear about:

- Their ongoing relationship with S F Moss (he was there!)
- Brady Camping Rules
- Driver's parade and Mad Friday
- Come and meet Don, the triplet!
- And of course ... the actual race!

The presentation will be a narrated slide show. There will be a Le Mans trivia contest and the winner will receive a priceless memento. The presentation should last about an hour. 🚗

To reserve your space at the March dinner meeting, you need to call Dean Saluti at 617-483-9488 (daytime), or at Dean's or Margie's cells (617-285-6565 or 617-285-6564), or email Dean at djsaluti@aol.com.

This will be a popular program, so don't procrastinate. Call or email now.

JANE Maple Syrup Run **Parker's Maple Barn, Mason, NH - Sunday, April 1st**



Bruce Whitmore

JANE always welcomes Spring and our driving season officially with our annual Maple Syrup Run, no matter what the temperature is! This year we're going to Parker's on Sunday, April 1st. At the rate this winter has gone, who knows ... we may all be top-down and wearing sun screen by then, and wouldn't that be great!

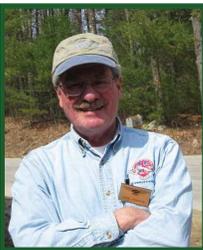
Parker's Maple Barn in Mason, NH, is one of our area's most popular destinations for breakfast and lunch at this time of year. The Sugar House will be in full operation, their rustic barn restaurant will be serving up sausages and stacks of pancakes swimming in real maple syrup, and you can do some shopping at their Corn Crib Gift Shop. **For more information about Parker's, check them out at www.parkersmaplebarn.com.**

Bruce Whitmore is organizing our Maple Syrup Run this year, and it will be pretty much the same drill as last year. We'll meet at Johnson's Drive-In at 164 Boston Road in Groton, MA, at around 11:30 a.m. We'll hang out until around noon and then take two different scenic routes to Parker's, arriving around 1:30 p.m. We'll have our usual separate dining room, but it has a seating capacity of 30, and those who RSVP to Bruce after we reach a head count of 30 will have to spill over into the regular restaurant dining areas. So you should let Bruce know immediately if you plan to join the tour, for sure no later than March 26th. **To confirm your attendance or if you have any questions in the meantime, you may reach Bruce at whitmorebk@comcast.net.** 🇺🇸



Parker's Maple Barn Restaurant

Adirondack Tour **Saratoga Springs and Lake Placid, NY - May 18 - 21**



Carl Hanson

It may seem early to make plans for our Adirondack Tour to Saratoga Springs and Lake Placid, but the event is filling up quickly.

As a matter of fact, the block of rooms being held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Saratoga Springs is already sold out.

There is still a block of rooms being held at the Fairfield Inn in nearby Malta, but the cut-off date to book those rooms is April 6th, so you need to make your reservations soon if you plan to do this tour. The phone number for the Fairfield Inn is 518-899-6900, and you should mention the Jaguar Club to get our negotiated group rate of \$149 plus tax, or the suite rate of \$169 plus tax.

We plan to drive to Saratoga Springs, NY, on Friday, May 18th. We will provide route suggestions, but you are on your own to get there. You may team up and caravan together, or go on your own if you wish. We will spend Saturday, May 19th, at the Saratoga Auto Museum for their "Spring Invitational Foreign Car Show," where our Jaguars will be parked together on the grounds. Check out their website at <http://saratogaautomuseum.org/invitational>.

You are on your own for dinner both nights, or of course may organize groups for dinner.



Car Show at Saratoga Auto Museum

On Sunday, May 20th, we will drive scenic back roads through the Adirondack Mountains to the Lake Placid area. **Rooms are being held at the Crowne Plaza Resort and Golf Club (518-523-2556) at the rate of \$109 plus tax. The cut-off date for getting this rate is April 20th.** Early arrivers may play a round of golf, stroll through town, or visit Olympic venues. We are planning for a group farewell dinner on Sunday evening in a private room.

On Monday, May 21st, we are homeward bound, your own schedule and your own route.

Again, please make your room reservations as soon as possible, and be sure to mention that you are with the Jaguar Association of New England to get the group rates. You also need to let Carl Hanson, our tour organizer, know your plans. **Carl is at chansonjag@aol.com or 781-275-2707.**

Carl promises that this tour will be fun and easy ... no tricky route instructions, no rally timing challenges, just a chance to enjoy each other's company and to let our Jaguars have a nice springtime romp. 🇺🇸

JANE 2012 Jaguar Festival and Concours

August 10-12 - Sturbridge, MA

Things are getting underway for our JANE Festival and Concours on the weekend of August 10 - 12 this year. We have two co-chairs organizing the event this year: Ed Avis, who has the experience gained in previous years, and Bruce Murray, who has no real concours experience! The latter was corralled at the last Christmas party and, perhaps not being in a fit state of mind, readily agreed to the job.



Bruce Murray and Ed Avis
JANE Concours Co-Chairs

Tom Finan and Dean Saluti will be managing the field layouts once again this year, and Betsy Taylor-Kennedy has agreed to run the Hospitality Suite.

Ed will be providing overall management on the day, as well as being the registrar. Being the membership chair, Ed is in an ideal spot to persuade more JANE members to enter the event. It is interesting to note that only about one-third of our membership has entered a concours in the last few years, and

we certainly hope to be able to attract more participants this year.

We started in January laying out plans and marshaling our resources. Michael Kaleel has provided much insight from his years of running this event, and in particular has agreed to be the initial point of contact for sponsorship from Jaguar dealers and certain other companies with whom he has had dealings.

We will be re-creating the Festival and Concours website. As well as providing a general description of the event and entrant information, we aim to enable online registration using PayPal.

Sponsorship forms a very significant part of the operating budget and provides roughly half the total cost of these events. The entrant fees make up the other half. So to put it into modern-day parlance, the sponsors effectively provide matching funds, one dollar for each entry fee dollar. This is a great value for the participants.

As has been said many times, the event really works because of the efforts of so many club members and their families. In this context we would like to hear from people who would be willing to coordinate the "Publicity" activities and also the "Trophies and Awards." If you are interested in these activities, or indeed any others, please call Ed at 207-737-8258 or Bruce at 781-729-1886.

Our sponsors provide "coin of the realm," as well as articles that can be auctioned and raffled. John Brady and Carl Hanson are leading the charge here.

Finally, thanks to all who have already signed up to help the cause and to those who will do so over the next few months. Chairing the event seemed a rather big challenge when it started, but as we get underway, things are looking good, and with so much help we are sure we will have a great event in the JANE tradition. 🇬🇧

We have a commitment from Woburn Jaguar and they will be our signature sponsor. We also are applying for and expect to receive funding from Jaguar North America via JCNA. John and Carl are in the process of contacting other potential sponsors, particularly those who have supported us in the past.

Ed and Bruce



Cars on the field at our 2011 Concours

JANE STILL NEEDS A NEW COVENTRY CAT NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

This position is still open! I am about to complete four years as our *Coventry Cat* newsletter editor. That's longer than the JANE Presidents' terms, longer than the Board Members' terms. Hey, some U.S. Presidents serve no longer than four years! Not only am I now ready to move on and do other things within JANE, JANE could benefit from someone else taking the *Cat* for a while and giving it a new look, taking it in a different direction, giving it whatever character a new editor may like it to have.

Do not use "no experience" at this kind of thing as an excuse. That's not an issue. I had absolutely no experience editing a newsletter when I took it. If I could learn to do it, so could you. Here are some of the cool things that happen when you become the JANE *Coventry Cat* editor:

- You get to know just about everyone in the club.
- You get to know just about everything that's going ON in the club. And not only that, just about everything that's going on in the motorsports community around us.
- JANE members love to help you. They are wonderful to write articles for you, send you announcements, news, and photos.

In other words, the newsletter editor is never alone in this effort. I will provide all the transition help you need to get going. And JANE members will keep you going. The newsletter is a club effort.

I have loved producing the *Coventry Cat* these four years, and I pass it on to its next editor with what I believe is the legacy of a newsletter well respected and recognized within JCNA. It has twice earned its editor JCNA's Karen C. Miller Award for Newsletter Editor of the Year -- Harry Parkinson in 2004 and your current editor in 2009. Please give some thought to serving JANE in this position and carrying on our fine tradition of a newsletter that our members look forward to reading each month.

Call me at 978-448-2566 or email me at prebble.eklof@verizon.net to discuss this exciting and rewarding position. 

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Other Happenings

Jaguar Club Empire Division Lime Rock Driver's School Lime Rock Park, CT - June 1 - 2

This year's event will be the first weekend after Memorial Day, Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2. It will be an open-exhaust event, and will have a race group for 1960's and 1970's (HRG) closed-wheel race cars and a few groups of VSCCA vintage race cars.

The school is open to all Jaguar owners and their friends (Jaguar cars do have preference). This event is not just for race cars. This is a driver's school to teach all Jaguar owners (both sports cars and sedans) how to handle their cars at speed on one of America's premiere race tracks.

Each novice is given classroom work and on-the-track instruction. Friday morning starts with a tech inspection of your car, followed by a classroom discussion with your instructors, then you're out onto the race track. Tech inspection will start at 7:30 a.m. The Driver's Meeting is at 8:30 a.m. Friday. On both Friday and Saturday, Jaguar Club will be on the track first, at 9 a.m., though we can't start un-muffled race engines until 10 a.m. We have use of the race track both Friday and Saturday until 6 p.m.

Through the generosity of Herb Wetanson, one of our members, the Paddock Party/Friday night dinner will be a Texas Barbeque ... Ribs, Chicken, Corn bread, etc. All are invited. However, volunteers are still needed to help with this gathering, and donations in the form of wine, beer, and sodas will be gratefully accepted. We also have free use of the camping area Thursday and Friday nights, along with the bath and shower facilities for those who wish to camp out on the grounds. The snack bar will be available for breakfast and lunch.

This event has always been run as a family event. Try and get your whole family involved. Everyone who works on this event is a volunteer club member. No one is paid; even our driving instructors pay the same entry fees as everyone else. We can always use extra volunteers to help make the event run smoothly.

We would like everyone to have his or her car pre-teched before you get to the race track. If anything is found wrong or unsafe on the car when you have it pre-teched you will have plenty of time to fix it. **Please bring your completed inspection form with you to the track (do not mail it with your entry form).** Pre-tech will be held at all the shops that helped us last year. If you can't get to one of them, please call to make other arrangements. Race cars will be teched at the track like at any regular race events, but please bring your tech forms with you. **For entry forms, technical inspection requirements and forms, JCNA registration forms, or any questions, please contact Charles Bordin (cbordin123@aol.com, home phone 914-725-1274, or office phone 914-968-5700).**

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British By The Sea Auto Show Harkness Memorial State Park Waterford, CT - June 3

The Connecticut MG Club will have its annual show and gathering of British marque vehicles on Sunday, June 3rd, at Harkness Memorial State Park in Waterford, CT. It's a big show ... more than 350 vehicles are expected to be on display and competing for prizes in 32 classes.

The beautiful Harkness grounds are located right on Long Island Sound. There is no charge for admission to the show; however, there is a parking fee for the park. Bring a picnic and enjoy the scenic park's facilities. Food and auto products vendors will be present. The show will be held "rain or shine."

For additional information and registration materials, call or email the show's co-chairpersons:

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JCSNE Concours Middlefield, CT June 9 - 10

The Jaguar Club of Southern New England has scheduled its 38th Annual Concours Weekend for June 9th and 10th at Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT.

Their festivities begin on Saturday, June 9th, "Under the Tent" with a traditional summer Lobster and Clambake.

The Concours d'Elegance is on Sunday, June 10th, at the picturesque Lyman Orchards. Overlooking the field is The Apple Barrel Country Store, where you may enjoy lunch from the deli on the deck overlooking the pond.

Overnight accommodations are available at special rates at the Court-yard by Marriott, Wallingford, CT.

**More information is available at JCSNE's website
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Berkshire British Motorcar Festival – A Celebration of All Things British Lenox, MA - June 15 - 17

It's a "go" again this year, but what was known last year as the Tanglewood British Motorcar Festival is now the **Berkshire British Motorcar Festival**. It will be held on the grounds of Shakespeare & Company in Lenox, MA, in walking distance of downtown Lenox, on Father's Day Weekend, June 15 - 17.

This is shaping up to be a fun event. There will be a Friday evening Street Party. The new venue has a tavern with beer and wine service, managed by Shakespeare & Company, and you may even see small troops of actors walking about in costume and character to add flavor to this British lifestyle event. We expect a significant increase in participation for this new event over last year and are hoping to offer an expanded base of vendors under a large tent. There will be a Lenox Fun Rally on Friday



afternoon followed by a Registrants' Reception in and around the tavern and tent area. On Sunday morning you may participate in a back roads scenic drive around the area while the show field is being set up for the Competition of Colors, the Tailgate Picnic Competition, and a Driving Review of those who won awards in the Saturday competitions.

The car classes are still being established and more information about the class rosters will be available soon. In the meantime, you may find still more information about this event at <http://berkshiremotorcarfestival.com>, or you may email Michael Gaetano, the event's organizer, at mgaetano@tanglewoodmotorcarfestival.com. 

VSCCA "Nooks and Crannies" Tour Southbury, CT - June 22 - 24

This year's VSCCA Tour will revolve around **The Heritage Hotel in Southbury, CT, and will endeavor to share many beautiful neighborhoods while trying to use few or no roads traveled on past VSCCA tours.** As always, you do not have to be a VSCCA member to join this tour. A vintage sports car is preferred, even recommended, though any sports or touring car is welcome.

- **Friday evening, June 22nd:** Check-in at The Heritage Hotel and dinner locally.
- **Saturday, June 23rd:** About a 75-mile tour over country roads, with a gimmick (Q&A) section in the first two hours. Visit a member's car barn. Lunch at Sarah's Wine Bar in Ridgefield, CT. Visit a club member's race/restoration shop in Bethel, CT. Dinner back in Southbury at Olive Tree Restaurant.
- **Sunday, June 24th:** Tour together in the morning, lunch in historic Woodbury or Litchfield, CT, then you're off on your own to get home.
- **Cost:** \$65 per car. Saturday dinner \$55 per person. Rooms at Heritage Hotel: \$139 per night for room with 1 person with 1 breakfast ticket, or \$149 per night for 2 people with 2 breakfast tickets. **Phone number for the Heritage Hotel is 203-264-8200. Mention VSCCA when making your reservations.**

Bob Green, with "SurviveTheDrive," will be the keynote speaker. Bob will make a short presentation and you will have the opportunity to donate to this worthy cause if you like.



For any additional information about the event, including the dinner menu and registration information, contact:

Ed Hyman at edhyman@charter.net or 860-355-1804, or

Bob and Cindy Webber at rednelf@aol.com or 203-244-1442. 

Event Reports

Jaguar Love Was in the Air!

By Tom Moses - Photos by Dennis Eklof

Valentine's Day dinner at Bullfinch's in Sudbury brought out the Jag lovers. More than twenty good friends enjoyed fun and food for an evening out that didn't disappoint.

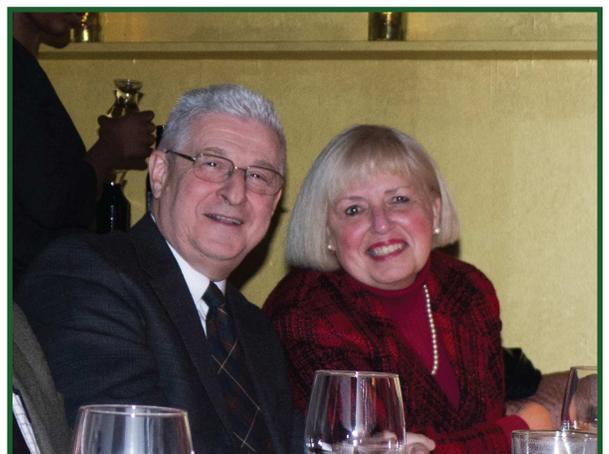
The restaurant, located just east of the Wayside Inn on Route 20, is a local favorite for club members. Red Valentine balloons and ribbons seemed festive in the warm glow of the private dining room. Cocktails at five and dinner long into the evening provided a relaxed atmosphere where new members met old, and the conversation was as good as the food. The grilled lamb and fish were outstanding and the service was friendly! The photos tell the story! 🇺🇸



The group lingering over dinner



Ed and Kathy Hall were intent on some story to their left



Chuck and Patt Centore



Gus Niewenhaus



Early arrivals having cocktails at the bar



Margie Cahn and Dean Saluti



Francisco and Arlyn Silva



Richard Gill, Chiun-Fan Chang and John Feng, Clare Moses

Hourglasses, Figure Eights, and Ovals? No, not Figure Skating ... It's a Slalom!

By Al Zanengo



Al Zanengo

Since spring is just around the corner, I thought you might want to learn a little bit about a fun activity with your Jaguar (or any car) that you might find an unexpected source of great pleasure.

Slalom is a sanctioned JCNA event. Slalom (a.k.a. autocross, or sometimes gymkhana) is a low-speed, single car, timed dash through a course demarcated by orange safety cones. Many car clubs stage these events, usually varying the course layout from event to event. JANE's slaloms always use the JCNA-defined course layout (essentially a figure eight) so that local times can be compared against times for any other JCNA-sanctioned slalom across the country, allowing you to be eligible for national awards. You take three laps at a time, each a variation on the figure eight layout: Lap One, Hourglass; Lap Two, Figure Eight; and Lap Three, Oval. You get five timed attempts at the three-lap circuit per event. The total minimum area needed for the course is 230 ft. by 140 ft.

For now, our slaloms are being held in Ayer, MA, at Fort Devens airfield. We do our best to hold two slaloms each year (as does JCSNE), one in the spring and one in the fall. Two is the maximum number allowed for JCNA-sanctioned competition per club. JCNA feels that it would be an unfair advantage if clubs were allowed to hold as many slaloms as they wanted during a season, since some parts of the country, the south and southwest in particular, have a much broader window of possible competition dates, not to mention that some clubs have to pay for location use (as we do) and some don't. You can compete at any JCNA club event, though, if you want more chances to lower your times. (The JCSNE Hartford venue is close.)

This event is SAFE for YOU and YOUR CAR! Only one car at a time is on the course, and maximum speeds attainable are around 40-45 mph. Many cars don't get going even that fast. We have never seen or heard of anyone being hurt in these events. Everyone must wear a seatbelt and a helmet (open or closed face), and we have helmets that you may use if you don't have one. No other safety equipment is required. The only things you can hit are a few orange cones, and they don't seem to complain very much.

You need a current driver's license, car registration, and proof of insurance. Preparation includes removing all loose items in your car (you don't want stuff flying around and whacking you in the head), and inflating your tyres about 5 to 8 psi above the recommended pressure is suggested. Finally, know that "tech inspectors" won't allow you to run if they think your car poses a risk to you or the other participants.

Usually, 20 to 25 cars participate, sometimes with father and son or husband and wife both "having a go at it" with the same car. You will see everything from classic Jaguar sedans to race-prepared sports cars, as well as Mitsubishi's, Morgans, and AMGs all finding their "personal best."

Registration starts at 9 a.m., and the event lasts into the afternoon, with awards presented for each class and lowest time of the day. After that comes Dollar Runs for the addicted.

Also, keep in mind that if you aren't yet sure that you want to compete, you can still have great fun and be involved by lending a hand, resetting cones, recording times, or cheering on your personal favorites. The more the merrier. This is a day celebrating all things Jaguar!

If you would like to get a peek at slalom, go to "youtube" and type in deancusanomotorcarsinc. There are multiple videos of slalom events, including JCOF's Slalom 2 and Dean Cusano's XJS.mp4.

There is more, but hopefully this will whet your appetite for next month's article and bring out the latent Stirling Moss or Jackie Stewart in you. We are still trying to finalize the date for our spring slalom. Stay tuned.

Happy motoring! 🇬🇧

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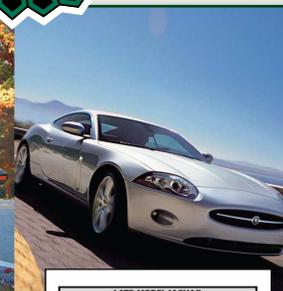
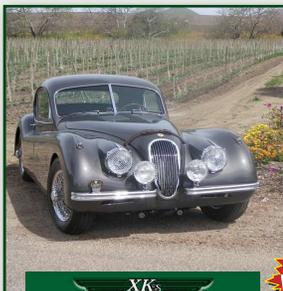
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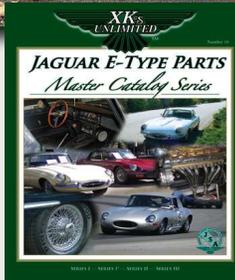
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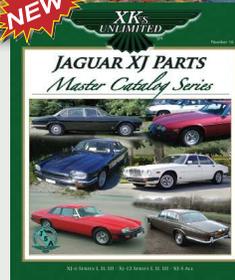
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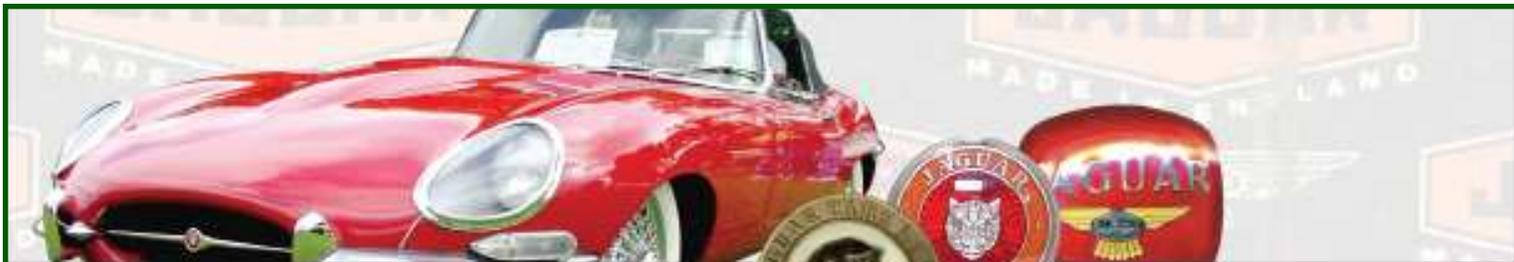
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