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**Jim Coull with his 1967 Opalescent Dark Green Series I E-Type OTS
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(Story on pages 20-21)**



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President's Update - October 2012

Owning a Jaguar Changes Your Life

By Michael Kaleel



As I reflect back on our year, all our speakers, events, parties, and meetings, it's interesting how much information and knowledge has been exchanged. I've listened to both our member

and our non-member speakers as they have opened themselves up to us. They were candid and filled with stories. I thank every speaker for taking the time to step up and share their lives in a very generous way with our membership.

Jaguar cars and JANE are amazing. I remember telling more than one person that their life would change if they bought a Jag. However, I went on to say that also joining JANE transforms one's life by the doors it opens, the new people you meet, friends that you make, and experiences you share by attending any of our events. Basically, owning a special car, using it, and stepping out with a new group enlarges one's world. It certainly has for me. I have heard some wonderful stories from our members about their first Jaguars, including Dan Sterantino's (see page 15 of this issue of the Cat). Maybe some other members would like to write about their experiences.

Our Board has worked hard this year and has tried to present varied speakers for our meetings as well as both new and traditional events, and we are having a very successful year. But as I project to our upcoming months and to the start of next year, I sit here and wonder what the members of our Club would like to see and hear. So I think I would like to ask our membership to call me, or call or email any member of our Board, and make suggestions or give ideas; no idea is a bad idea. After all, as I have said, it's your Club, it's our Club, and it can continue to be great only with continual new ideas and new energy. Step up and speak your mind and help us to prepare for a fabulous 2013.

Well, before I get ahead of myself, we need to finish 2012, and the month of September was a very busy time for our members. The month started with a non-sanctioned Jaguar event, the British Invasion, but it's a heavily-supported JANE weekend in Stowe, Vermont. This British car extravaganza, with more than 600 participants, is run by our highly energetic and creative member Michael Gaetano. I was there on Saturday to say hello to many of our members and to see the enormous variety of cars. Ed Avis, Mike Axford, Sandy Cotterman, John Fuller, Rod Gilbert, Gus Niewenhous, Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn, and Bill Richardson all won class awards. Congratulations, fellow JANE members, you make us proud! Check out Dennis Eklof's event report and photos on pages 18 and 19 of this issue of the Cat.

Next up was our monthly meeting at the Wayside Inn. Our speaker was Roger Dowd. Roger told an amazing story about his life with his Jaguar XK120 special, affectionately called "the Beast," which he has owned since 1957. It is a fascinating story of a man and a car that held the Mt. Washington Hillclimb record, a car he has also road-raced and driven on the street. Roger discussed what it was like to race and hillclimb in the 50's, 60's, 70's, and even now. It was a very inspirational presentation. Thank you, Roger, and thank you, John Brady, for pulling together the speaker and slide presentation.

Finally, our Fall Slalom was on the last day of September. It was a cool, rainy morning, and I wondered if anyone would show up. But I got my lazy butt out of bed and hit the road to Ayer, MA. What a surprise ... by the time I got there, a tent was already set up and there were a bunch of cars there already, a handful of MGs, a Triumph, a Miata, and of course Jags. I was welcomed by an enthusiastic, excited, ready-to-go crowd. Boy, Big Al Zanengo and Paul Bicknell must have pumped gallons of caffeine into this crowd, and then came the food truck that Dean and Margie invited in addition to their upbeat friends from the MG Club. Tom Parish was there to help lay out and set up the course, run the timer, and make sure everything ran smoothly. And Prebble Eklof was there to keep a perfect record of each person's time through the course. I had a ball, a great day. The only downer was having Al Zanengo beat me by 2/10 of 1 second. Next year, Al, you are mine!

October offers still more events for us to participate in. Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn headed up a contingent of JANE members and their Jaguars leading the Boston Columbus Day Parade. That's right ... they led the parade and were part of the city festival. It was a fine experience, with Italian food and much fun; what more can I say, it doesn't get any better than that!

We'll finish our 2012 driving season in late October with a JANE first, our "Pilgrim's Path" Tour of Cape Cod. This year, Tom and Mary Finan have planned a road trip to take our members for a tour of several special areas on the Cape. Tom and Mary live there, and know where to go and what to do. Late October is a wonderful time of year on the Cape. People have been signing up already. Don't miss this nice overnight adventure, there is still time to register for it. Read more about it on pages 8 - 10 in this issue of the Cat.

Well, what can I say, I hope to see you at our October monthly meeting, which will be a public Board meeting combined with a social night of chatting it up, always fun.

As usual, please come up to me and say Hi. See you soon. 

Michael



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From the Editor



Have you ever heard of the JCNA “PTS Program”? It stands for Passport to Service and refers to a folder with maintenance schedules and other information that was once included with every Jaguar sold through the dealers. One important piece of paper that was contained in the folder was a card the new owner could mail in to JCNA to receive information about Jaguar clubs in their area and points of contact for membership. Although much of the program has changed, the term “PTS” stuck to the new membership referral process and now encompasses the old printed card process and the new online membership information request via the JCNA website.

JANE's own Ed Avis has recently taken over the administration of the national PTS program. In this role Ed fields electronic and snail mail inquiries from all over North America and then works to introduce prospective new members to a local Jaguar club. JCNA membership has been declining for the last few years, and with Ed's help they hope the renewed emphasis on new member recruitment will reverse that trend!

In his first month on the job Ed responded to over 40 requests from potential new members. Ed has also created a map showing the locations of all of the Jaguar Clubs in North America, and a link to that map will soon be posted on the JCNA website. You can preview that map at <http://goo.gl/maps/VzJYE>. 

Prebble



Ed Avis, seen here with his British Racing Green XK120 DHC, is the new administrator of JCNA's national Passport to Service program

From the Membership Corner

By Ed Avis



Ed Avis

The air is turning cooler, the leaves are falling, and that means it's time to think about renewing your JANE membership for 2013. You'll receive a notice by mail in the next few weeks, but there's no need to wait – you can renew online at the JANE website NOW! Renewals are good for the entire 2013 season, AND if you renew by December 31st you'll receive a \$5 discount.

Jaguar Clubs of North America, our parent organization, has suffered financially over the last few years, and to remain financially solvent they were forced to increase the portion of members' dues that will be withheld at the national level. JANE has no choice other than to pass on those increased dues to our members. Your Board of Directors has reluctantly approved a new fee structure to cover the JCNA increase and also to cover the costs of printing and mailing the *Coventry Cat* to those members who prefer to receive a mailed copy of the newsletter. The new dues structure is outlined below:

- \$65 Full membership with online *Coventry Cat***
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Considering what we receive for our dues, I believe this is well worth a few extra dollars each month. JCNA provides a nationwide framework for Jaguar owners, including their technical assistance hotline, a tool loan program, a library of technical articles, national competitions (Concours, slaloms), classified ads, the *Jaguar Journal* magazine, the High Performance Driver Education Program, etc. At the local level, JANE provides monthly social functions with interesting guest speakers, driving tours throughout New England, "Magical Mystery Tours" – PLUS great friendships and camaraderie! 🇺🇸

Cheers,
Ed Avis

Welcome New Members

Peter and Annette Habicht
Steven and Margaret Turschmann

Sheffield, MA
Pembroke, MA

1968 E-Type OTS
1953 XK120 OTS



Calendar of Upcoming Events

October

06-07 - Weekend	Owls Head Foreign Car Show	Owls Head, ME
07 - Sun	Boston Columbus Day Parade	Boston, MA
21 - Sun - 9 am	JCSNE Slalom	Hartford, CT
24 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
27-28 - Weekend	JANE "Pilgrim's Path" Tour of Cape Cod	Cape Cod, MA

November

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

09 - Sun - 3 pm	JANE Holiday Party and Annual General Meeting	Vesper Country Club, Tyngsboro, MA
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Upcoming Events

October Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, October 24 – Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA



Longfellow's Wayside Inn

Our monthly meetings are almost always on the fourth Wednesday evenings of each month. This month, October, we will meet on the 24th, at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, Massachusetts. No formal program is planned; it will be a short public Board Meeting and a social event.

After several years at the same price, the cost of our dinners at Wayside have gone up from \$25 to \$30. However, they are now serving us a buffet, with multiple entree selections. So you don't need to specify your meal choice in advance, as in the past, but you do still need to let Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn know that you plan to attend so they can let the Wayside Inn know how many to prepare for.

Our November meeting will be on Wednesday, November 28th, the week following Thanksgiving.

Our September meeting was well attended to hear Roger Dowd tell about his experiences with his XK120 Special, which he calls "The Beast." It was a perfect New England autumn evening, and just about everyone showed up early for cocktails out on the lawn and to see "The Beast" parked out in front of the Inn. 🇺🇸



Roger Dowd's XK120 Special, "The Beast," which Roger has driven for over 50 years



Chuck Centore took a turn in "The Beast," as did just about all the guys at the meeting



The perfect autumn New England afternoon for a car gathering



JANE President, Michael Kaleel (left), with our speaker, Roger Dowd

Autumn "Pilgrim's Path" Tour of Cape Cod

Saturday, October 27 (Rain or Shine)



Tom and Mary Finan

One more reminder -- our Cape Cod Tour is coming up on Saturday, October 27. Tom and Mary Finan live on the Cape, know it well, and have put a lot of effort into planning this event, which should be a fine way to close out our 2012 driving season.

Our route will take us through 10 of the 15 Cape Cod towns, starting at the beginning of



The Cape in Sandwich and terminating at the end of The Cape in Provincetown, with stops at two Cape Cod National Seashore sites in Eastham. Tom and Mary have also made arrangements for Friday and Saturday overnight stay options at the Sandwich Lodge & Resort in Sandwich, MA, breakfast arrangements on Saturday, and fixed price dinner arrangements on both Friday and Saturday evenings. It is a lovely time of the year on The Cape, and Tom and Mary are eager to share this beautiful area of New England that they call home year-round.

Please email Tom at tfinan@capecod.net to indicate you will be participating, and follow with your completed registration form (page 10) and check made out to Tom Finan, P. O. Box 1046, East Orleans, MA 02643-1046. Questions: by email or phone 508-255-1152. **PLEASE ... CHECKS IN HAND AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012. AT LEAST RESERVATIONS MADE VERBALLY (508-255-1152 / Email tfinan@capecod.net) BY OCTOBER 15 AND CHECKS IN THE MAIL!**

PARTICULARS OF THE EVENTS

REGISTRATION

- \$20.00 – Registration for one car and driver, which includes a rally plate for the car, a T-Shirt, and also covers administrative expenses
- \$10.00 – Per passenger(s) for a T-Shirt
- Optional Friday and Saturday dinner arrangements

FRIDAY 10/26/2012 - LODGING

- Arrive in Sandwich Friday evening for an overnight stay at the Sandwich Lodge & Resort, 54 Route 6A, Sandwich, MA 02563 (800-82-5353 or 508-888-2275), www.sandwichlodge.com.
- Discounted rates have been arranged for reservations made by October 15 (refer to Jaguar Group when reserving):
- Check-in 3:00 p.m., check-out 11:00 a.m.
- Standard rooms \$69 + tax, (pet friendly room) 2 double beds or 1 king, non-smoking.
- One room suite \$89 + tax, 2 queen beds or 1 king, non-smoking.
- Deluxe suite \$99 + tax, 2 queen beds or 1 king, non-smoking.
- Complimentary breakfast for all overnight guests.
- Make your reservations directly with the Lodge and let Tom know when you do so.

FRIDAY 10/26/2012 – DINNER

- At the British Beer Company next door to the Sandwich Lodge. While this is an optional activity, we hope for strong participation to add to the camaraderie of the event. A fixed price buffet has been arranged for \$28.00 including tax and tip, payable in advance. www.britishbeer.com/local/sandwich.

SATURDAY 10/27/2012 - TOUR

- Breakfast: Complimentary continental breakfast is included for all guests staying at the Lodge. Breakfast consists of the following: Bagels, muffins, Danish, brown and white bread, tea, coffee, 3 types of cereal, 3 types of juice, fruit, cream cheese, and butter. Continental breakfast is available at the Lodge for \$5.00 for those arriving on Saturday morning.
- 8:00 a.m. Gathering at the Sandwich Lodge & Resort, 54 Route 6A, Sandwich, MA 02563 (800-282-5353 or 508-888-2275), www.sandwichlodge.com. Distribute Rally Plates, T-Shirts, goody bags, and directions.
- 9:00 a.m. Departure – Detailed directions will be supplied, so it is not necessary that all of us stay exactly together. We drive from Sandwich through Barnstable, Yarmouth, Dennis, Brewster, and Orleans to Eastham.
- 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the National Seashore Visitor's Center in Eastham for a greeting by the Park Ranger, short informational movie, browse through the museum, and tour the grounds, www.nps.gov/caco/planyourvisit/visitorcenters.htm.

- 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Drive along the Atlantic Ocean to Nauset Light Beach.
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Arrangements have been made with the Nauset Light Preservation Society to allow for access to the top of the light for spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean. A group photo will be taken.
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Continue our journey through Wellfleet and Truro to the end of The Cape at Provincetown.
- Parking: A group of spots has been reserved on McMillan Wharf for our Jaguars – mention “Jaguar Group” and pay \$6.00 as you enter.
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Lunch at the Lobster Pot adjacent to McMillan Wharf. Order off the menu, separate checks.
www.ptownlobsterpot.com.
- 3:30 onward Enjoy the sights, sounds, and views of Provincetown – Pilgrim Monument, historic church and library, many shops and sights to be enjoyed while strolling on the main street (maybe an ice cream cone?).
- 5:15 p.m. Depart Provincetown for 1 1/2 hour drive on Route 6 back to Sandwich.

SATURDAY 10/27/2012 – POST TOUR GROUP DINNER

- 7:30 p.m. Leave Sandwich Lodge for 7:45 gathering and 8:00 dinner at Amari’s Italian Restaurant, 674 Route 6A in East Sandwich, approximately 7 miles from the Lodge. While this is another optional activity, we again hope for strong participation to allow us all to socialize and compare notes on the day’s events. A fixed price meal with three choices of entrée has been arranged for \$38.00 including tax and tip, payable in advance. **www.amarirerestaurant.com.**

SUNDAY 10/28/2012 – ENJOY SANDWICH ON YOUR OWN – SOME SUGGESTIONS

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PILGRIM'S PATH RALLY PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

QTY		PRICE	SUBTOTAL
1	DRIVER'S RESERVATION	\$20.00	\$20.00
	PASSENGER RESERVATION(S)	\$10.00	
	Friday 10/26 group dinner at Boston Beer Company 7:45PM gathering for 8:00PM – price includes tax and tip – drinks extra	\$28.00	
	Saturday group dinner at Amari's Restaurant 7:45PM gathering for 8:00PM – price includes tax and tip – drinks extra – CIRCLE ENTRÉE CHIOCE	Pasta Bolognese \$38.00 Chicken Piccata \$38.00 Eggplant Parmigiana \$38.00	
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JANE AGM and Holiday Party



JANE's 2012 Holiday Party and Annual General Meeting
Sunday, December 9, 2012
Vesper Country Club
185 Pawtucket Blvd.
Tyngsboro, MA 01879

Event Schedule

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Cocktails (Cash Bar)

4:00 - 5:30 Annual General Meeting

5:45 p.m. - Buffet Dinner* featuring Prime Rib, New England Style Baked Haddock, and
Chicken Francaise, Herb-Infused Red Bliss Potatoes, and Green Beans Almandine

Molten Chocolate Cake and a Spiced Creme Brulee

*A vegetarian option entree (Eggplant Rollatini) is available if requested with the RSVP

After Dinner: Yankee Swap

Bring a wrapped gift valued at least \$25 to play the game

Silly hats are encouraged, Dress is Business Casual (please, no jeans at Vesper)

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FROM THE SOUTH: Take Route 3 North to Exit 34. Take Westford Road toward Tyngsboro. Take a left at 3A. Take a right onto Route 113 East over the Tyngsboro Bridge. After the bridge, take a right onto 113 East. Vesper is 2 miles down on the right.

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Scenes from our 2011 Holiday Party
Top: Gus Niewenhaus, Betsy Taylor-Kennedy, Dennis Eklof, Joe MacPhee, and Jm Coull looked very Scottish
Middle: The traditional group photo
Bottom: Vesper Country Club, beautiful at night after the party was over

Other Happenings

JCSNE Fall Slalom Sunday, October 21

JCSNE's fall slalom will be held on Sunday, October 21, at the Cirque du Soleil Parking Lot in Hartford, CT. For all the information on the event, go to JCSNE's website, www.jcsne.org. They have limited capacity for this event, so you should register in advance to guarantee your spot. You may register at their website. For any questions you don't find answered on the website, email Ken Haas at SlalomChair@JCSNE.org.



JCNA 2013 AGM March 21-23, 2013



March 21-23 Dallas / Fort Worth

The 2013 JCNA AGM will be hosted by the Jaguar Drivers Club of North Texas, and will be held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel at the D/FW Airport in Irving, Texas, with the actual AGM on Saturday, March 23.

Much more information will be coming in the next few issues of the *Coventry Cat* as it becomes available from the Texas club and JCNA.

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Hello Dan, Meet JANE

After the 2012 JANE Concours in Sturbridge, MA, Ed Avis asked me what it was like experiencing the JANE crew for the first time. I never really thought about the fact that with a club like JANE, with so many senior members, most of you might have forgotten what it's like to be a JANE newbie. Even if you do remember, I'm sure it's much different these days than it was even five years ago. So, here's what it was like to meet all of you.

I joined JANE a few weeks before the Concours, because I had purchased a '55 XK140SE. Interestingly enough, the folks at Hagerty Insurance introduced me to JANE. They offer a 5 percent discount to JANE members. I took a look at the club's website and could tell it was a very active club, so I joined.

My first contact was with Ed Avis. He welcomed me to the club and encouraged me to attend the Sturbridge weekend. Bruce Murray also reached out to me and personally invited me to the Concours. Being my first Jaguar event, I had a lot of questions. Ed and Bruce both helped me through the particulars of entering my car through a series of emails in the days leading up to the show.

The weather forecast for the Concours on Saturday called for rain, and I hadn't had a chance to register the car, so I trailered it from Castleton, NY, to Sturbridge. I happened to park my trailer next to Gary Hagopian unloading his E-Type. Gary immediately took me under his wing and started helping me through the day.

That immediate acceptance into the club and willingness to help was a common theme throughout the day. Dozens of members stopped by my car to welcome me to the club. It felt like *CHEERS* because everyone knew my name.

My Uncle, George Shannon, made the trip out to Sturbridge to support me and ended up joining the club on-site. He shares my warm sentiments and looks forward to showing a car next year.

I have been a member of many car clubs over the years, from Early Ford to the American Bugatti Club, and I can tell you I have never had a club experience like I did with all of you. The finale to a wonderful day was Ed Avis and Michael Kaleel presenting me an award for the "Most Recent Addition to the JANE Family" (My XK – not me !).

Those of you who make this club what it is should be proud of your accomplishment and should know that from the outside looking in, you look like a warm, enthusiastic group of owners and specialists eager to share your knowledge and to help those of us who are new to the marque. For that I thank you, and I look forward to years of great cars and associating with great people! 🍷

Sincerely, Dan Sterantino



Here's Dan in his beautiful black 1955 XK140SE



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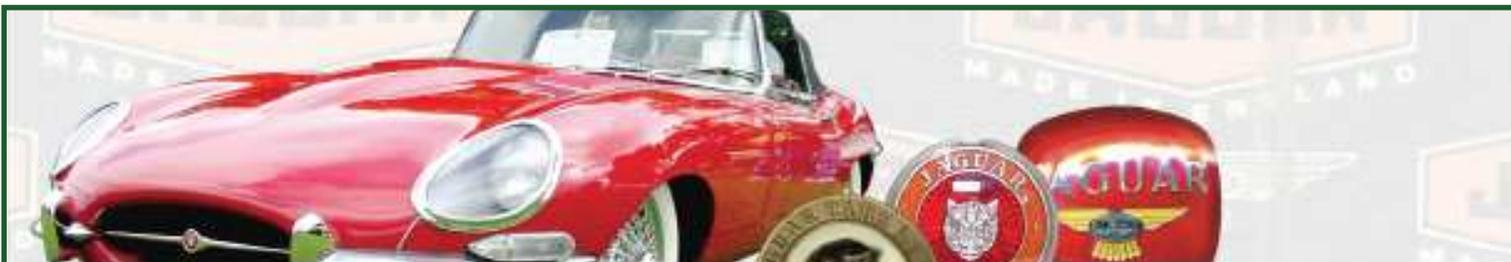
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Event Reports

JANE at "British Invasion" in Stowe, Vermont

By Dennis Eklof - Photos by Mike Axford, Dennis Eklof, and Josh Nickerson



Dennis Eklof

Well, another British Invasion – this one number XXII – has come and gone, and we are already looking forward to next year.

As we've done the last couple of years, several JANE people rented a five-bedroom house in Stowe. This year we were missing the stalwarts, Tom, John, and Don Brady, Teresa Gassner, and Carl and Sing Hanson, all of whom were occupied with John Brady's daughter's wedding. Nonetheless, we had a full house with Prebble and I being joined by Mike Axford, Tom Larsen, Nancy Monaghan, Sandy Cotterman, and newcomers Batt and Biffy Wuori, who brought their new McLaren M4B.

Most of us arrived on Thursday and took advantage of the opportunity to try something new for dinner. Tom and Nancy, Batt and Biffy, Mike, and Prebble and I tried a new, for us, restaurant, Norma's at the Topnotch Resort. This is a ski lodge that has been recently developed, and the views were spectacular and the food first rate.

Friday was spent over a leisurely breakfast, cleaning the cars, taking care of registration requirements, and getting ready for the traditional Friday night block party in downtown Stowe.

Friday's block party took place under gorgeous weather, and there was a great turnout of cars. The only downside was that one of the event workers backed his pickup truck into the nose of our E-Type – bumper. At least he was nice enough to find me and fess up to being the culprit. We closed out Friday night with dinner at Harrington's, which has become a bit of a tradition.



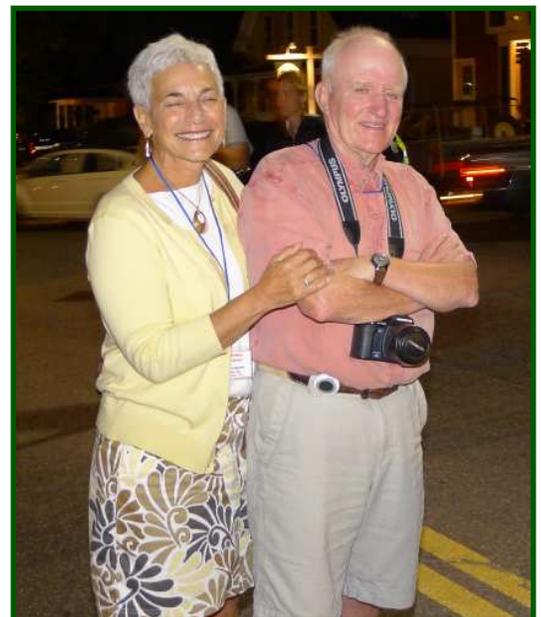
Here's our E-Type, still wearing her Adirondacks Tour plate, after sustaining the smack to her nose by an event worker prior to the street party



The Jerry Leone Chop Shop Band provided music for dancing in the street



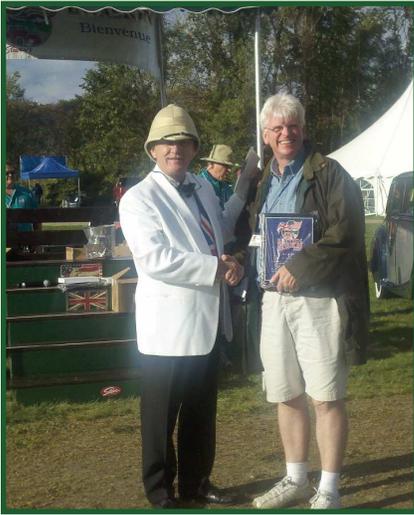
A line-up of E-Types on the show field on Saturday



Tom Larsen and Nancy Monaghan at the Friday night Street Party. This was their first visit to the British Invasion

Unfortunately, Saturday's weather did not live up to Friday's preview. The morning dawned damp and misty, and it pretty much stayed that way most of the day until just about time for the awards ceremony, when it did finally get a bit nicer. At least it was not the mud bath fiasco that took place several years ago when the show was preceded by several days of heavy rain.

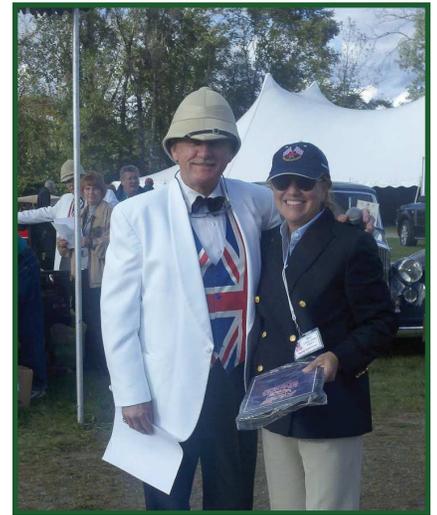
As usual, JANE members did rather well in the People's Choice awards. We had several class winners, including Mike Axford's XJS, Sandy Cotterman's XKR, Ed Avis's XK120, John Fuller's XK120, Rod Gilbert's E-Type, and Gus Niewenhaus's Rolls Royce. Second-in-class awards went to Dean Saluti and Marjorie Cahn with their X-Type Estate Wagon and to Bill Richardson with his XJS.



Mike Axford was a winner with his 1996 XJS Cabriolet on his first trip to British Invasion



Perennial winners Ed and Cheryl Avis, this year with their 1953 XK120



Sandy Cotterman was a winner with her 2000 XKR. Sandy also judged the Concours entries this year, only the second lady to judge for British Invasion.

On Saturday night the weather was considerably better and we had about 30 people at the house for a steak cookout. A great time was had by all. That's Wayne Adams, Bill Richardson, and Ed Avis (below left) and several people supervising the goings-on in the kitchen (lower right).



On Sunday, many of us went back to the field to see the parade of winners and the tailgate competition. Of course, now that the show was mostly over, the weather was beautiful. That's new member Joshua Nickerson (right) with his tailgate display. Josh had a blast as "Dr. Who" from the BBC Sci-Fi Series.

I took some beautiful back roads home, starting off with the "Brit Boys" and Sandy Cotterman, but at some point we got separated, so I wound my way home on some of my favorite roads.

All in all it was a terrific weekend and we are already looking forward to next year. That should be an especially good year for JANE members to turn out for British invasion, as Jaguar and Land Rover will be the featured marques. Prebble and I will again be organizing the house, so if you are interested in joining the communal fun, let us know early. 🇬🇧



Jaguar Alive Driving Experience!

By Dennis Eklof - Photos by Dennis Eklof and Tom Finan



Dennis Eklof

Wow, what a great thing, and it was even free! On Friday, September 21st, Jim Coull, Mike Axford, and I tracked down to Foxborough to take advantage of the Jaguar Drive Alive event, and boy was it worth it.

I had received an invitation to the event some time ago, but decided not to go, because I really am not in the market for a new Jag. However, when Jim Coull's beautiful E-Type was invited to be featured at the event, there was no way I was going to miss it.

We arrived about mid-morning, got ourselves registered, and munched a bit on the excellent pastries and free coffee. Right there in the middle of the huge exhibition area of the tent was Jim's E-Type, flanked by an almost identical color new 2013 XKR, and it was getting a lot of attention.

The organizers had picked up Jim's car with a car hauler a few days before the event, and they returned it to him the same way on the Monday after the event. While we were there they had a staff member watching Jim's car constantly. It came back with lots of fingerprints, but was otherwise unmolested.

The first phase of the event was a terrific presentation on all of the new models and power trains that Jaguar is beginning to offer. The woman who delivered the talk was fantastic at her job and it was most enjoyable. It is obvious that Tata is putting a huge amount of money into this new endeavor. Then it was off to the driving events, and there were four of them.

First I wanted to try the autocross. They had a nice little autocross course set up on the parking lot, and we got to hustle around it driving one of the brand new XKRS models available. These cars are phenomenal, with way over 500 hp on tap and a terrific suspension system. All of us got a big kick out of making the timed autocross runs, but none of us was fastest of our group.

The second driving event was a 0-to-60-to-0 acceleration and braking exercise, also using the 500+ horsepower XKRS. I think the 0-to-60 times in that car are well under five seconds, and the brakes are amazing. I kept my foot in it and I think I hit 70 before it hit the braking area.

The third driving event was an opportunity to try out the new (for Jaguar) all-wheel-drive system. The event organizers had trucked in gravel, sand, and a snow-making machine to give drivers an opportunity to experience the security of their new all-wheel-drive systems. I did two laps of that course, one with all of the traction control devices turned off, and the other with them fully on. The difference was really phenomenal. I could actually see a Jag sedan as an all-winter vehicle in New England.

The fourth driving event was much more mundane. They had examples of most of the new models available for us to drive at our leisure around a very slow little course on the parking lot. This was called the "refinement" event, and the object of the game was to try all the buttons and switches and generally get a feel for what it was like living inside of the car.

After all this excitement we went back into the main tent area and stuffed ourselves with a terrific buffet lunch of heavy hors d'oeuvres, and walked away with a well-stuffed goodie bag of Jaguar swag.

Tom and Mary Finan also took in the event on Saturday and had an equally great "Jaguar Alive Driving Experience"!

I cannot believe I almost passed this event by until Jim's car got selected. It was a fun afternoon. 🇺🇸



Jim Coull, Dennis Eklof, and Mike Axford with Jim's E-Type that was the display centerpiece at the exhibit



Some of the new Jaguars on the autocross course



One of Jaguar's instructors



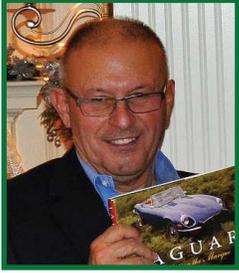
Mike Axford about to check out one of the cars



Mary Finan didn't pass up a chance to drive one of these beauties

JANE Fall Slalom - True Brit Goes All Slippery When Wet!

By Al Zanengo - Photos by Prebble Eklof



Al Zanengo

In many ways the Fall Slalom was the first slalom for the “new guard.” Our spring event was a “gimme,” compliments of Ken Haas and Dean Cusano of JCSNE. This time Paul Bicknell and I were on our own, with back-up from Tom Parish, one of the JANE “Gods of Slalom” and former chairperson, who was kind enough to show up early and stay late to make sure our maiden voyage wasn’t D.O.A.

To up the ante, Dean Saluti and “Motor” Michael Kaleel had encouraged me to invite the Boston Area MG Club to a challenge. Hmmm, and mayhem ensues!

We got to the storage area, loaded our pared-down view of what we needed into our cars, went up the road a half mile to Devens Recreation, drove all the way to the back, and realized that what had begun as a gray, drizzly day was becoming authentically rainy.

Undaunted, we grabbed tape measures, chalk, and any other tools necessary to turn a parking lot into an official JCNA slalom course. We got it pretty close the first time (more about that later). We added a canopy, a table, a timing clock, and everything else we needed as people began to show up.

Soon the lot was filling up with Dennis Eklof’s Brunton Stalker, John Feng’s Westfield/Lotus 11, a flotilla of MGs, Dean Saluti’s new Fiat, which withdrew due to a “check engine” light (does FIAT still stand for Fix It Again, Tony?), a Miata, two BMWs, an X-Type, an XJS, a Mitsubishi, a TR7, a Spitfire, an XF, and last but not least, an XK8 piloted by Michael Kaleel. In total, we had seventeen cars. There were five cars from JANE, while the other twelve were mostly MG Club member cars. They even had guys with British accents. Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn, the Houdinis of events, made a food truck appear as if by magic. It was followed by a State Trooper who wanted to know who was in charge, but said he couldn’t hang out and slalom.

We had a driver’s meeting, walked the three laps so that everyone would have a sense of the track, explained that loose debris was unacceptable in the cockpit, and said a little prayer. My driving shoes were soaking wet and my feet were freezing.

With Prebble recording times, we started the event in earnest. Quickly, many MG owners were complaining that there was a pothole in the stop-box. Even I thought it was in the wrong place, too far to the right. Well, it’s not a perfect world. After measuring, we relocated the stop-box to everyone’s satisfaction and continued where we left off.

Everything was going along swimmingly and the rain was abating. Suddenly, unexpectedly, the timing device decided to malfunction. We swore and we coaxed, but nothing could make it cooperate. Tom Parish again saved the day. He had a stop watch app on his cell phone, which, though not as accurate as our fancy equipment (time for new equipment), was more than up to the task.

Things got no harder, maybe they got even easier. We finished the timed runs and did some dollar runs. We got stiffed for some and came out about \$40 short on entry fees. Fittingly, our president took fastest Jaguar of the day. (No, Michael Kaleel, not Barack). It was a fun day.

Paul and I packed up the gear, marked the cone positions with orange day-glo paint so that we don’t make the same mistakes next year, and put everything back in the storage container.

Down the street on 2A, a traffic accident kept us stuck for twenty minutes. But it was a fun day. 🚗



If we can’t drive the course in the rain, we’ll walk it in the rain!



Top Left: Al Zanengo and Dennis Eklof head back to the tent while others continue to check out the course on foot in the rain

Top Right:: The food truck was a welcome sight on this rainy morning. The State Police followed it in to see what was going on.

Left: After the official runs, JANE President Michael Kaleel pays Al Zanengo \$1 for a run in Dennis Eklof's Brunton Stalker



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2012 Boston Columbus Day Parade

By Dean Saluti and Marjorie Cahn



Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn

Boston's 2012 Columbus Day Parade was held in East Boston on Sunday, October 7, with all of the classic car participants leading off the parade behind six fire trucks and two police motorcycles. It was quite a spectacle!

During parade car staging in the Suffolk Downs parking lot, we enjoyed 32 pizzas donated by Papa Gino's and Bertucci's. Nobody kicked off the parade hungry. The cars were lined up by category. However, in deference to Christopher Columbus, Marjorie Cahn's little green 2012 Italian Fiat 500 was the lead car. The Fiat was followed by a Herb Chambers Mini Cooper convertible, with Herb Chambers employees wearing Christopher Columbus hats.

The Ferraris came next, six of them, led by JANE's Tom Larsen and Nancy Monaghan's gorgeous Lusso. After the Ferraris came Rich Doucette's classic Mercedes convertible. Rich Doucette's car deserved a place of honor in the parade after the success of the first year of the "Boston Cup," which was his conception.

Then came the MGs led by the Boston Area MG Club President and JANE member Kurt Steele. There were 12 MGs.

Seven other JANE cars followed, led by Gus Niewenhous in his Rolls Royce Silver Shadow. Bill and Deb Richardson had the top down on their XJS, so the parade spectators got a clear view of Bill in a "Santa Claus" outfit and Deb with a "Rudolph" nose. Of course, the Saluti-Cahn "Jag Wag" was included in the parade - we left the 3.8S Sedan home in fear of rain. The JANE cars were the highlight of the parade. JANE did it again! Dean was able to jump onto the podium at the reviewing stand to announce our JANE cars one by one. The Boston cable TV network (BNN) covered our cars as they went by.

The Larz Anderson cars followed our Jags. Because the City of Boston limited us to a maximum of 50 cars this year (we had 90 last year), we hand-picked these cars - over 30 of them, reviewing pictures before they were registered to participate in the parade. They were beautiful. We included a Cobra, Corvettes from the North Shore Corvette Club, Alfas from the Alfa Owners of New England, Porsches, etc. The spectators were wowed.

The post-parade reception featured a huge Italian buffet with so much food that our classic car drivers and friends took home doggy bags. JANE's John Romano was responsible for a large ziti and meatball donation from the well-known La Hacienda Italian restaurant in Cambridge. His meatballs were great! We thank Herb Chambers for his financial support of the post-parade Italian buffet.

Stay tuned for next year, when the City of Revere is looking forward to having us join their Columbus Day parade. We can't wait! 🇺🇸

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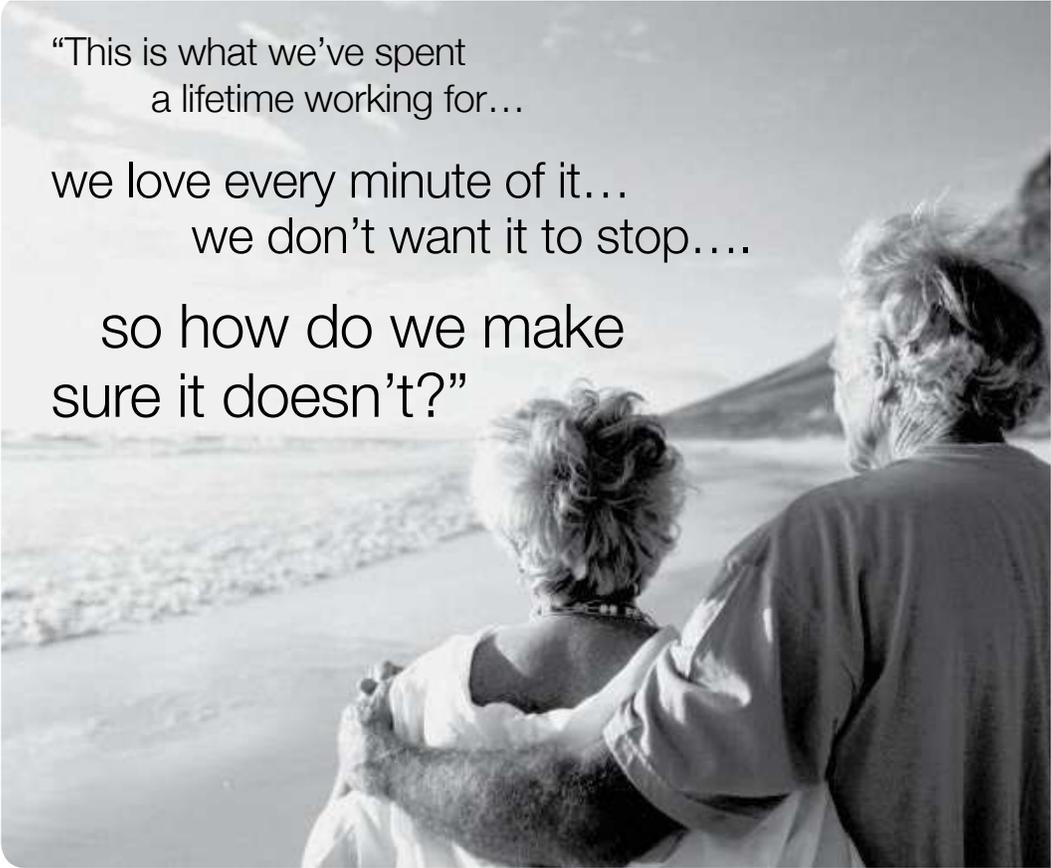
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