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## *The Course Is Hot!*

*The 2013 Spring Slalom turn-out was impressive in spite of the early morning rains. When the course dried Jaguars and other fine European cars took turns chasing cones. Read Slalom Chair Al Zanengo's event report on page 14. Photos by Steven Heaphy.*

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## What a Jam Packed Fun Month!

After Lauren and Prebble reminded me that our energetic and punctual editor, Tracey Levasseur, must get our *Coventry Cat* out on time this month, I started to think about all that has happened in the last 30 days, as well as events and projects up and coming.

Man, did we have a busy month of June, or what?

It all started with the Jag Club weekend at Lime Rock Park race track in conjunction with the Vintage Sports Car Club of America. Many of our members attended with their Jags, as well as Porsches and Austin Healeys. For example, I had a great time in my XK120, racing Stu Forer and John Fuller in their XK120's, as well as Gary Hagopian in his pesty Bugeye Sprite. Hopefully, next year we can encourage others to bring their cars out for a jolly good ride and great camaraderie.

Then we had our long-anticipated Slalom in North Andover. Big Al Zanengo, our Slalom Chair, and his right hand, Paul Bicknell, stressed long and hard, but delivered a really superb event. Lots of interesting cars, a great new venue, and drivers who pushed to get "just one more run, please!" Do read Al's article on page 14. Thank you Al and Paul, good job, can't wait till September for the next event. I might even bring my F150 truck!

We moved on to our one-off special event, the JANE recognition party hosted by the British Consul General for Boston, Susie Kitchens, in her landmark official residence on Beacon Hill. This was an exciting night and a chance to see new Jags and Land Rovers as well as classic representations of the marques (for example, Tom Larsen's XK120 was front and center). Our members enjoyed a variety of Bombay Sapphire cocktails and other delicious treats from British companies. We have our industrious, creative, conscientious Events Chair, Dean Saluti, and Marjorie Cahn to thank. They worked tirelessly with the Consulate to continue to expand the number of attendees and to help the British Consulate orchestrate a party for 80 of our members. Thank you very much Dean and Margie!

No sooner did we catch our breaths, it was time for our monthly meeting. Actually, the Board earlier this year determined that back-to-back Wednesday parties might be too much. So we canceled our usual monthly meeting for June. To our surprise, we received a large pushback from many of our members. At a later meeting the Board again addressed this issue and reversed our decision. I guess this is just a happy party crowd. Unfortunately, I was away that day and had to miss this summer social meeting. Chuck Centore and Carl Hanson, who chair our Nomination Committee, made a few announcements and led the festivities. Jim Sambold, our Head Judge, welcomed our members and coordinated our dinner. A nice way to end the month – good food, nice weather, relaxed atmosphere, great friends. Thank you Jim, Carl, and Chuck.

In early July we have re-established a special treat and unique opportunity. Ed Avis has arranged for JANE to have a private showing of Bob Bahre's car collection at his museum in Paris Hill, Maine. The museum includes a magnificent collection of large Duesenbergs, Packards, Cadillacs, Rolls Royce cars, and more, and the museum is open only one day a year, on Founder's Day in Paris Hill. This mega-multi-million-dollar collection is unique and extravagant, and not to be missed, along with a beautiful drive up to Maine with our gang. Please read Ed's article on page 7 for more details. I plan to be there. Please come join me.

And in mid-July is our Myopia Polo Day. This very popular and well-attended event was established and has been continually campaigned by our past Board member and active club member Aldo Cipriano. Aldo's love

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and knowledge of Polo, and his positive, upbeat personality have each year delivered a fantastic experience at a special and historic place, Myopia Polo. Please read Aldo's article on page 8. Dress up or dress down, it's a lovely Sunday afternoon. I hope to see you there.

In early August there will be a Potluck Picnic, Lawn and Pool party at Dennis and Prebble Eklof's home and our signature Bruce Murray Concours and Jaguar Festival weekend. Mark your calendars, there's more information to come.

There are so many people to thank for all the wonderful programming JANE delivers that I cannot begin to mention everyone. So I would like to thank all JANE members for just being, for without members, we would not have this Club. Please tell your car lover friends about JANE, and bring them to an event and start to create new memories. Life is good at JANE!

Happy motoring,

Michael



JANE was well represented at the Lime Rock Park Vintage Sports Car Club track day on June 1. Photo by Carl Hanson.

## Need Another Good Reason to be a JANE/JCNA Member? How About a \$1000 Discount on a New Jaguar!



Fred Hammond, the JCNA Liaison to Jaguar Cars, recently announced that Jaguar and JCNA successfully completed negotiation on another benefit of membership – a \$1000 discount on the purchase of many qualifying Jaguar models.

Jaguar Retail Operations has reinstated the JCNA Discount program to all North American Jaguar dealers via Retail Operations Bulletin No: JSOB13-25. The biggest difference between this new program and the previous Club discount program is an increase in the discount from \$750 to \$1000 upon verification of current membership. A Customer PIN form will be given to the JCNA member by the selling dealer. It asks for basic information, and the JCNA member will be required to produce a current JCNA membership card. This form must be completed and kept in the deal jacket for audit purposes. The full amount of the Customer discount must be applied to the purchase or paid directly to the customer. Outcycled Dealer Service Loaners and Ex-VIP vehicles are eligible for this program.

There are, however, certain vehicles that are ineligible - Special Edition and Limited Edition Production Models are not eligible (i.e., XKR-S, XKR-S Convertible, XJL Ultimate).

Cheers,  
Ed Avis

### Welcome New Members

Steven and Charina Dejan	Hunnicuttt	Dracut, MA	2013 XF AWD
Kim Linehan and Donald	Juric	Milton, MA	2002 X-Type
Dave and Lynn Forbes and Candace	Tuff	Peabody, MA	1948 Mk IV DHC
	Waller	Malden, MA	1953 XK-120 DHC
	Anderson	Grafton, MA	1964 E-Type OTS, 2000 XK8 Conv.

## No July Monthly Meeting

### Message from Michael Kaleel, President

#### Event Notices

As we constantly evaluate our programming to try to deliver good times, camaraderie, and activities for our members, we sometimes need to adjust our schedules. Considering that July is a busy vacation month for many people, and that we already have events scheduled for four straight weekends beginning July 20<sup>th</sup> with the tour to Bob Bahre's car collection in Maine, followed by our Myopia Polo event on July 28<sup>th</sup>, the Potluck Picnic and Lawn Party on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and our Concours and Jaguar Festival the weekend of August 9<sup>th</sup>, we have decided to not schedule our usual dinner meeting for the month of July. Our next regular monthly meeting will be on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event/Details</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>July 14, 2013</b> Sunday, 9am	JCSNE Summer Slalom Contact Ken Haas: <a href="mailto:slalomchair@jcsne.org">slalomchair@jcsne.org</a>	New Britain, CT <a href="http://www.jcsne.org">www.jcsne.org</a>
<b>July 20, 2013</b> Saturday, 11am	Visit to Bob Bahre's collection Contact Ed Avis: <a href="mailto:ed@avisfamily.com">ed@avisfamily.com</a>	Paris Hill, ME <a href="http://www.hamlin.lib.me.us/founders_day.html">http://www.hamlin.lib.me.us/founders_day.html</a>
<b>July 28, 2013</b> Sunday	JANE Myopia Jaguar Cup	Myopia Polo Club, Hamilton, MA
<b>August 3, 2013 (rain date 8/4/13)</b> Saturday, 2pm	JANE Potluck Picnic & Lawn Party	The Eklof's, Groton, MA
<b>August 9-11, 2013</b>	JANE Concours d'Elegance	Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA
<b>August 28, 2013</b> Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
<b>September 14, 2013</b> Saturday	JANE Fall Slalom	In Control Training Facility, N. Andover, MA
<b>September 20-22, 2013</b>	British Invasion	Stowe, VT
<b>September 25, 2013</b> Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
<b>October 14, 2013</b> Monday, 10am	Columbus Day Parade	Revere, MA
<b>October 18-20, 2013</b>	JANE Weekend Escape to Martha's Vineyard	Martha's Vineyard, MA
<b>October 20, 2013</b> Sunday, 9am	JCSNE Fall Slalom Contact Ken Haas: <a href="mailto:slalomchair@jcsne.org">slalomchair@jcsne.org</a>	New Britain, CT <a href="http://www.jcsne.org">www.jcsne.org</a>
<b>October 23, 2013</b> Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
<b>November 20, 2013</b> Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
<b>December 8, 2013</b> Sunday 3pm	JANE Holiday Party	Vesper Country Club, Tyngsboro, MA

\*Dates above are only those confirmed at time of publishing.

Check this page for updates each month and for the most current events check the Calendar page at [www.J-A-N-E.org](http://www.J-A-N-E.org).

### **JANE Tour to Bob Bahre Car Collection in Paris Hill, Maine July 20th (Rain or Shine)**

On July 20th JANE members have a once-a-year opportunity to visit the Bob Bahre auto collection in Paris Hill, ME (about 2.5 hours from Danvers, MA, for those coming from the south). In the days since he owned the Oxford Plains Speedway in Maine (and later the New Hampshire International Speedway) Bob has amassed a very impressive collection of historic cars. The Paris Hill collection of about 68 cars is the largest of three owned by Mr. Bahre and includes some marvelous examples of American and foreign cars, including four Model "J" Duesenbergs, a Brewster Buick, a Tucker (with spare engine), a Mercedes SSK, a Mercedes staff car commissioned by Adolf Hitler for one of his generals, an E-Type Jaguar, a Stutz Bearcat (and a Super Bearcat), two MG-TDs, an Auburn Speedster, a whole row of rare Packards (including one commissioned by Carole Lombard for Clark Gable), a custom bodied Delahaye, the only remaining REAL (not made-for-the-movie) Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and many other very interesting cars, horse-drawn carriages, and motorcycles. If you love fine cars you won't want to miss this event!

Ed Avis is organizing this special day, and at the time of publication of this issue of the *Coventry Cat* he's finalizing the details for lunch and a self-guided tour at McLaughlin Garden, group parking on the village green at Paris Hill, and a tour of the exhibit by the curator, Jeff Orwig. The total cost for the day is expected to be between \$25-35, including lunch and admission to the collection (with the proceeds benefiting the local library). The entire village of Paris Hill is a designated National Historic Area, and the very impressive Bahre home was once owned by the Hamlin family and is the boyhood home of Hannibal Hamlin, Abraham Lincoln's first Vice-President.

For many years the main features of the day have been a craft/antique fair and the Bahre collection, but organizers of the Paris Hill Founders' Day celebration (the host for the day) are expanding this to include a car show for those classic vehicles driven to the event. They were delighted to hear that JANE will be attending and will have a reserved parking area for us just across the street from the Bahre collection. Parking space for trailers will be available for anyone trailering their car. Be sure to bring your folding chairs for socializing on the lawn!

This event is being planned as a day trip, but some lodging is available in the area (along with the nearby Oxford Casino for those interested). There will be a meeting spot in Portsmouth, NH, for those coming from the south so you can drive up together. Howard Kalet is organizing this group, which will depart promptly at 9am from the New Hampshire Liquor Outlet at the Portsmouth, NH, traffic circle, Exit 6 off I-95. Please contact Howard at [kaletfamily@comcast.net](mailto:kaletfamily@comcast.net), or 508-380-7898, to let him know if you'll be joining the group.

Mark your calendars and watch for future emails with the final details. Please contact Ed immediately if you plan to attend, so he can send you directions along with a registration form for providing your lunch choices at McLaughlin Garden. Ed must confirm our lunch orders with McLaughlin Garden in advance, so he needs to receive your registration, along with your check for lunch, no later than July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Time/Date: 11:00 AM, Saturday, July 20th

Activity or Event: Lunch at McLaughlin Garden, South Paris, ME (<http://mclaughlingarden.org>)  
Visit to Bob Bahre collection / Paris Hill Founder's Day ([http://www.hamlin.lib.me.us/founders\\_day.html](http://www.hamlin.lib.me.us/founders_day.html))

Contact: Ed Avis, [ed@avisfamily.com](mailto:ed@avisfamily.com), 207-737-8258

## Upcoming Events

# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual JANE Myopia Jaguar Cup July 28, 2013

On Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the Myopia Polo and Hunt Club will be hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> annual JANE Jaguar Cup at the polo grounds. Club participants can gain entrance at 12:45 p.m. with free admission through our sponsors.

After the fantastic reception last year for our new sponsor, Andrea and Jesse of the Salmagundi Hat Shoppe of Boston have agreed to return. The ladies of JANE are encouraged to wear their finest hats in the true tradition of Ascot Park and Churchill Downs. My personal favorite design is the classic wide brim. JANE gentlemen are encouraged to be appropriate escorts, and although the event is casual, sport jackets and hats for men are not discouraged.

Oh yes, let's line up those classic and contemporary Jaguars. The field of Jags at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum for the JANE meeting in May was outstanding. Let's have another fine showing of Jaguars for "the sport of Kings and Queens." Please contact me, as event coordinator, at [cipriani62@yahoo.com](mailto:cipriani62@yahoo.com), or call 508-481-8806 and leave a voicemail to reserve your place at the event.

It appears that Polo matches are making a resurgence from the classic days when polo was played throughout the United States. *Town & Country* magazine sponsored an all-star polo challenge in March in Wellington, Florida, and the opening day for the Bridgelyampton Polo Club in New York is July 20, 2013.

Remember, the field at Myopia on the reserved side is limited to about 30 Jaguars so please contact us early.



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### JANE Potluck Picnic and Lawn and Pool Party Saturday, August 3 (rain date Sunday, August 4)



Dennis and Prebble Eklof will again host a JANE potluck picnic and lawn and pool party at their home in Groton, MA, on Saturday, August 3. If rain is forecast for Saturday, we'll hope it clears for Sunday, August 4.

There's plenty of space on our lawn for parking and tire kicking, so bring your Jags. The pool will be open, so bring your swimsuits. And bring a food or drink contribution to the picnic if you can.

Let's gather between 1:30 and 2pm, and we'll go until there's no food or drink left, or everyone wears out and goes home. RSVP by Monday, July 29, to Dennis and Prebble at 978-448-2566 or by email to [prebble.eklof@](mailto:prebble.eklof@verizon.net)

[verizon.net](mailto:prebble.eklof@verizon.net). And let us know what food or drink item you want to bring so we have a little of everything.

## The Spirits of JANE Contest

### Spirits of JANE Cocktail Contest Deadline Extended to July 26

The Spirits of JANE Create a Cocktail contest deadline has been extended to July 26. Jan Gill, who is the contest coordinator, reports that she has received several delicious and creative entries, and we are looking for more.

To sweeten the pot, all entries received will be entered into a drawing to win an **authoritative** Bartenders Drink Book--the very same one that our preliminary judges are using to ensure that the drink recipes submitted are original. If you have a drink recipe you would like to submit, be sure to send it to Jan at [janlgill1@gmail.com](mailto:janlgill1@gmail.com). All entries should include a Jaguar- or JANE-themed drink name, a short paragraph about the drink, why you chose the name, or the story behind its invention, and the recipe. A photo of how the drink should be served is helpful. After all entries are received, our preliminary judges will choose 5 semi-finalists. Those cocktails will

be voted on by the JANE members at our August Concours. The winner of the signature drink contest will be announced at our Holiday Party in December, and the drink will be served to the JCNA attendees at our Friday Welcome Party at the MIT Museum on April 4, 2014. The creator of the winning cocktail will receive two free admissions to the party, and be invited to pour the first drink.



**This is last call, so get your recipes in now.**

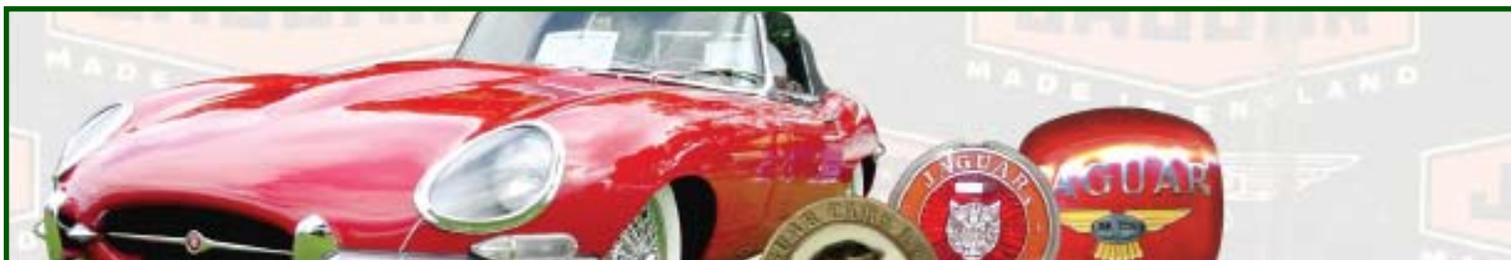
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# Martha's Vineyard Tour October 18–20, 2013

Now that the MMT has been completed, we are looking forward to our next organized JANE Tour, the Tour of Martha's Vineyard! The Hansons and the Finans are working on the final details, but the following information summarizes the planned events at this time. Send in your registration form, or at least let Carl know about your continuing interest, [chansonjag@aol.com](mailto:chansonjag@aol.com), so we can plan accordingly.

1. **Dates:** The event runs from Friday afternoon, October 18, to mid-morning Sunday, October 20.
2. **Ferry reservations.** Make your own reservations on a ferry from Woods Hole to Vineyard Haven ([www.steamshipauthority.com](http://www.steamshipauthority.com)). Round trip fare for a Jaguar is \$137. Select a time that meets your personal schedule. Early arrivals can enjoy shopping in downtown Edgartown or a short visit to the beautiful beaches of Chappaquiddick Island. We will have an informal reception on the porch of the hotel sometime after 5 p.m. on Friday.
3. **Hotel reservations.** Make your own reservations with special rates at **The Harbor View Hotel** in Edgartown. JANE has reserved a block of rooms under the name of "**Jaguar Association of New England.**" Call **1-800-225-6005**. You can choose a guestroom at the Main Building with a rate of \$219/night or at the adjacent Governor Mayhew with a rate of \$189/night. There is a two-night minimum, but you can stay longer at those special rates if you wish. The cutoff date for our block of rooms is September 9, 2013.
4. **Island Tour.** Saturday's schedule includes a driving tour of the island, including the towns of Oak Bluffs, Vineyard Haven, West Tisbury, Menemsha, and Gay Head. An appropriate lunch stop will be selected. A wine and cheese tasting will be held at a very special art gallery in West Tisbury.
5. **Banquet.** A special banquet will be held at the hotel on Saturday evening. Menu details and prices will be finalized in the next few weeks. We expect the banquet charge will be approximately \$65 per person, including gratuity and taxes. Drinks will be at your own additional expense.
6. **Event Fee.** Traditional rally plates will be prepared for each participating car. These and other additional expenses result in an assessment of \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple in the same vehicle (one rally plate per vehicle). A registration form is on the following page.

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# A Dream Came True!

## JANE Spring Slalom June 8, 2013

By Al Zanengo

Since accepting the Slalom Chair, I have grown. It has been my private Idaho and my penance for speeding tickets both accrued and not. It has brought me both frustration and pleasure. In so many ways, it has been JANE's gift to me.

I woke up on June 8, knowing that Paul Bicknell and I had addressed every possible issue that we could control, even having a rain date in case weathermen threw us a curve. Tom Parish, the former chair, had helped us locate, layout, and mark our JCNA-sanctioned course in late May, giving up hours of his free time for an event he couldn't even attend. I had contacted "Chef Bob's Buns on the Run" food truck directly to make sure they would find the location and be there at 8am. We rented a U-Haul truck to transport all our gear from local storage to the site and packed it there the prior night, tolerating Friday afternoon rush hour traffic (from the South Shore) both ways as the price for vigilance. Ouch!

I had contacted everyone I could think of. Both responses and spontaneous offers of assistance came from "stand-up" JANE members like Gary Hagopian, Dean Saluti, Carl Hanson, Bob Totten, and more.

But still, it was raining when I left the house at 6:30am.

When I got to the site there was a lone trailer with a white Triumph Spitfire on it, and Bob Totten, ever game and ready to slalom. We were moving in the right direction. Soon Paul pulled in and we started getting ready to get ready. As the rain abated we were encouraged. People started to show up. Dean Saluti and his wife, Margie, were among the early arrivals. Margie took pictures and brought the sunshine. Dean later tried his hand as starter. Gary Hagopian brought a racing Bugeye that took home the top time of the day. Paul monitored registration and tech scrupulously. (Yes, this time we collected every dime.) Gary shared his experience on negotiating the course, and then, like magic, the track was dry and we started. Ray O'Brien was a virtuoso with our new wireless timing gear, and Carl Hanson was doing his part as well.

Our track is the nicest it has ever been my privilege to negotiate, smooth and flat, and although this was the first run in the Northeast for 2013, times were pretty decent. Some did not bring their "big iron," choosing cars with tops and a modicum of comfort in case it wasn't going to stop raining.

We had some real stars! Rich Kosinski, in what I believe was his first

After the skies cleared all eyes were on Victor Cromie doing laps in his 1930 Austin racer. Jaguar history buffs will note that Austin is the precursor of our favored marque. Photo by Steven Heaphy.



Dedicated slalom enthusiasts wait out the rain in the parking lot before JANE's Spring Slalom. Photo by Bob Totten.



ever attempt, turned "Fastest Jaguar Time of the Day" at 45.64 seconds with his beautiful, black 2008 XJR. Our Fearless Leader, Michael Kaleel, turned what I think is his fastest time ever of 46.99 in his 2007 Jaguar XK8. Dennis Eklof chose to leave the fast, but topless Brunton Stalker home and still managed a 47.65 in his 2001 BMW 540i. Paul Bicknell got to try out his 2008 S-type 4.2 for the first time and clocked a 48.12 while making sure that everyone was having fun. As I mentioned, Gary Hagopian took top time with his 1275 cc Spridget, showing us all how it's done with a 42.37.

To me, though, the brightest star at our event was Victor Cromie. Our brother came not just to compete, but rather to vanquish! His vehicle of choice -- a Corvette-yellow 1930 Austin racer, as smart and handsome a racer as was ever made, and it was a thorough pleasure to watch Victor whip through the pylons! His best time for the day was 52.7 and his style impeccable. He was the icing on a great day, the cherry on top. If you doubt my word, check Victor out at "full chat" on YouTube: [HTTP://youtu.be/M5jAE59oAoY](http://youtu.be/M5jAE59oAoY). (Rumours of Victor's former life as an agent for MI6 are unsubstantiated.)

If you missed it, I'm so sorry, but there will be two slaloms in Connecticut, and we'll be back in North Andover on September 14. Oh, and by the way, Chef Bob and Michelle put out some great grub!

Right: Gary Hagopian's Bugeye, always smiling, waits patiently as the track dries. Photo by Dean Saluti. Below: The Slalom committee thought of everything, even lunch, which was provided by Chef Bob's Buns on the Run. Photo by Steven Heaphy. Bottom: The committee who made the Spring Slalom a smooth running machine: Dean Saluti, Carl Hanson, Al Zanengo and Paul Bicknell. Photo by Margie Cahn.



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## JANE at the British Consul General's Residence

By Dean Saluti

Photos by William Richardson

On Wednesday evening, June 19, JANE members were the honored guests at a reception that was held at the British Consul General's Residence in Boston's Beacon Hill. Over 70 JANE members, their spouses, and their guests attended the reception. The Residence is located at the "15 Chestnut Street" historic Bulfinch building. This event was sponsored by Jaguar/Land Rover, and many high level US Jaguar/Land Rover executives greeted us. JANE was proud to have Tom Larsen's award winning classic 1954 XK120 parked in front of the Residence next to Dirk Burrowes' (Rover America) 1948 Rover.

Some of the Consulate's corporate supporters, such as Bombay Sapphire, also sponsored the event, and there were interesting beers, ales, gins, and wonderful passed hors d'oeuvres. One of the highlights was the Hotel Chocolat's display of delicious varieties of chocolate desserts.

JANE members were greeted by the new British Consul General, Ms. Susie Kitchens, who had planned this event to host Boston's luxury British car community. It should be noted that JANE members Aldo Cipriano, Michael Gaetano, and Gus Niewenhaus had met with her when she first arrived in Boston. They invited her to this year's British Invasion in Vermont and "paved the way" for this reception.

Consul General Kitchens addressed her guests and thanked JANE for participating and making this event a real success. JANE member and President of the Boston Area MG Club, Kurt Steele, former employee of the British Consulate (now with the Canadian Consulate), gave a brief history of the Bulfinch building. Lastly, JANE President Michael Kaleel thanked the Consulate and the event sponsors for an evening that we will never forget.



At left: Tom Larsen's 1954 XK120 parked beside Dirk Burrowes' 1948 Rover.

Below: A new F-type provided by the governmental liaison for the US for Jaguar/Land Rover.





Above: Dashing JANE members Al Zanengo, Michael Kaleel and Paul Bicknell.  
Left top: Dennis Eklof with Consul General Susie Kitchens. Middle left: The opulent parlor set up with Bombay Sapphire libations. Bottom left: Overseeing the activities is a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, most likely painted shortly after ascending the throne.



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# California Car Museum Must-Sees

By Keith Carlson

Now you know that you should be making plans for next year's Monterey/Pebble Beach week, at least for the Wednesday through Sunday events, since unless you are one of the half-dozen or so of our members who will appear at "The Place to be in Mid-August" of this year, you are already into next year's planning. While you're laying out those happy plans, here are reasons to add some days before or after---what the heck, as long as you're flying across the country, you may as well spread the time and money over even more great car enjoyment.

We'll consider here the outstanding collections in the LA area, but will first mention another northern one: in the valley just east of Berkeley and Oakland, right off a freeway so it's easy to get to, the Blackhawk Museum and Collection. A very pleasant and knowledgeable fellow named Don Williams has shown dozens of cars on the putting green of Pebble Beach for I think as long as I've been going there, and was the first place I would go each year upon arrival. An excellent bunch of cars for sale (everything else is auctioned) spread over the green and in two large tents. Late afternoon drinks and hors d'oeuvres were put out, making it quite civilized. Regrettably Don found it "too much work," as he told me -- and it was -- so now shows only four or five cars. (One must assume he wasn't making enough sales.) The collection in Danville is now the place to go. He's one of the very enjoyable collectors/agents to chat with, and has shown more cars -- shown, not offered for sale -- than anyone.

Plenty of other attractions, automotive or otherwise, could tempt you around the Bay Area. Right now we're trying to convince you to start or end south, however, and I would not otherwise suggest that you go anywhere near LA (unless you've never seen it; as with Vegas, it should be seen, briefly, for additional examples of What Wonders Man hath Wrought). We just seem to improve upon nature wherever we go, don't we?

Six collections in the area are well known, others undoubtedly exist. We'll look at four. The others are about 30 miles east of central LA: the National Hot Rod Association Museum in Pomona; and the Riverside International Raceway Museum in, naturally, Riverside, one of the great early West Coast tracks.

The largest physical space and most varied collection is found in a former Magnificent Mile department store on Wilshire Boulevard, the Petersen. One of the thousands of teenagers stripping and souping Model A's and Deuce Coupes after the war (WWII), Pete (or Bob, a cousin of mine out there knew him as Bob) Petersen saw the possibility in targeted magazines, and created *Hot Rod* in 1948, then *Car Craft*, *Rod & Custom*, and *Motor Trend*, and eventually over 20 others, including those dedicated to boats and guns. In the mid-nineties he sold the publishing group for \$450 million and opened the museum. Ohrbach's had folded, and he was able to pick up an enormous five- or so-story building with attached multi-level parking and plenty of space to create replica service stations, repair shops and a vintage diner spread out over spacious floors showing every variety of car and automobilia. The diner has great burgers and malts among the boomerang-patterned formica, waffle-stamped stainless, and checkerboard vinyl tile.

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built museums hold The Nethercutt Collection. You may know this name from concours-winning cars, including several Best of Show at Pebble Beach. Merle Norman cosmetics provided J. B. Nethercutt with the means to build a very top-shelf collection through acquisition and his own restoration crew. The better ones are in a separate building, including a reproduction of a Twenties/Thirties deluxe automobile showroom, itself a “Duesy” (see photo on right). Another floor, another enormous floor, displays a collection of odd and exotic musical instruments, including a dozen or so working organs and several machines that reproduce the various sounds of an orchestra. Another mounts three violins vertically, facing a shaft, with a ring of horsehair pressed against the appropriate strings at the appropriate moments, and small rods pressing out and back against the usual intervals of the neck, serving as fingering. Seeing this in operation is amazing, hilarious, awesome to properly use a worn-out word.



The Nethercutt Collection

Dr. Murray is not the only crazed inventor with a great deal of time on his hands.

While the Petersen is open 10–6 daily except Monday, the Nethercutt Museum (15151-200 Bledsoe Street, Sylmar) is open 9–4:30 Tuesday through Saturday, but The Collection is open for tours only Thursday through Saturday at 10 and

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A few minutes down a freeway to the Burbank Aerodrome, a pair of very large adjacent buildings hold the Jay Leno collection and shop. Here are about 300 cars and 100 bikes, again a great variety and well-displayed. All the walls are filled with giant versions of vintage auto posters and ads, hand-painted by artists Jay has commissioned. Next door is an amazing shop containing every machine imaginable (including a 3D printer), in which about 10–12 specialists can repair and restore anything, and have even built from scratch a Bugatti Veyron-type with many exotic composite materials. These buildings are not open to the public, but as you've heard, Jay is very open and friendly, and has allowed JANE members in before. My entrée was having sold him the Bristol 403, which he had coveted when I apparently beat him to it, and which he snapped up when I put it on the market.

About 30 miles in the other direction, NW up the coast in Oxnard, the best -- in terms of virtually every car being extraordinary -- group is at the Mullin Museum. Here it's quality versus quantity, 47,000 square feet, contrasting with the Petersen's 300,000. Los Angeles investor Peter Mullin has single-handedly brought French automobiles to better attention in the US, especially the little-known but exotic and very well-built Voisins. Obviously some very special Bugattis, Delahayes and Delages, Hispano-Suizas, Talbot Lagos ... Saoutchik and Figoni et Falaschi bodies, one-of-a-kind never-seen gems like the '38 Dubonnet Hispano "Xenia" pictured here.

The display of French design continues with examples of the very unusual and dramatic furniture and furnishings created by Carlo Bugatti, Ettore's father; the family was already prominent in design and fabrication before automobiles.

Advance tickets are necessary, and one must watch for opening days, as it's open only on some Saturdays, usually about once or twice a month, from 10–3.

Mullin Automotive Museum, 1421 Emerson Avenue, Oxnard.

And now that you've driven up the coast a bit, why not keep on going, since (as you no doubt know) the Pacific Coast Highway is one of our most scenic, both sides of San Francisco. This stretch of US One is not Route One Saugus. Two must-visits are San Simeon, the Hearst castle, which offers many different tours -- figure half a day here, really; and Big Sur. Here Nepenthe's cliffside bar, and across the road Deetjens' unique inn and excellent restaurant are worth timing your trip for twilight cocktails at the one, dinner and overnight at the other. You can do this coming or going -- a great respite after the concours, or a Tuesday evening leading to an easy (and breathtaking) Wednesday morning drive up to the Monterey Peninsula and all the events.

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