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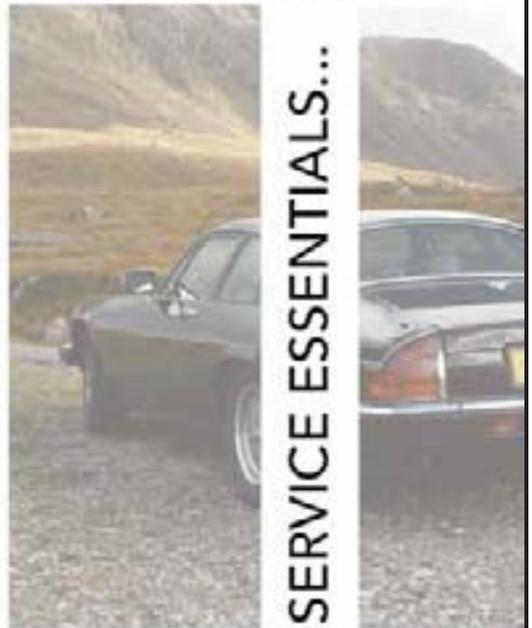
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Wayne Carini

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# From the President Chuck Centore . . .



As a young lad I enjoyed reading auto journals of all kinds. I always appreciated and enjoyed the writing of professionals who wrote about cars I knew something

about as well as others I knew little about and might never have seen. Today I find I'm in a position of responsibility in a car club that means a lot to me and to my fellow enthusiasts. We consider JANE our club and we create and participate in events and activities where we join together as small and large groups to enjoy our Jaguars and each other. That's quite a trip over the past 6 decades.

As I review what we are doing and where we are going, I think to myself, "Are we just a car club?" Some use this phase to avoid the problems we sometimes face every day. They say, don't take things too seriously, it's just a car club. I dismiss that answer because I have seen the synergy of this club and what it produces: something that is greater than the sum of all of us. It's a living, breathing organization that works both independently and together, to make things better for all of us who care. I guess we would have never joined unless we expected something like that.

Synergy, or synergism, is responsible for many things in the world today, arising from the cooperative interaction between multiple components in a system, creating a combined effect is greater than the sum of each of the parts. We see this in our Jaguars, our life, our businesses and of course, we see it in JANE.

We operate much like any organization, with departments and groups, each performing their bit of what makes us whole. When we put it all together, we move through the year, putting on good events and getting the things we do to mean something to the members, who in turn clearly want their club to be more than just a club.

I think that we all felt proud of JANE when we announced Wayne Carini was our guest speaker last month. I saw the special way our members acted: members who wanted to be close to Wayne and those that wanted a photo with him or an autograph. It was something really special. There was excitement in the air.

But this is only one part of our club. We do things for our members but we also have a charter to preserve the Marque. Case in point: last month I received a note from a gentleman in Newfoundland, Canada who was embarking on a restoration of his 1952 XK120 FHC and was looking for some help to make his task a little easier and more enjoyable. So, I put him in touch with one of our specialists on XK120s, John Brady. John, along with his brother Tom, put together a two-day visit filled with an XK120 lovefest. Starting off at Carl Hanson's garage, they were going to review a talk about a restored model similar to his. Several other members who heard about this came by as well. And then a second day of the visit was held at Tom Brady's home in Brockton. There they would view and discuss Tom's XK120 FHC project in process. Is this not what makes JANE special, the way members join together with their Jaguars for all to see and learn about?

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**At Carl Hanson's garage: behind his car, Tom Brady, in front left-to-right: Carl Hanson, John Brady, Jon Morgan, Fred Morgan and Chuck Centore.**

Jon is from Newfoundland, Canada and is the new owner of a 1952 XK120 FHC. Jon contacted me and asked if he could see a finished car and one in process. The Brady boys stepped right up and put the two-day XK120 love-fest together, allowing Jon to achieve his goal with Carl's show-winning 1951 XK120 FHC and then, next day, a look at Tom Brady's FHC, which he has almost finished. Great fun.

Only in JANE.

I am proud of our club and proud to be its leader. I also see other leaders in the club every day, acting in the spirit of the Marque, which is described by Jaguar Cars as Sophisticated, Stylish and Spirited. I guess we have it all.

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# Membership Update

## Your Co-Vice Presidents of Membership Share Some Thoughts

by Marjorie Cahn and Jeanine Graf, Co-VPs of Membership

As we reached our April 27 Cat due date, 231 of you have either renewed or joined as new members. Thank you! If you have not yet renewed, it's never too late! Just call Marjorie Cahn (617-285-6564) or Jeanine Graf (617-959-8987) and we'll sign you up.

### Member Spotlight

In this issue of the Cat, we would like to feature one of our most lively members. He is a great conversationalist – he'll talk to anyone at any time about anything. He is spontaneous, to say the least, and just great fun to be with. By the way, he is a local, Greater Boston Hagerty Classic Car Insurance agent and boy, does he know his stuff. At our April meeting, Daniel Graf presented about 80



*Do you know this man?*



*Marjorie Cahn and Jeanine Graf*

PowerPoint slides featuring JANE's 2018 Concours. This popular JANE enthusiast was in many of the slides. In fact, Jeanine Graf called him our "Mystery Man."

So, we are now introducing JANE member **David Zeller**. David came to the Concours "Jagless," driving his beautiful blue Bentley convertible. He parked his Bentley in Display Class, even though Aldo Cipriano wanted to judge his car right away! David immediately held court in the Hospitality Suite, where he provided bottles of tequila and single malt Scotch for our "tasting." He must

have done a pretty good job because single malt Scotch aficionado Glen McLachlan "tasted" for quite a while. When the field opened on Saturday morning, David got down to business with his Hagerty booth that he moved indoors during the rainy periods. He did a first-class job describing the merits of classic car insurance to all those who came to chat with him.

The most remarkable thing of all was that during the Concours weekend, David was intensely working the Internet for Jaguar cars for sale. The very next day after the Concours, Monday morning, he bought an XK convertible. He had been bitten by the Jag bug! We did mention that he was spontaneous (impulsive maybe!). Now that we all know him, we love this great guy..

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## A Member Shares . . .

### *Puns For Educated Minds*

by Tom Larsen

- Pun 1** A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- Pun 2** No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- Pun 3** A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

*Editor's warning: More of these may be on the way*

# Open House at the Cusanos' Motorcars, Incorporated

*By Dave Moulton*

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, a number of JANE members made the trip down to Plainville, CT to enjoy the Open House put on by Motorcars, Incorporated. Here are a few of the cars that they saw (there were a *lot* of cars there).



*1960 XK150S*



*That was me, in 1950!*



*And outside,  
a lovely Aston Martin . . .*



*XK120*



*Hal Kritzman and Aldo Cipriano in  
their element.*



*. . . as well as our President's  
F-Type . . .*



*Maserati 3500 GT (I think?)*



*The cars went on and on . . .  
and on . . .*



*. . . and last, but certainly not  
least, an early Austin Healey Sprite!*

# Our Annual Maple Syrup Run Has a Brush With History

*By Dave Moulton, photos by Bonnie Getz, Dave Reilly and from the Lowell Sun*



***JANE members (and their cars) preparing to tackle our Annual Parker's Maple Syrup Run, starting from the Paparazzi parking lot in Concord, MA.***



***Donita Rardin prepares to take orders from Commander Phoebe at the start.***

As is usual for us Janiacs, in early April we all get our beloved Jaguars and a few other cars out for a nice Sunday drive to New Hampshire's favorite breakfast spot, Parker's Maple Barn, in Mason, NH, assuming that it's really gotta be Spring by now. Guided once again by our intrepid rallymaster Bruce Whitmore, on April 7<sup>th</sup> we set out across the suburban tundra of Concord, Carlisle, Billerica, Chelmsford and Lowell, wending our way toward that illustrious and often free state of New Hampshire.



***Ahh, rallying in suburban Sunday traffic!***

Unbeknownst to any of us (and only discovered later by Member Steve Wetzel, based on some deep research he's done reading the Lowell Sun), we were then launched into auto-racing's Champ Car Series history, actually and unwittingly driving on the original 1909 Merrimack Valley Race Course (a 10.6 mile road-racing street circuit comprised of Pawtucket Boulevard plus Sherburne and Varnum Avenues in what is now Dracut – we traversed the Pawtucket Avenue portion of the course). Louis Chevrolet (you may have heard of his cars) was one of the winners that day in 1909. Naturally, on our day, I was fastest, in my stalwart Jaguar F-Type named "William," touching 167 mph just past the entrance to the Vesper Country Club (just kidding, Officer!).



***The Merrimack Valley Race Course of 1909, as Google sees it today.***



***Pawtucket Boulevard, as it looked then. Looks fast, but the dirt looks a little sketchy.***



***Louis Chevrolet (at the wheel) with his mechanic, prior to winning the 15-lap 160-mile Yorick Club Trophy Race in 1909.***

After our brief brush with auto racing history, we continued on into New Hampshire, answering all the usual sorts of questions that rallymasters like to ask (Q: "What services does Sunny Acres provide?" A: "Legacy Services." What is a "Legacy Service?" you might wonder) in order to stay in the running for possible prizes and/or trophies. In good time and spirits, we all made it to Parker's, admired the syrup-distilling operation, and tucked into a variety of their most excellent breakfasts. From my vantage point, we all appeared to win.

Thanks, Bruce!

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Now there's a car! Thanks, Dave!



JANE members seriously contemplate whether to go for The Parker's Special or The Maple Baked Beans Original Recipe with Dark Maple Syrup.



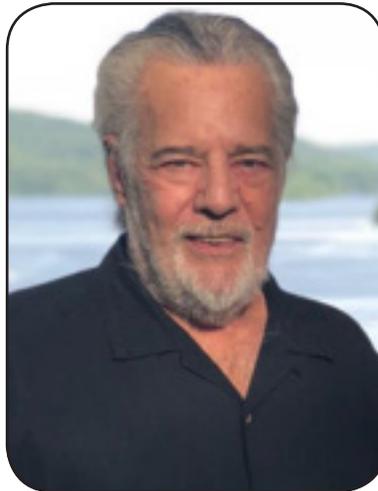
Rallymaster Bruce Whitmore shares with us our various errors and other failings, in considerable detail, as we wait for The Maple Beans Original Recipe with Dark Maple Syrup. Some of us even got Dark Maple Syrup as prizes! Life remains good!!



## Joe Cusano, Jr., 1944 - 2019

*By David Moulton, adapted from the Hartford Courant*

Joseph (Joe) F. Cusano Jr. passed away on April 6, 2019. Born in Hartford CT, he is survived by his wife, Charlene S. Cusano, and their two children, as well as by his sister Elaine Gousse and his brother Dean Cusano. Joe was the retired Co-Owner/President of Motorcars Incorporated, an icon of the automotive industry, selling cars (mainly Jaguars) nationally and internationally for over 40 years. Joe was a graduate of Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston MA. He applied his artistic and engineering talents to all his automo-



otive and architectural endeavors. Joe's competitive nature drove him to create multiple show-winning automobiles and earned him many podium finishes, racing both in Corvette and Jaguar race cars. He enjoyed designing and building show cars, automotive racing, boating, fishing and clamming on Martha's Vineyard. Joe lived a much loved and fun-filled life and he will be deeply missed. All letters of condolences can be mailed to P.O. Box 203, Higganum CT 06441.

*Sincerely, The Cusano Family*

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*by Aaron Naparstek*

*High-beam torturer  
back there in the Grand Marquis  
is your name de Sade?*

*And remember: Honku if you love Jaguars.*

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# An Appreciation of Wayne Carini: Four Brief Articles

## I. CHASING WAYNE CARINI

By Jeff DeMarey

### **How this all came about:**

Wayne and I originally spoke on the phone about a Springfield-to-Boston Vintage Car Rally as part of The Boston Cup in late September 2019.

The idea for Wayne speaking at JANE came from Rich Doucette, who was asked by Chuck Centore for a “big name” speaker.

So, I asked Wayne if he could speak in February, but he had a conflict.

Rich and I decided to chase him for March.

Since we were all attending the Boca Concours, we knew we could corral him in person.

So, when Wayne arrived at the judging tent, Rich and I blocked his way until he took out his phone and put the March JANE date in his calendar . . . Mission Accomplished!

And, as often seems to happen with Wayne, it turned out to be a large crowd, a fun night with like-minded (crazy) people and a Great Presentation.

*Editor’s note: Jeff DeMarey is a new member of JANE, sits on the Board of Directors for the CCCA and is a Classic Car Insurance Subject Matter expert for 20+ years.*

## II. OUR MEETING WITH WAYNE CARINI, 27 MARCH, 2019

By John Brady

Arriving an hour early for our March monthly meeting, I drove by a few Jaguars on display on the lawn near the front entrance. I saw a special new car parked there, a white 1960 XK-150 FHC as well as the proud owner sitting on the bench by the Inn’s entrance. This was Ken Lemoine and this was the debut of his “new” Jaguar. It is the same model he had during his college days back in the early 70s. I flashed my lights going by and waved. Couldn’t wait to see this beauty and I was happy for him for finally fulfilling his dream of once again owning one.



When I checked in, there was already a definite buzz of excitement in the air. Patt Centore and Margie Cahn were

doing the check-in, while our President, Chuck Centore, and our VP of Events, Dean Saluti, were making sure all of the details had been attended to. The room was set up, lights dimmed, a bar in place, and the projector already on showing slides of what was to come, a presentation by noted automobile enthusiast and TV show host, Wayne Carini of “Chasing Classic Cars.” I congratulated Chuck and Dean on a job well done and proceeded outside with two beers in my hands, one for me and one for Ken Lemoine.

There were other nice Jaguars on display, but I proceeded right to the white XK-150. I congratulated Ken for getting it and started to go over it head to toe. Ken started it up with the push of a button and we talked about it for a half hour. It is always nice to have another classic XK in the club and this one is a beauty.

We went back into the Inn and by this point there were a lot of people there (over 100 according to Dean), including our new regional director, Dean Cusano, a group of guest MG Club owners, past President Mike Kaleel, Stephen Ring all the way from NY, both of the “Dirt Brothers” – John Fuller and Stu Forer (older than dirt) and many other enthusiasts from the car world. After a few minutes, our guest celebrity speaker, Wayne Carini made his way into the crowd. He was immediately recognized and people gathered around him to meet and welcome him. A few announcements were made by Dean and Chuck, followed by a nice welcome by innkeeper Steve Pickford, and then the excellent buffet dinner was served. The Wayside staff made serving 100 people look easy.

At 8 pm, Dean called the meeting to order and warmed the crowd up by introducing our President, Chuck Centore. Chuck in turn introduced Rich Doucette, of the Boston Cup, whose honor it was to formally introduce Wayne Carini. Rich has known Wayne for a long time and did a great job sharing his background experiences with Wayne and introducing him to JANE.

Then it was time for Wayne Carini to speak. You could hear a pin drop. The crowd loved him. Most of us have been watching his show “Chasing Classic Cars” for years. Wayne spoke for about 45 minutes with no notes and gave us his background from childhood to the present, his interest in classic cars and the story behind his hit show. Many of us felt that we already knew him even though we had never met him before. He comes across as genuine and down to earth and that is the secret to his success. He even dug out some specific Jaguar content for JANE and

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## An Appreciation of Carini (Continued from page 9)

shared pictures and stories of the late Dave Garroway's SS100 Jaguar.

Wayne fielded questions for 10 minutes after his presentation and JANE presented him with a check for his chosen charity, *Autism Families Connecticut*, in support of his daughter Kimberly.

Just so you know, this was the largest JANE monthly meeting we have ever had. Special thanks go to all of those who made it possible: Wayne Carini, Rich Doucette, Dean Saluti, Margie Cahn, Chuck and Patt Centore and Steve Pickford and the wonderful staff at the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA.

### III. WAYNE'S WORLD

By Brian McMahon

Though it's doubtful that Wayne Carini, the developer and host of *Chasing Classic Cars*, has ever been tasked by a billionaire to locate a mint condition AMC Pacer, he has had extensive experience finding and restoring the classic cars sought by serious car collectors. At JANE's March 2019 meeting, Wayne laid out the quirks, quotes and quips of several celebrities who have assembled comprehensive menageries of rare cars, and didn't even spare himself from a few jokes. For instance, after tacitly allowing him to warehouse 18 motorcycles in their home's basement, a patient Mrs. Carini finally rebelled when she sensed yet another unannounced addition. "Which is the new one?" she asked Wayne one evening. "New one?" Wayne responded. "What new one?" "Wayne, I might not know anything about motorcycles but I *do* know how to count" she retorted. Soon, Wayne had to move his private biker museum to another location.

As JANE members have found, cars can be simply a conversational ice-breaker and a way to meet friendly, energetic and happy people. At our meetings, there's always a pleasant burble of gear-head talk that's punctuated with bright bursts of laughter. There's a *Seinfeld* episode (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OsWDohWkkC0>) in which Jerry accuses his dentist of converting to Judaism only so that Dr. Whatley can credibly crack Jewish jokes with his patients (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvSOgB-JPy0>). "He's only in it for the jokes" a disgusted *Seinfeld* declares.

Since comedian Jerry Seinfeld originated 72 episodes of *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee* and maintains a hangar full of classic Porsches, while comedian Jay Leno revels in his extensive automotive pantheon (*The Big Dog Garage*), there must be a significant number of comedians and entertainers who enjoy seeking out, restoring and driving vintage cars. On the surface, then, collector car

enthusiast Wayne Carini could possibly also be in it only "for the jokes." What makes him special, though, is that he's clearly in it for so much more, in his authenticity, his unaffected motor-head style, his generosity and his determination to make the car world a little bit better place.

### IV. REALITY TV THAT IS REAL

By Dave Moulton

I've always enjoyed *Chasing Classic Cars* for the gentle kindness Wayne Carini exhibits as he finds a car that has been stored away, for whatever reason, and now, the owners finally decide it may be time to sell.

The car may be utterly beat, having sat in a fairly moldy garage for 50 years, being eaten by mice and various bacteria, after the owner stopped using it for any of a variety of reasons, and then was, maybe, inherited by his wife or children, and they, finally, have decided that they "have to do something" with the car, a car that may be one of the most poignant and enduring memories of their husband, father, uncle, whoever.

These are painful, difficult moments. The decaying and fading memories portrayed seem overwhelming at times, as well as the sadness, the loss, the deterioration of life and life's objects that we all experience. And the kindness, understanding and respect that Wayne exhibits at these moments are probably the most satisfying and touching elements of the series, at least for me. It helps, as well, that the money on the table is de-emphasized, and little or nothing is made of whatever profit or deal Wayne may be making.

Much "reality TV" is stitched together, the characters cardboard-thin, with little else there, other than the show's primary premise (for instance: How is Elvin possibly going to be ready for the Big Show in time?). For Wayne, filming these scenes of finding, evaluating, talking about, commiserating about, and very tenderly bringing a sale to the table (or, sometimes, not), is something much better, more real, more human and more revealing about why, exactly, we are so crazy about cars, classic and other.

The other (guilty?) pleasure I take from *Chasing Classic Cars* is when Wayne has a car in the shop, and is having it out with Roger or whoever, and all I can do is look at is all the other inventory in the background: a K-Car(?), a Morgan(!), something really exotic that I have no idea what it is (??? – I think I'm in love), a lovely 60s Ferrari or a 289 Cobra (oh yes!), a '53 Chevy (cool?), just hanging out, off-camera, behind the action, hinting at the breadth of the remarkable car world that Wayne inhabits, and is kind enough to share with us.

**Thanks, Wayne!**

# Our April Meeting at the Wayside Inn

By Brian McMahon



*Life is good at Longfellow's Wayside Inn when you arrive in a Bentley!*



*Jags On The Lawn! Must Be Spring!*



*Chuck and Patt Centore Go Topless*



*Mike Gaetano's 1948 Bentley Mark VI Sports Saloon*

"Adaptability" was the virtue on display at our April meeting at the Wayside Inn. Dirk Burrowes, host of *Classic Drive TV*, had another commitment and couldn't attend our dinner, but he did send his presentation to Events VP Saluti and President Centore, who filled in admirably. One featured topic was last year's Concours d'Elegance event held in Sturbridge, MA. We were fortunate that Daniel Graf volunteered to manage the event last year.

Despite a lack of experience in running a major JANE event like this, Daniel and Jeanine were able to identify the key requirements for success and lead our volunteers to provide qualified judges, work out logistics with the hotel, and encourage Max Paronich to provide a sumptuous buffet. In case you think Daniel and Jeanine had an easy time, now toss in a sudden late revised weather forecast of heavy rain for our Concours weekend. Daniel was able

to talk the town of Sturbridge into paying for a tent to shelter many of our entrants, and he secured permission from the hotel to use their covered portico for inspecting our club's Jaguars. JANE benefitted from all those years that Daniel spent managing Air France operations at Logan Airport, as Daniel and Jeanine not only jumped into this new venture, but also swiftly and effectively coped with the adverse weather that usually cripples outdoor events in New England. Instead, we enjoyed a successful Concours event.

We also heard from JANE member Michael Gaetano, who arrived in his spectacularly elegant 1948 Bentley Mark VI Sports Saloon. It's as old as I am, but looks like it starts faster on cold winter mornings than I do. Michael

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# The Hudson Valley Tour Is Almost Ready

*By Dave Moulton*

The last I heard, we have eighteen cars signed up for the Hudson Valley Tour, so I'm pretty sure we'll sell out the six remaining spots. If you haven't signed up yet, you may want to do so pretty soon. Just sayin'.

Remember, on Friday, June 21, we start mid-morning at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, MA (several entrants are planning on staying there the night before) and tour to Rhinebeck over some really nice roads, with an optional stop at Morgan Motors of New England for those entrants who really like British cars the way they used to make them and occasionally still do. There's also a leisurely lunch break at Dad's Copake Diner, which offers excellent road food as well as some really nice upstate New York rural village ambience. Some fabulous roads across the Hudson Valley will lead us to Rhinebeck, where we check into the Delameter Inn, part of the Beekman Arms Inn (another oldest hotel in America – we know about these places, don't we?). After a brief respite, we'll drive down to Hyde Park and dine in splendor at the Culinary Institute of America's Ristorante Caterina de' Medici, where the Institute teaches their students what Michelin stars are all about.

On Saturday, after a leisurely breakfast, we'll take a tour past many of the old estates along the Hudson River and then up into the rolling hill country, ending up at the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome for an antique air show on Saturday afternoon. Then back to Rhinebeck and out for dinner at one of many excellent restaurants in the area. My sugges-

tion is to settle down with Trip Advisor beforehand and pick a place that looks nice and make a dinner reservation at about the same time you sign up for the Tour.

Sunday morning is another leisurely start, checking out of the Inn and getting on the road around 10:30, touring back across the Hudson Valley to the Hillrock Estates Distillery for a tour of their excellent and quite beautiful facility and a tasting of their great whiskies. Just so you know, I bought a couple of bottles while there on our inspection visit and have found the whiskies to be really nice. So nice, in fact, that I'm planning on re-stocking during our visit. If you enjoy high-end whiskies, these may be worth your serious attention.

After that, we'll have another scenic passage back over the Taconic Range of mountains to Stockbridge, where you can catch a leisurely late lunch at the Red Lion Inn before heading home.

This coming week Kevin and Dianne Murphy and I will check out the course one last time, order some reasonably respectable swag for all of you, and confirm with all of our various hosts. Then I'll email General Instructions to all of you, and start printing the Route Instructions. We're good to go!

Remember, this is a non-competitive tour, on roads that are really fun to drive over in an extremely scenic area that is also, blessedly, lightly populated. Just plain old-fashioned fun driving. We look forward to having all of you with us.

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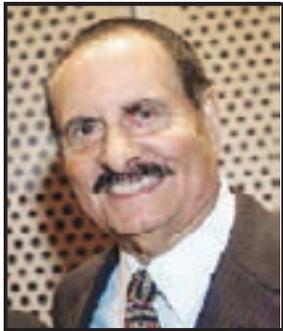
is a driving force in two major vintage British car shows: Stowe, VT's annual British Invasion <http://www.britishinvasion.com/> weekend in September, and Bristol RI's British Motorcar Festival <http://www.britishmotorcarfestival.com/> in June. Since both of these events require not only a high degree of logistical planning, encouragement of volunteers, and determined effort in overcoming obstacles, Michael's adaptability is constantly being tested, and he always comes through for us grateful New England petrol-heads.



*Thanks to Chuck Centore, Mike Gaetano and Daniel Graf!*

# April Events

*Dr. Dean Saluti, VP of Events*



**On April 24**, JANE had another fabulous Dinner Meeting at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury. As you know, in March we were able to bring in TV celebrity and JANE friend Wayne Carini. Of course, Wayne did a great job and close to 100 attendees had a wonderful time.

But, behind the scenes, your events team was dealing with a logistical nightmare. You see, Dirk Burrowes was scheduled to speak that night. Dirk had no problem being “bumped” by Wayne Carini, as the entire car club community was delighted to have Wayne with us. But, as it turned out, Dirk was scheduled for a Las Vegas trade show that conflicted with our April meeting. What to do?!

First, we reviewed clips from Dirk’s “Classic Drive Television” shows. We discovered that our 2018 JANE Concours was featured in several of the clips, along with JANE Concours Chair, Daniel Graf and his wife Jeanine, JANE Co-VP of Membership. So, Daniel ran with the ball. He put together an outstanding presentation on last year’s Concours. We also discovered a clip featuring JANE President Chuck Centore and his gorgeous yellow (Giallo) Ferrari. It all worked – thanks to Daniel, Jeanine, and Chuck.

Car season is back as we enter May. Let’s start with **Belmont Day on Saturday, May 18**. The Town of Belmont closes down its Center for kiosks of food, crafts, artwork,

and promotional booths. Of course, there is a large bandstand with a ‘60s retro band, blasting out hits from our British Invasion childhood (Beatles, Stones, Animals, etc.) and the car surfer tunes we loved (Beach Boys, Jan and Dean, etc.). Every year, JANE is invited to bring in classic cars for display. The local bank feeds us bagels and coffee in the morning and pizza for lunch. Call JANE VP Marjorie Cahn if you want to participate. This is a great family event. They even have kiddie rides. It is also OK to bring a non-Jag classic – I bring my 1969 MGB.

Now, for one of the highlights of the season. **Wednesday evening, May 22**, is our annual **Jags on the Lawn at Larz Anderson Auto Museum**. We start early with JANE Jags arriving on the lawn after 4:30 to secure a great spot in the lineup. Our local disc jockey will be playing oldies tunes, and we will have an outdoor cheese display. By 5:30, when the Jags are lined up as far as the eye can see and we are roaming around smoking cigars while we talk Jags, our open bar (beer and wine) starts serving. We promise to have “Boddingtons Pub Ale” again. By 6:30 we are in the Museum viewing its new Exhibit. The buffet dinner has traditionally been steak tips, sausages and peppers, anti-pasto salad, eggplant parm, chicken broccoli ziti Alfredo, and cavatelli. In the past we have asked that you bring a dessert to share. All of this, including the open bar (beer and wine), for only \$45 – Wow! Don’t miss this one.

**See you there.**

**Dean**

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# 2019 Tentative Calendar of Events

Here is what JANE plans to be doing in 2019, plus some related events. Our monthly meeting dates are reasonably firm, while everything else is tentative but probable. We'll firm these up all of these events as soon as we can. Meanwhile, it won't hurt for you to pencil them all in now, to make your calendar look impressively busy and connected!

May 9 - Thursday	Larz Anderson Auto Museum Exhibit Opening	Larz Anderson Museum
May 18 - Saturday - 8AM	Belmont Day Car Display	Belmont Center
May 22 - Wednesday - 5:30PM	JANE Jags on the Lawn and Dinner	Larz Anderson Museum
May 31 - June 1 - Fri. - Sat. TBA	Empire Drivers, Inc. Track Day	Lime Rock, CT
June 7-8 - Fri. - Sat.	5th Annual Bristol British Motorcar Festival	Bristol, RI
June 15 - Sat. - 9:00AM	JANE Spring Slalom	North Andover, MA
June 21-23 - Fri. - Sun.	JANE Hudson Valley Tour	Rhinebeck, NY
June 23 - Sunday - 8:30AM	JCSNE Annual Concours	Middlefield, CT
June 23 - Sunday - 10:00AM	British Car Day	Larz Anderson Auto Museum
June 26 - Wednesday - 7PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Speaker: Marguerite Dennis	Bay Pointe Restaurant, Quincy
July 24 - Wednesday - 7PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Cars on the Lawn	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
July 28 - Sunday - 12:30PM	JANE at Myopia Polo Club Matches	South Hamilton, MA
August 9-11 - Fri. - Sun.	JANE Annual Concours	Sturbridge, MA
August Day TBA Time TBA	(Tentative) JANE Clambake and Pool Party	Salem, MA
September 7 - Sunday 10AM	JANE Deerfield Valley Tour	Start in Lancaster, MA
September 13-15 - Fri. - Sun.	29th Annual British Invasion	Stowe, VT
September 25 - Wednesday 7PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Speaker TBA	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA,
September 28 - Sat. 9:00AM	JANE Autumn Slalom	North Andover, MA
September 29 - Sun. 9AM - 2PM	8th Annual Boston Cup	Boston Common, Boston, MA
October 23 - Wednesday 7PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Speaker: TBA	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA,
November 20 - Wednesday 7PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Speaker: Steve Pickford, the Innkeeper	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
December 1 - Sunday 3PM	JANE AGM and Holiday Party	(location TBA)

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# From the Top Of The Scratching Post



I've been promising for months to tell you about Jaguar's new Ingenium 6-cylinder mild-hybrid engine, so here we go. Sorry if it's a little wonky, but us wonkers gotta wonk, you know.

JLR announced this new engine in February – you can already order it as the P400 in the Range Rover Sport HST, and I'm sure it

will become available across JLR's portfolio as time passes. To me, this engine is a significant step forward in engine design principles (in parallel with the Mercedes AMG E35 engine, which is based on similar thinking) to deal with current and future automotive needs. It's a 3-liter in-line six, part of the modular Ingenium line of engines, and it makes progress in a number of areas.

First, it has hefty power and torque outputs: 396 hp and 406 ft./lbs. of torque (130 hp per liter and similar torque). Second, it's modular (based on a 500cc cylinder inline "module"), which eases manufacture quite a bit. At present, the Ingenium line is planning on 3, 4, and 6 cylinder engines, suggesting that power outputs of 195, 260 and 390 hp respectively, might be obtained. I also understand that these can all be done on the same assembly line (not true for V-type engines).

More importantly, this new engine uses a 48-volt electrical system to operate a so-called "Belt Starter/Generator" functioning as part of what is currently called a "mild-hybrid" engine (MHEV). To help develop power, the engine is both turbo-charged and, via the 48-volt system, electrically supercharged. The benefit of this is that the supercharger can spool up to full speed (120,000 rpm?) in

about .5 sec., eliminating turbocharger lag and allowing the supercharger's boost to be rapidly modulated to "fill in" for gaps in the engine's power and torque curves. At the same time, the Starter/Generator can recapture kinetic energy during deceleration (i.e., regeneration) to then assist in boosting torque under subsequent acceleration.

There are numerous benefits to all of this. One that is seldom mentioned, but which remains fundamentally important, is that such technology allows for a great deal of the benefits of electric vehicles without the massive weight penalty of long-range battery packs (more than a half-ton). We get significantly greater power and torque with less fuel consumption and exhaust emissions, and almost no increase in weight.

So, there is still life in internal combustion engines – they are not about to go away. And, I'm assuming that JLR engineering staff are also devoting serious attention to getting that beautiful in-line six exhaust tone to sound just right: a deep and lazy guttural purr below 2,000 rpm, beginning to come on strong rising to 3,000 and then rising into that wonderful howl that Jaguars have been known for since World War II, as we climb up the octave to 6,000 rpm and our power peak. Ought to sell a few cars, I'd think.

Meanwhile, it's time for us to get trained as Concours judges (May 5), to get ready for Jags on the Lawn at Larz Anderson (May 22), to get ready for the Spring Slalom (June 15) and to pack our bags for our "destined-to-be-epic" Hudson Valley Tour (June 21). Car time is here! You know what that means. See you at Larz. And thanks for reading all this stuff!

And Prince Lucas says, "Those puns by Larsen are terrible! That guy knows nothing about humour!!"

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