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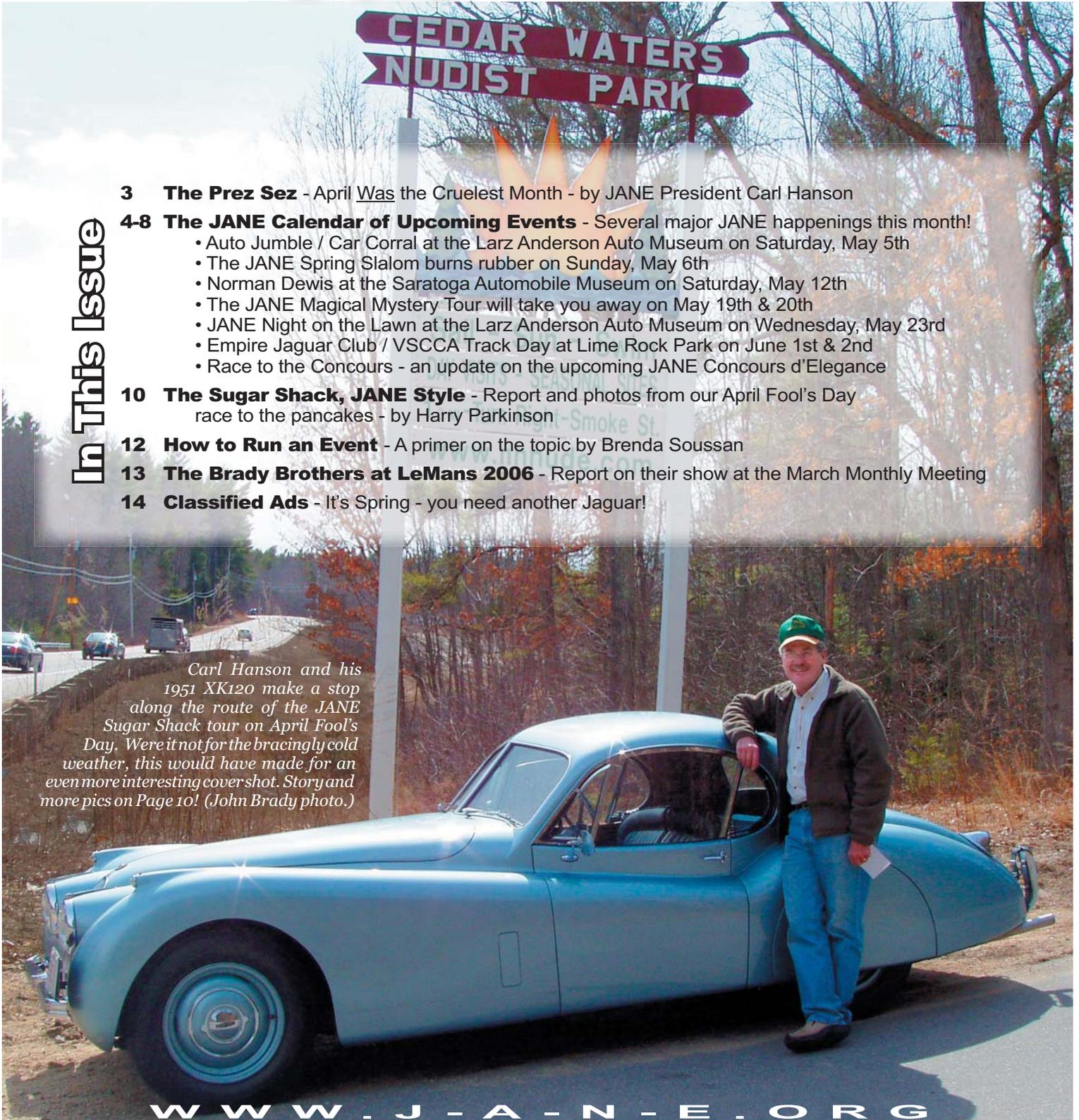
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*Carl Hanson and his 1951 XK120 make a stop along the route of the JANE Sugar Shack tour on April Fool's Day. Were it not for the bracingly cold weather, this would have made for an even more interesting cover shot. Story and more pics on Page 10! (John Brady photo.)*

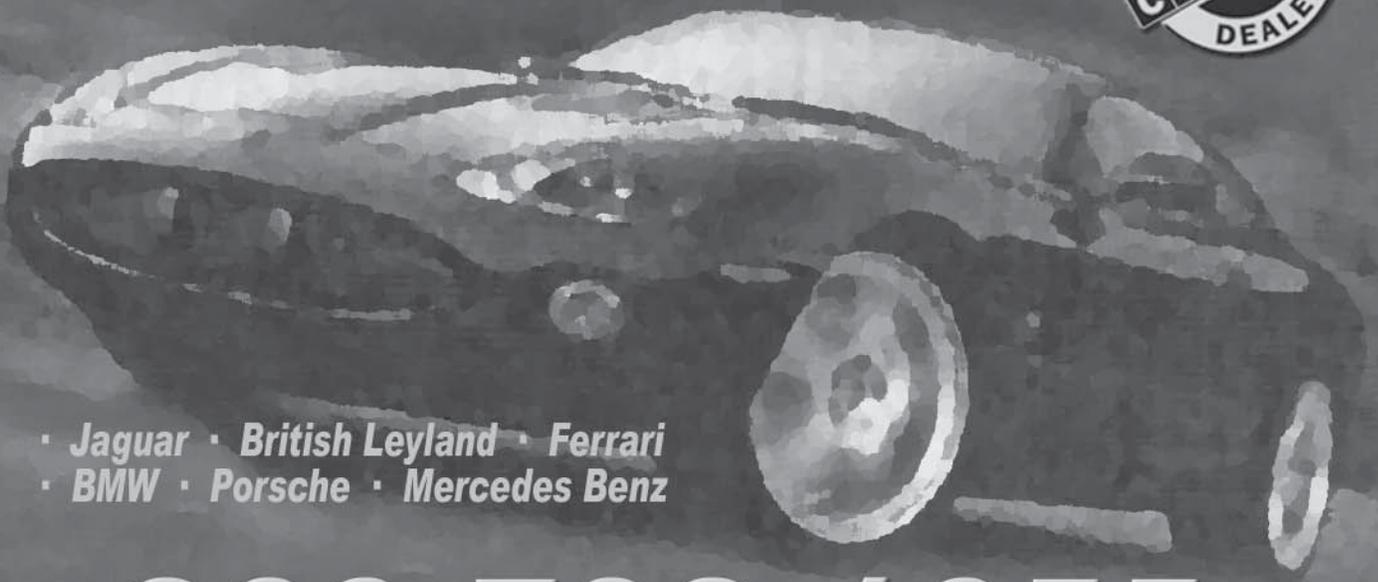


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# April Was the Cruellest Month

May 2007

**A**pril is the cruellest month"... is how I started last month's column. And so it was! Snow, rain, floods, high winds—the whole gamut of New England weather put a real damper on Spring driving in this part of the country. We were very lucky that our first driving event of the season, the "Sugar Shack Run" on April Fool's Day, was blessed with beautiful conditions. Great turnout of Jaguars so early in the season, which usually bodes well for the rest of the summer. Let's hope so—the rest of April was not so good!

Take a look at the schedule of events published here in *The Coventry Cat*. The summer is chock full of events, and more are being added all the time—be sure to check the JANE website for the most up-to-date schedule, as well as details.

Speaking of the website, how many of you have checked out the great job Dennis Eklof is doing for us? I wonder, because every time I log in, I am usually the only one listed at the time. We have lots of opportunity for you to see what other members are driving and doing. There is a blog where you can ask questions, get advice, and blow off some steam, but I don't see many people using it. Why

not? It may be a generational thing—the young people in the world live and communicate via blogs. Maybe we are not such a computer-savvy bunch? Just a thought...

Looking forward to May, let me remind you of our Spring Slalom on Sunday, May 6th, followed soon after by a new and exciting event, "The Magical Mystery Tour." This is a new event for JANE—an extended "fun rally" where instructions are given out at the start and you have to find your way to the mystery destination, where we are booked into a beautiful antique inn for a party, bed, and breakfast. And then there is our annual May meeting / lawn show / barbecue on the grounds of the Larz Anderson Auto Museum, this year on Wednesday evening, May 23rd.

I am trying to put together raffle items for this year's Concours. Last year, we had a great outpouring of items from JANE members. If anyone has some "good stuff" to donate to our raffle, please let me know!

See you on the road! 🚗

*Carl*

# The Press Sez

By Carl Hanson



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# Next Events

## JANE Calender of Upcoming Events

DATE - DAY	ACTIVITY OR EVENT	LOCATION
<b>May</b>		
5 - Sat	Auto Jumble and Car Corral - see Page 5	Larz Anderson Auto Museum
6 - Sun	JANE Spring Slalom - see Page 5	Westford, MA
12 - Sat	Norman Dewis at the Saratoga Auto Museum - see Page 6	Saratoga Springs, NY
19-20 Sat-Sun	JANE Magical Mystery Tour Weekend - see Page 6	?????
23 - Wed 6pm	JANE Night on the Lawn at Larz Anderson Auto Museum - short monthly meeting - see Page 7	Larz Anderson Auto Museum
26-28 Sat-Mon	Newport, RI, Concours	Newport, RI
<b>June</b>		
1-2 Fri-Sat	Empire Jaguar Club / VSCCA Track Day - see Page 7	Lime Rock Park
8-10	Manchester, VT Fun Run with the Rolls Royce club including the VSCCA Equinox Hill Climb	Manchester, VT
15-17 Fri-Sun	VSCCA Races	Watkins Glen International, NY
24 - Sun	British Car Day	Larz Anderson Auto Museum
27 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
30 - Sat	SNG Barratt Jaguar Open Day and BBQ	Manchester, NH
<b>July</b>		
7-8 Sat-Sun	BeaveRun Historic Races by PVGPA	
21 - Sat	JANE Tour to Bob Bahre's Car Collection	Paris, Maine
25 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
27-29 Fri-Sun	Vanderbilt Cup Concours	Newport, RI
31-Aug 4 - Tues-Sat	JCNA Challenge	Indianapolis, IN
<b>August</b>		
5 - Sun	Tutto Italiano: Italian Car Day	Larz Anderson Auto Museum
10-12 Fri-Sun	JANE Annual Concours - see Page 8	Sturbridge, MA
Thurs TBD	Ice Cream and Cruise Night at Kimball Farm	Westford, MA
17th or 24th Fri	JANE's Friday Night at the Drags	New England Dragway, Epping, NH
22 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
<b>September</b>		
Aug 31 - Sep 3 - Fri-Mon	Jaguar Car Corral at the Lime Rock Vintage Festival	Lime Rock Park Race Track
9 - Sun	JANE Autumn Slalom	Westford, MA
13-16 Thu-Sun	15th Annual British Invasion	Stowe, VT
26 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
<b>October</b>		
5-6 Fri-Sat	VSCCA Vintage Races	Lime Rock Park
6-7 Sat-Sun	Owls Head Foreign Car Day in Maine	Owls Head Transportation Museum
7 - Sun	JANE Tour to Chauncey Creek Lobster Pier	Kittery, ME
13 - Sat	JANE Fall Foliage Tour / TSD Rally	Lakes Region, NH
24 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
<b>November</b>		
14 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
<b>December</b>		
2 - Sun 3pm	JANE Event - AGM and Holiday Party	TBD

Know of something else happening that would be of interest to our members? Have an idea for an event? Want to run an event? Questions about an event? Contact VP/Events Brenda Soussan at [ideacounselo@earthlink.net](mailto:ideacounselo@earthlink.net) or 617-338-8747.

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# JANE at the Larz Anderson Auto Jumble / Car Corral

Saturday, May 5th

**The Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, MA, will be holding an Auto Jumble / Flea Market / Car Corral** on May 5th from 10am – 3pm. The Museum will be offering a variety of items that have been donated to them for sale, including vintage automotive parts, memorabilia, brochures, and many vintage collectibles.

But also, the Museum is providing 10' x 20' spaces to rent for the day, and JANE member Ray O'Brien has grabbed a space for our club! For a \$10 donation, members may bring any auto-related items to the flea market to sell in the JANE space. Also, for a \$30 donation, there will be a car corral for those interested in placing a car on the field for sale.

Available space is limited, so please contact Ray at 617-460-2970 or raymondobrien@comcast.net with an approximation of what you will be bringing. With the date right around the corner, **you must contact Ray right now** so that he can reserve enough space. He'll give you the final details about available space, payment, location, etc.

LAAM is located at 15 Newton Street, Brookline, MA 02445, and can be found on the web at [www.laamot.org](http://www.laamot.org).

This is a great opportunity to clean out the ol' garage of unwanted parts, tools, and cars, and have some fun to boot! 🚗

**MORE EVENTS →**

## The JANE Spring Slalom

Sunday, May 6th

**It's time!** Enjoy the Nashoba Valley Ski Area's beautiful setting, JANE hospitality, and the squeal of tires as we put our Jaguars through the cones! We garnered several national trophies last year and look to do even better in 2007!

We'll provide instruction, helmets, lunch, timing equipment, and a safety tech inspection of your car. We'll walk and demo the course before the actual runs begin. We promise to have a wide array of entries this year, and we do mean wide. Lunch will be provided this Spring by Jim

Coull—it's not to be missed!

Slaloming is a low-speed run through a field of cones. You make three passes per run (egg-



shell shape, a crossing X, and oval) before exiting through the stop cones. Times generally run between 40 and 50 seconds per run. The course is easy to learn and becomes second-nature to drive. Each driver will get five timed runs. Your best run deter-

mines your finish that day.

Show up **before 9 am** for tech inspection and sign-in. The flag will drop at 10, we'll break for lunch around noon, and we'll wrap up by 2. The

slalom will be held rain or shine (but if we have another "50-year event", call me first). Be sure to add 4 to 6 PSI to your tire inflation pressures!

The cost will be \$20 for JANE members and \$25 for non-members. Contrary to last month's announcement, the entry fee is assessed per driver (not per car). For more information on our event, contact Slalom Chair Adrian Curtis at 603-293-4938 or [ascurtis@metrocast.net](mailto:ascurtis@metrocast.net).

The Nashoba Valley Ski Area is in Westford, MA, two miles inside Route 495 off Route 2A at 79 Powers Road. The lot's great,



the location's beautiful, and the clubhouse will be open for our use. Spectators are welcome (but drivers get first dibs on the food!).

Slaloms are a blast—a great way to enjoy your car! I'll buy a beer at the Nashoba clubhouse for anyone who improves his or her last year's best time by one second! Jeez, I hope you can read that! 🚗

—Adrian Curtis





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# Next Events (cont)

## Norman Dewis at the Saratoga Automobile Museum

Saturday, May 12th

**T**he Saratoga Automobile Museum in Saratoga Springs, NY, produces a series of Living Legends interviews with such prominent figures as Carroll Shelby and Chris Economaki. On Saturday, May 12th, an interview will be conducted with Norman Dewis, Jaguar's most famous test driver. Norman will also be the speaker at the Museum's annual Drive For Excellence dinner, held

the same day. Here's the schedule:

1:30-3:00 pm - Living Legends interview of Norman Dewis by Paul Skilleter or Ken Gross. Skilleter is the author of the new biography of Dewis. Gross is a nationally known automotive writer and historian. Questions from the audience will be taken. \$45 per person.

6:30-9:30 pm - Cocktails followed by dinner. Norman Dewis will greet guests and will speak on several topics during dinner, taking questions. \$125 per person.

For tickets, contact Anne. Fitzgerald@saratogaAutoMuseum.org or call 518-587-1935 X30.

This is a great opportunity for a weekend outing to see both Norman Dewis and the Saratoga collection. 🍷

## The JANE 2007 Magical Mystery Tour

Saturday-Sunday, May 19th-20th

**I**t may not be too late! The sign-up date has passed for securing our initial block of rooms at the inn, but if you are interested in joining the group contact Dennis and Prebble Eklof at webmaster@j-a-n-e.org or 781-641-3537 right away! It is early in the season, so if our extra rooms have not yet been booked, we can still get you in at our group rate. Visit [www.j-a-n-e.org](http://www.j-a-n-e.org) to get all the details (menus, costs, etc.).

Saturday, May 19

**Departure:** From Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford (possibly one other departure location)

**Route:** Follow the "clues" over approximately 200 miles of beautiful New England back roads that have been discovered by over 20 years of back-road touring—beautiful scenery, minimal traffic, all paved, no dirt! Route sheets will be handed out at Skip's the morning of departure. There will be three distinct routes over part of the tour, so don't blindly follow anyone else. If you wish to tour with someone

else, let us know so we can assign all parties in the group the same route sheet.

**En route:** Tour at your own pace. Stop for lunch, to shop, to view the scenery. This is not a TSD rally—all you need to worry about is not getting lost and showing up in time for the festivities. For those who do get lost, a sealed envelope of bail-out instructions and maps will be provided, but we won't be held accountable for the verbal abuse to which you may be subjected if you show up with an open envelope!

**Destination:** A beautiful New England country inn in a pictur-

esque New England area. Only your tour masters know the location, so you'll have to trust us to have selected well. You will not be disappointed! You must find it by following the route clues!



**Dinner:** We will share an excellent dinner in our own private dining room at the inn's elegant restaurant. Your tour masters dined there twice recently and the meals and service were both excellent.

**After dinner:** Adjourn to the cozy pub at the inn for the remainder of the evening for more socializing. If we're lucky we may be treated to live classical lute music!

Sunday, May 20

**Breakfast:** Set up just for JANE in the Garden Room (included in room rate). Your tour masters breakfasted there recently and it was as good as the dinners.

**Departure:** At your leisure, and your own route home. Or stay on another night on your own (\$125 for Sunday night). Lots of things to do in the area.

**The JANE Magical Mystery Tour is waiting to take you away!** 🍷

**Upon Arrival:** Cocktail reception and award ceremony for the day's experiences, including a "bent spoke" award, of course. Hors d'oeuvres will be supplied. Cash bar.

# JANE Night on the Lawn at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum

Wednesday, May 23rd

**T**raditionally, this has become our early-season dust-off show-and-shine event. It's time to get into the car season, meet old friends, and make new ones. Have a glass of wine or a beer and enjoy the first-of-the-season barbecue and the cars.

Located at 14 Newton Street in Brookline, MA, the Larz Anderson Auto Museum (www.mot.org) is already known to most JANE members. But if you have never been there, it is located in a beautiful park setting and is a perfect place to bring your Cats for an evening of great food and the relaxed company of other JANE members.

We will gather from 6 to 8 pm for a catered barbecue and a lot of casual tire-kicking. The cost for the event will be \$20 per person, with a very reasonably-priced cash bar. The barbecue will be catered by the widely-renowned Redbones Barbecue of Somerville (www.

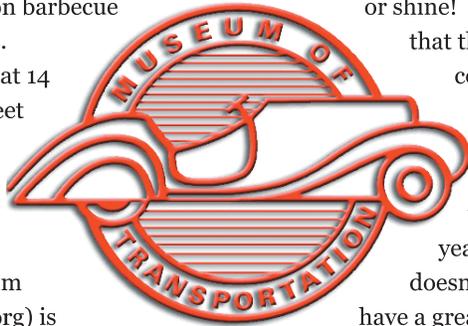
redbones.com), and the menu will consist of ribs, chicken, pulled pork, baked beans, pasta salad, vegetable rice, corn on the cob, cole slaw, corn bread, and bread pudding for dessert. What a feed!

This event will be held rain or shine! We all hope that the weather cooperates and brings out lots of beautiful Cats, the way it did last year. But if it doesn't, we'll still have a great time (as we did in 2005) by moving the barbecue inside and providing other entertainment.

Your hosts are Ray and Sanda O'Brien, who hope that you will come and enjoy a great event and dinner with all of your JANE friends. Please let them know that you're coming by May 11th, since they have to order the food. Send your check for \$20 per person to:

Ray O'Brien  
72 Rawson Road  
Brookline, MA 02445

We look forward to seeing you there!



A scene from last year's JANE-on-the-Lawn event, with dinner in the fading light, and a lovely sunset in the background

# Empire Jaguar Club / VSCCA Track Day at Lime Rock Park

Friday-Saturday, June 1st-2nd

**J**une 1 and 2 are the dates for this year's combined track event at Lime Rock with the Empire Division Jaguar club and the VSCCA.

**Drivers:** There's a large turnout of VSCCA cars expected, and the race groups will be based on the car's potential and driver's experience. This will make for safe, close racing. It is highly recommended that you send in your entry forms early. For entry forms or information about entering, call Charles Bordin during business hours at 914-968-5700.

The racetrack will be in use both Friday and Saturday till 6:00 pm, so you will have plenty of track time. There is also free use of the camping area Thursday and Friday nights along with the bath

and shower facilities for those who wish to camp out on the grounds. The snack bar will be available for breakfast.

**Spectators:** This event has always been run as a family affair—a low-key vintage racing event at one of the nation's most scenic race tracks. The emphasis is on sportsmanship rather than race-winning, but "low-key" doesn't really describe the on-track action. There are upwards of a hundred great old race cars slugging it out just like in days gone by. No crowds, easy parking, lots of great historic cars to admire up close and on the racetrack. It's a fine way to spend a Friday and/or Saturday!

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Friday-Sunday, August 10th-12th

### Race to the Concours

**T**he green flag has been waved and we are two-thirds of the way to the checkered! The hotel is booked, the permits are in hand, the brochures have been mailed, web listings are posted, judges have been tested, volunteers have stepped forward, and sponsors have promised their generous support.

- The host hotel has recently given Head Judge Aldo Cipriano the presidential suite and refreshments gratis for a judges' meeting.
- The Sturbridge Conservation Commission has issued our permit to park on the lawn next to the lake.
- More than 500 brochures have been mailed or placed with dealers and repair shops.
- Marshall Sanft, radio station owner and oldies DJ at 1250AM WARE, has been hired to keep the music flowing all day and night.
- Woburn Jaguar (Woburn Foreign Motors) has made a generous financial commitment of support. Their sponsorship will enable us to make this Concours an event to remember! They have also given us Jaguar iPods and Jaguar golf club covers, among other items, to raffle.
- Lincoln Financial Group, a

leader in financial services (NYSC:LNC), has committed their financial support. This company is new to supporting a Concours, and we are proud that they chose JANE's.

- Dennis Eklof has once again shown his skill at web pages and produced a wonderful site for the Concours. He has made it possible for you to register online. Just go to the 2007 Concours page to find the entrants links.
- Dennis will also be our Concours Registrar. This job is the soul of the event—we cannot thank Dennis enough.
- Carl Hanson has been doing a bang-up job obtaining swag bag goodies and sponsor support. He will also announce the raffle winners at the Concours with the help of his talented bride, Signe.
- Aldo Cipriano has enlisted over thirty judges to help speed the judging process. All hail, Aldo! I will buy him a drink at the cocktail party.
- In charge of Field Setup is Chuck Centore. He is in need of field setup help on Friday afternoon and people to guide cars to their parking spots on Saturday morning. If you have ever dreamed of wearing an orange hazard vest while waving a flashlight, do not delay—call now!
- Our good friends Ed and Cheryl Avis will man the hospitality suite. Help them keep the place tidy, and relieve them so they can see what is going on outside. Two more neatniks to count on would definitely be a plus.
- Avis Mello will lead our amiable group of greeters. She and

her crew will roam the field to say “thank you” and answer concours questions from all entrants while they wait for their cars to be judged.

- We will once again see John Chiungos man the gate Saturday morning. He will cheerfully ensure that the entrants are properly registered.
- Carmen Chiungos will use her beauty and charm to encourage us to buy our limit in raffle tickets. Two or three more volunteers would help Carmen immeasurably.
- So far, the Score Tally Team is Kathy Hall, Patt Centore, and Prebble Eklof. They could use a little more company in their air-conditioned tally room.
- Scrutineers are needed to keep an eye on the judges' score sheets. We have three young volunteers, but three more would seem to be a good balance. As of today, we have one male and two females. (Now there's a good reason to volunteer, guys!)
- Runners are needed to take the finished judging sheets to the tally room.

To volunteer for any of these efforts, please contact our Concours Co-Chairs:

- Michael Kaleel, 617-338-8747 X11, mkaleel@kaleelcompany.com
- Brenda Soussan, 617-953-1457, ideacounselo@earthlink.net

We have planned a fun and leisurely weekend for you and your family. More info on the location, schedule of activities, and other aspects can be found on the JANE website. Come enjoy JANE's once-a-year gathering of the best and finest! 🇺🇸

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## The Sugar Shack, JANE Style

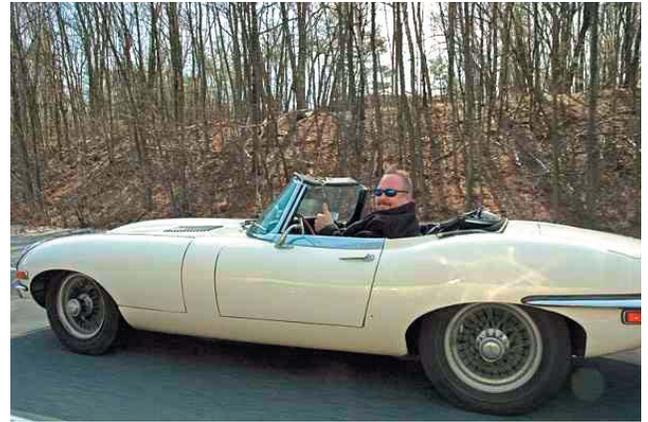
**I**t seemed like a simple request. “Harry, would you like to head up an event—a tour and breakfast to Parker’s Maple Barn like last year?” How could I say no? Brenda Soussan, our new Events Chair, was lining up the calendar for the upcoming year. At a planning meeting, our membership chose the first Sunday of April.

April 1st. I should have known better, but I accepted it and moved forward. I set about planning by calling Parker’s in February well in advance. The answer was that the boss was out

a problem!

I opted to rely on Brenda for some help. Our friends had no computer, so

I couldn’t rely on JANE’s website or my email. I went to their son’s house to get Brenda’s and Carl Hanson’s telephone numbers—I



Dave showed up again in 2007 with his unrestored E Type



Dave Randall’s venerable XK120

and they’d call back. I waited a week or so and tried again—this time I got a different answer: “We don’t take reservations any more, but I’ll talk to the boss about an exception with such a large group (30 or so expected). He’ll get back to you.” I left my cell phone number.

In the meantime, I was preparing to go on an extended trip with Marilyn to visit friends in California. We left without a callback, but I had my cell phone with me, so no fear. One day, I got the call: “Sorry, no exceptions—you can come early (8:30am) or late (3:00pm), or expect to wait for at least an hour.” Houston, we have

got ‘em—Step 1 in the recovery process.

After calling Carl, I got in touch with Brenda (and her computer). Step 2—Brenda called back soon after—she found a place in New Hampshire on the Internet—the Sugar Shack in Barrington—they’d take us on April 1 (all 30 of us). Thanks to Brenda and the Internet, Step 3—case closed.

Three weeks later, back in

NH, warm and tanned, I called the Sugar Shack to pick up from Brenda—we were on for the 1st of April. On to planning the tour! I made a dry run a few days before and it went well after a few adjustments. All was set for the event.

On Sunday, the 1st of April, we met at Skip’s in Chelmsford. It was a decent day, if a little cold. At the appointed hour (10:30am), the caravan departed. Four cars chose to keep the tops down: Mike Axford, Dennis Eklof, Dave Pratt, and Dave Randall (no side curtains)! Carl Hanson and John Brady (his navigator), missed the first turn onto I-495 (they caught up). Up 495 to I-93 to Route 102 in Derry, NH. Then Route 102 to Route 101 to Route 125, around the roundabout (traffic circle) and,



New JANE members Mike and Patty Axford in their recently-acquired 1996 XJS, partially obscured by the folded convertible top of Dennis Eklof’s E Type

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to an event-  
filled year!*  
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in a few hundred yards, there's the Sugar Shack.

We were treated to a delicious buffet brunch with

pancakes, waffles, and a lot of sides, topped off with their own maple syrup harvested and processed on the premises. A country-western singer who could be heard over the din of the crowd supplied background music. I got

some good comments on the food.

After brunch, we retired to the parking lot to visit, look

at our cars, and get acquainted. What started out as the sailing of the Titanic ended up as a successful crossing! I counted 35 JANE members as the final tally.



One of the several JANE tables we occupied: Carol & Don Holden, Dave Randall, David Twombly, Becky Randall, and Bruce & Jane Murray

Great start to an event-filled year, thanks to Brenda and the JANE members who will chair them!

P.S. We got a lot of post-event publicity when our Prez Carl Hanson posed in front of the Cedar Waters Nudist Park sign with his



Mike Kaleel, not facing the camera, is a new 120 owner intent on learning everything he can about the model

car—it got posted on the Jag Lovers XK website. Carl, of course, was fully clothed—it was just too darn cold... ❄️



Meal's over! It's time for the tire kicking on this beautiful day. That's Carl's XK120, Mike Kaleel's XKR, Dave Pratt's XK8, and Steve Thomas's XJ8

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# A Primer

By Brenda Soussan

## How to Run an Event

**H**ave you ever wondered how JANE events happen? Well, any member can sponsor an event! It can be as elaborate as the Magical Mystery Tour coming up this month, or as simple as contacting your local ice cream stand and asking if they would like Jags to come by on a given evening. Here's a typical scenario:

1) A member of JANE (you, for example) comes up with an idea for an event that he or she would like to sponsor. Then...

2) Check the Calendar on the JANE website or in *The Coventry Cat* for possible scheduling conflicts. If there don't appear to be any...

3) Write up a little article about the event. Date, place, time, theme, cost, whom to contact, where to send the check, etc. An interesting write-up will get a great turnout! Next...

4) Contact the Events Chair (Brenda Soussan—see Page 3), who'll get the word out to everybody via email, the website, and *The Cat*. You'll then...

5) Respond to all inquiries by potential participants. And...

6) If there is a restaurant or caterer involved, make sure to make proper arrangements plenty of time in advance. Following that...

7) If the event is to be a driving event, the route should be driven sometime the week before to verify that the roads are not blocked or under construction. On the day of the event...

8) Arrive before the participants, bring a camera, provide instructions or directions if they might be needed. You and your

group are sure to have fun! And finally...

9) Write an article about your event for *The Cat* and the website. Send these (with photos) to Dave Pratt and Dennis Eklof (see Page 3).

JANE now has a flag emblazoned with our proud logo and a compact, portable flagstaff that can be used for your event. The flagstaff can be set in the ground or can be held up by the weight of a car wheel. Instructions included. You will need to sign this out.

Sometime in May, we'll also have JANE car flags for your side windows that can be purchased by the participants.

All sponsored events must be

self-supporting. Here are some ideas:

- Tour to a polo match, with awards for the best tailgate
- Local ice cream stand cruise night, Jag style
- Tech session at a Jaguar dealership
- A visit to a detailing shop
- We will support any reason to get together!

So just follow our simple nine-step program and you can pitch in too! There are lots of things that can be done, so choose something that interests you and do it. Join in the fun by participating in events and, better yet, making them happen! 🎉

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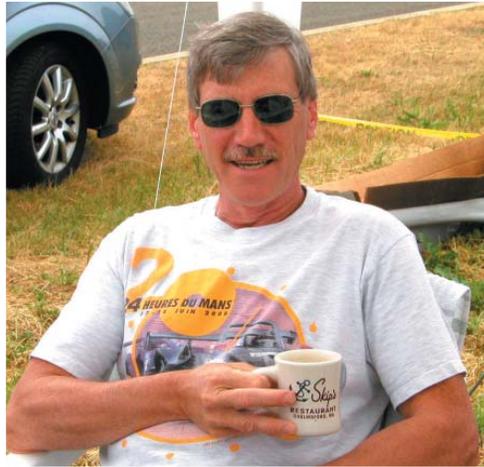
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## March Meeting Report The Brady Brothers at LeMans 2006

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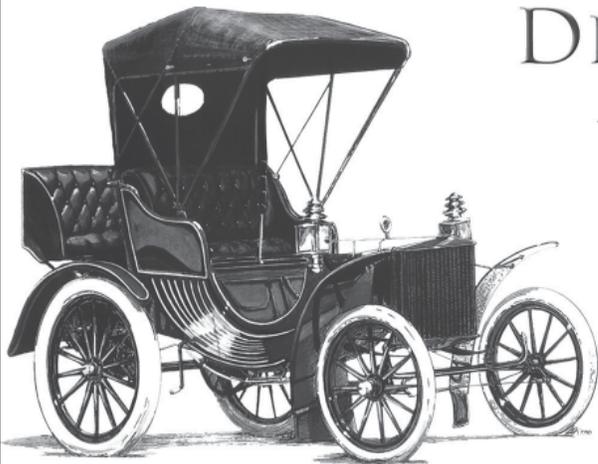
**M**arch was another of our “social” meetings, with minimal business and a great presentation. John and Tom Brady entertained us with slides and description of last year’s LeMans 24-hour race—the fifteenth time they have attended the greatest sports car race in the world. After orienting us with maps and a course description, they let us in on how it feels to camp at Maison Blanc, the premier campground just a few hundred feet from the track. Several rules apply

to a Brady camping trip, including one that was key to their comfort: “No sitting on the ground!” Tents and sleeping bags are brought from home, but everything else—chairs, table, canopy, cookware, plates, cups, and utensils—is procured at Carrefour (the French equivalent of Wal-Mart) and abandoned after the race. Don’t fret—everything goes to a good home—gypsies swarm through the campgrounds after the race to sweep up all the good stuff left by the campers.

The race was won by (who else?) Audi again. And Corvettes did very well again, winning their class. But even more interesting was the “Legends Race”, where C Type and D Type Jaguars ruled. Sir Stirling Moss’s C Type wasn’t running, so he drove a Ford GT40 this year. The photos of the legendary cars were amazing.

This year, the Brady presentation was enlivened by a quiz regarding little-known facts about the race. For example, how many times has Jaguar won? (7) What driver has won the most races? (Kristensen of Denmark) How long is the race? (24 hours) The people with the most correct answers won rare bumper stickers from 2005 LeMans, probably worth several dollars on eBay. As always, the Brady brothers brought home a feel for the crowds, the pits, the ceremonies, the race, life in the campground, and (as a special treat for those of us who were watching the slides carefully) they saved the best picture for “The End!” 🏁

—Carl Hanson



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