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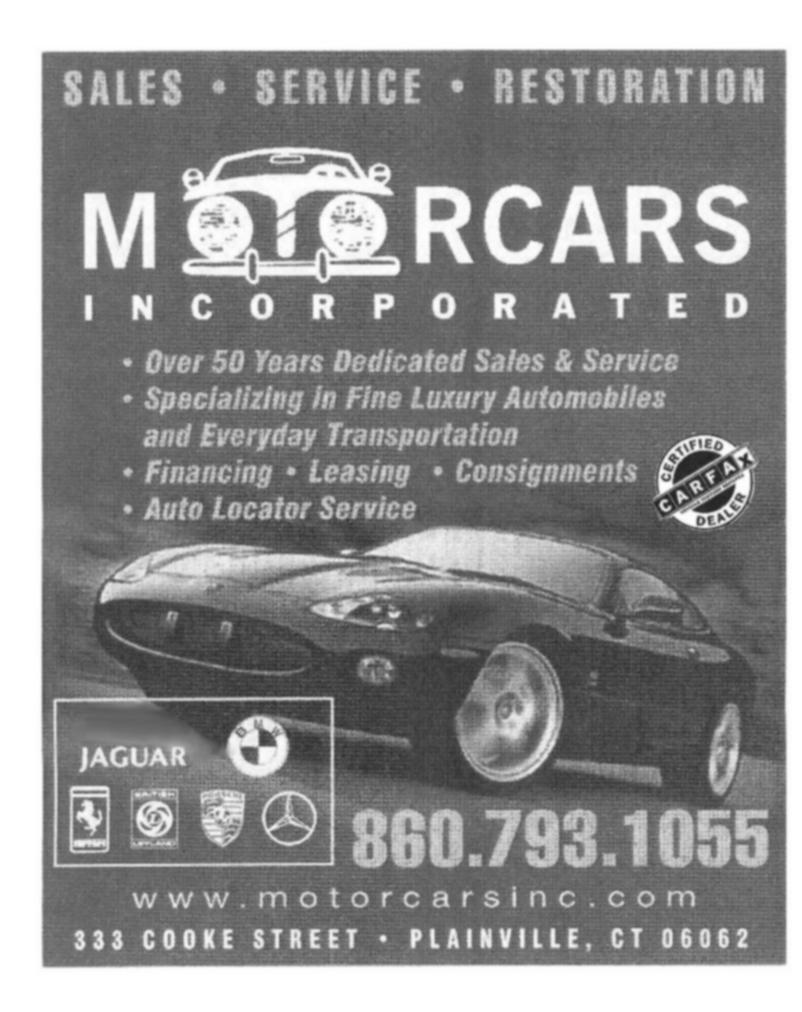


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Events for the year which JANE will host, co-host or participate in as a club. Contact Dave Randall at 978-887-9616 for details

August 2005

JANE Concours, Sturbridge, MA	.August 13
JANE Poker Rally, Sturbridge, MA	August 14
Owl's Head Car Auction, Owl's Head, ME	August 20
JANE outing, Avis Mello's	August 28

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The annual JANE Concours is fast approaching. I hope you have made plans to attend. The dates are August 12th, 13th and 14th and it's at the Host Inn on Cedar Lake in Sturbridge, MA.

We have a full weekend of events planned capped off by the JCNA Concours on the lawn on Saturday followed by dinner under the tent at lakeside.

The silent auction, raffle, and merchandise sale will be held concurrently with the Concours judg-ing.

Carmen Chiungos is again acting as our club hostess at the hospitality suite, open at convenient times during the weekend as a place near by the lake and the judging field to relax, meet friends or have a refreshment.

Back by popular demand, Steve Ring is hosting Friday Night at the Movies as well as his Jaguar Collectibles Road Show on Saturday night after the banquet.

And Sunday, JANR has a new Poker Rally, a non-technical rally, run by Chuck Centore, so try your hand at winning the rally by having been dealt the best hand

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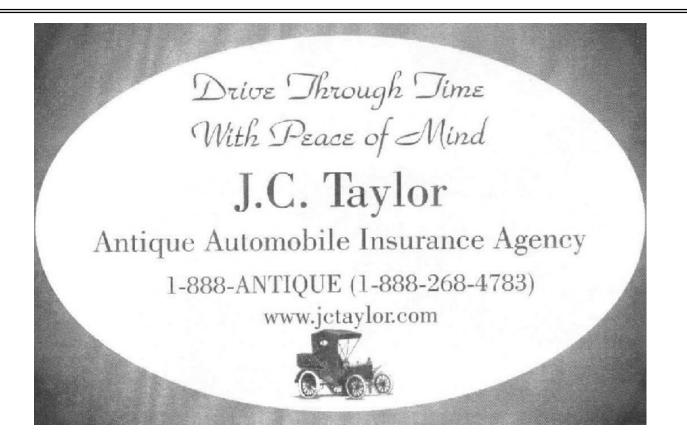
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Dick Whyte's XK140

With the steel-bodied XK120 OTS was well established, Jaguar introduced the XK120 Fixed Head Coupe (FHC) in 1951; this was a hard-topped model with roll-up windows and door handles. The company introduced the XK120 Drop Head Coupe (DHC) in 1953, featuring a padded top that went partially down, roll-up windows, door handles and more luxurious interior trim. Performance variations included M models with either fog lights or windshield squirters, and the C-head with larger intake and exhaust valves that beefed up the engine from 190 to 210 horsepower.

But there were complaints from this side of the Atlantic that the XK120 interiors were too tight and the foot pedals were too close together, says Gary Hagopian. Plus, the bumper-less cars were getting dented in the melee of parallel parking. And Jaguar's racing development program was producing innovations that the company wanted to incorporate into production models.

Gary Hagopian, past JCNA president, active JCNA judge, and 1991 JCNA Grand National Champion with his XK140 Open Two Seater (OTS), explains that Jaguar continued to develop the XK product line. So for the 1955 model year, Jaguar introduced the XK140 in OTS, FHC and DHC models. The biggest visual differences were more robust bumpers, more chrome, different tail lamps, a chrome trunk strip with a medallion, and a less refined cast front grille, Hagopian explains. The interiors featured more legroom by moving the firewall forward and simpler, straight seats.

Jaguar XK140 First: Rack-and- Pinion Steering

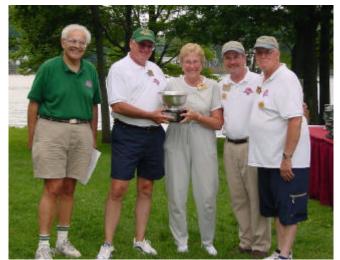
Technologically, the XK140 incorporated major advancements, notably replacing the recirculating-ball steering box with rackand pinion steering—according to Hagopian, one of the first production cars to offer this feature. The XK140 also replaced the oldfashioned arm-type shocks with telescoping shock absorbers. And there were turn signals. For added performance, the C-head was an option on the 3.4-liter engine. The M package included windshield squirters, dual exhaust, fog lights and wire wheels. Some of the 140 OTS models had an overdrive as an option on the manual transmission; a three-speed automatic transmission was available on FHC and DHC models in 1956."The 140 out-handles a 120 due to better shocks and more precise steering," says Hagopian. "Plus the seating position is more comfortable."

Richard Whyte of Center Conway, N.H., owner of our featured 100-point 1956 XK140 MC OTS, says he went for the 140 because he's six feet tall and needs the extra legroom. But he also had sentimental reasons for his XK purchase five years ago." When I got out of the Marine Corps in 1956, I bought a white 1955 XKI40 MC on an impulse in California, and drove it home across the country," explains Whyte. "I only had it about a year, as I got married, started a family and needed a bigger car. I vowed I'd get another one some day, and kept the California plate. I waited 40 years, and now that California plate graces the front of my green 1956 XK140 MC."

Whyte still loves the way this 210- horsepower car drives. "It might be 1956 technology but the car is very responsive and maneuverable," he says. "I can take it quick around turns and it will stick in the corners. I get such a feel for the road in the car, and those big front fenders swooping up make me smile when I drive it." He admits he doesn't drive his prize show car very often.

Although the car looked great when he bought it, Whyte took the car to Bassett's Jaguar in Wyoming, RI., for a major restoration aiming to compete in top concours shows. The renovation was extensive and exhaustive in terms of authenticity. "The upholstery was nice but it wasn't correct; the body was beautiful but was missing certain original parts; the engine had been put together haphazardly and needed to be completely rebuilt," explains Whyte.

Seemingly minor details required time and persistence to resolve. For instance, judges initially knocked points off Whyte's car for using replacement hose clamps. Since the originals are no longer made, Whyte searched the swap meets, and finally found some rusty 1950s clamps that he sent out to be acid cleaned and cad plated. Whyte's fanaticism has paid off—his 140 has always taken first place in its class in Jaguar Club shows in the northeast region, and once received a perfect 100 score.



Dick and Elaine Whyte Best in Show at the 2003 JANE Concours

XK Restoration and Value

Parts availability for the engine isn't a problem since the Lyons engine was used for decades. But other components can be harder to find, acknowledges Bill Bassett, who coordinated Whyte's 140 restoration and has been restoring Jaguar XKs since 1973.

To ensure quality, Bassett's shop has resorted through the years to custom-making many parts to prepare daily drivers and show cars, including metal, molded rubber, plastic and wood components, plus exhaust systems and custom tops, upholstery and carpeting. For show cars, he often knows more about the model's intricacies than the judges, and can help resolve point deficiencies and source authentic parts.

Bassett says that XKs tend to overheat, so restorations always address the radiator, water pumps and other cooling components. A complete rewiring is usually warranted to resolve typical electrical problems. "Once restored, they're quite reliable cars," he adds.

"A full XK restoration can easily top \$100,000, depending on the original condition and attention to detail," says Bassett. "Owners often invest more than the car is worth. But resale prices for these models have been climbing, so a restoration will provide decent value if done properly." It could cost up to \$200,000 today to fully restore an XK20 alloy-bodied car. Whyte says you can find a good XK140 to drive around town for about \$40,000. But his advice is to buy an already-restored top-point car if you want to enter the show world. "You can buy a winning 140 for about \$80,000, but you'll spend \$125,000 on a restoration project with a good restorer," he says.

100-Point Concours Cars

Once you decide your car is ready to show, a serious commitment to preparation is mandatory, as Jaguar judges are notoriously strict about both authenticity and cleanliness. Whyte spends a week preparing his XKI40 for a show, even pulling off the wheels and cleaning them one wire spoke at a time. "I'm thorough," he admits. He uses Meguiar's deep cleaning polish with a multidirectional vibrating machine, and coats the body with Buffalo Milke, a silicone-free product that provides a wet brilliance on chrome and paint.

This article first appeared in the March 2005 issue of Classic Motorsports and has been edited for the Coventry Cat Visit to the Collection of Robert Bahre in Paris, Maine Saturday, July 16



Twenty-seven JANE members made the trip to Paris Hill, Maine, to visit the private collection of Robert Bahre, and all had a good day. Normally the collection is closed to the public and can be viewed only in private showings. However, once a year the town of Paris Hill celebrates Founders Day, and in support the town library and museum, Mr. Bahre opens his collection to the public.

We started at the Portsmouth Traffic Circle and departed at about 9:30 a.m. Eight cars (including 5 Jaguars) made the mile trek to our lunch site, with about 35 miles on 1-95 and the rest on some lovely secondary roads. However, everything not go quite as planned. Since the route was planned, the Maine highway department decided to completely dig up a section of one of the roads, so we had 2 or so miles of dirt to traverse. Then we got hung up in a small town parade in the town of Buxton. It took several turns (including one U turn) work our way around the blockage.

We finally made it to the lunch stop about an hour late, but fortunately we had called ahead and the staff at McLaughlin Gardens was ready for us and lunch went off without a hitch.

Following lunch we made our way up to Paris Hill, where we parked on a private lawn just 50 yards from the collection, thanks to the generosity of homeowners Matt and Celia Deitrich. From there it was but a short walk to the village green where we set up the JANE tailgate party. (Dennis and Prebble had a great wine and cheese table with fresh grapes, a very nice touch. See the pictures ED)

At 3 o'clock we met with Jeff Orwig, the curator of the collection. Jeff took us on a guided tour of the 70-vehicle collection and shared with us the history and unique characteristics of each and every one. He even started several of the older cars, including a huge hand-cranked Panard & Levassor. Jeff proved to be a congenial, knowledgeable, and entertaining host, and everyone really enjoyed his tour.

After the tour a few hangers-on stayed around for some more snacks and beverages before heading home.

It was a terrific day, if a bit warm. and everyone had a good time. *By Dennis & Prebble Eklof*







Top left: Bob Bahre's garage, home to his car collection;

Top right: JANE members bring briefed by curator Jeff Orwig; car is a Brewster Buick

Center right:Patt Centore and an Italian Alfa Romero

Bottom right: A beautiful 1970 Mercedes 280SL at the head of a row of Mercedes

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Top right: Jeff Orwig, the curator and our tour guide to the Bob Bahre Collection

Bottom right: Wes Keyes and his traveling XK engine...it's a running demonstration of his newly formed business. He takes it to car shows to jump start his engine rebuilding

Bob Bahre Tour

Top left: A 1921 Mercedes with an 18.8 litre engine; Jeff Orwig says it's the most frightening car he's ever driven Center Left: A Tucker, only one of 50, number 36; Bottom Left: JANE members take a break under the trees with wine, cheese, and fruit provided by the Eklofs. Photos in the Coventry Cat and on the JANE web site by Adrian Curtis, Tom Finan, Chuck Centore, and Dennis Eklof

COVENTRY CAT



JANE's Concours at Sturbridge this month

This month's Coventry Cat has an entry form for the JANE Concours, held at Sturbridge on the 12-14th of August. If you plan to enter cars in the Concours, attend the dinner, or run the in the Poker Rally, please use the form on page 9. Check off the events, send a check along with the application to Adrienne Cousins and you're all set. Friday night registration at the event will be the only other chance to sign up. Ed Hall has reserved a block of rooms at the Sturbridge Host Inn so call up to make your reservations soon.

Carmen Chiungos is hosting JANE's hospitality suite which is open Friday through Sunday with refreshments, snacks, and beverages as well as a con tinental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday

This year at the Concours, there's another Jaguar Movie and some more Jaguar collectables. Friday Night at the Movies, Jaguars.

This year at the JANE Concours the movie will be an early XK racing thriller.... an escaped convict the Kimball prototype - kidnaps a beautiful woman and makes his way to Mexico. The reviewer states: fans of the genre of 1950's juvenile delinquents flicks with a bent for fast cars...will love this movie. Was this guy at the last JANE meeting or what? As always bring your POPCORN.

The Concours is, of course, the main event. Adrienne Cousins is registrar for the entries while Eric Hagopian is again heading up the team of judges. Judging will start at 12:30.The tallying and scoring team will add up the results as well as class placement. The trophy awards will follow at about 4 o'clock.

The banquet, under the tent at lakeside, will start at 6:00PM with a cash bar and a delicious buffet. Last year's dinner was well attended so make your reservations now. Dinners must be prepaid by August 2 as JANE must guarantee the number of attendees so please reserve yours as soon as possible.

After the dinner, it's time for Saturday Night-Jaguar Collectable Road Show. Bring an interesting and fun Jaguar item for our version of "show and tell". As usual, Steve Ring will preside at the movies as well as the road show

A poker rally is planned for Sunday morning with a \$10.00 ante to play. At five stops along the rally route, each entrant is given a card for the deck. The best poker hand returning to the Host Inn splits the pot with JANE.

Carl Hanson is soliciting items for our silent auction as well as our raffle. He would appreciate any contribution of any item (cash is accepted)

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JANE POKER RUN

If you're lucky at cards, then enter our poker run held on Sunday morning of the Concours weekend, August 14th. The winning hand splits the pot with JANE. Here's the rules

Each entrant will drive to several selected locations as noted on the JANE Poker Run Direction Sheet and will collect 5 playing cards. The 5 cards will make a poker hand and the entrant with the best poker hand will be the winner and will collect an amount of money equal to one half of the collected pot. There can be more than one entrant per car as long as each entrant ante's up.

Cards can not be swapped. There are no wild cards. Only official Poker Run Cards will be accepted for your hand and each Entrant will be assigned a special number.

At the home location, the start at the Host Inn, each Entrant will select one card from a deck as they begin their run. The Dealer will write the Entrants number on the reverse side of the card and hand it back to the entrant.

The Entrant will then proceed to location #2 noted in their official JANE Poker Run driving instructions. Here they will select another card from a remote dealer. That will be marked with their entrant's number

The Entrant will continue to drive to location #3 and select two additional cards, again they will be marked with their entrant's number.

The drive from this point will be back to the starting point where they will select the fifth and final card. Once marked with their entrant number, they will be required to present their poker hand to the event judge.

The more entrants we have the bigger the pot we have.

There are no complicated directions or times recorded. The best poker hand gets the money. The pot's split between JANE and the winning hand.

Brunch will follow the end of the rally.

Submitted by your dealer, Chuck Centore

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Sturbridge, MA	August 12-14	Ed Hall
Owl's Head, Museum, Owl's Head, ME	August 20	Harry Parkinson
Avis Mello's	August 28	Avis Mello
Chauncey Creek, ME	September 25	Wes Keyes
Nation's Capital, Rockville, MD	September 10	Bill Moore
Stowe, VT	September 15-18	Michael Gaetano
Augusta, GA	September 21-25	
Berlin,CT	October 9	Ken Haas
Tenants Harbor/Owls Head, ME	October 8-9	Dave Herrick
Randolph, NJ	October 22	Steve Weinstein
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JANE's tentative events calendar

Avis Mello Outing

Avis Mello has once again invited JANE members to her summer on Lake Winnipesaukee. It is scheduled for Sunday, August 28. Get there around 11:00AM and enjoy a day at the lake

Those of you who attended last year would agree that it was one of the best of summer outing's. This is a family event so all ages are welcome. Swimming, boating, lounging, and socializing is encouraged,

Food will be an outdoor BBQ with the usual menu as well as sodas and other beverages. A fee of \$15.00 will be charged for each adult to cover the cost.

Adrian Curtis will meet the Alton traffic circle at the Citgo station, the intersection of Route 28 and Route 11 between 10:00 and 10:30 AM to caravan to Avis' home in Wolfeboro.

Avis is working on the details including directions. We'll let you know more via our email blaster. Or call Adrian or Sue Curtis at 603-293-4938

Owl's Head Foreign Car Day

The last planned trip of the year is planned for Owl's Head, ME and a day at the Owl's Head Foreign Car Show. It's on the Columbus holiday weekend, the 8th, 9th and 10th of October.

Last year, most JANE members stayed at the East Wind Inn at Tenant's Harbor (www.eastwindinn.com). It's convenient to not only the Owl's Head Museum, but also to Rockport, the hub town in the area. Several JANE members bid and won a week at a nearby summer home at the Larz Anderson dinner and will be staying for weekend and the following week. They'll be attending the Car Show as well as other JANE events planned for the weekend.

Last year, JANE took a tour of Rockport and Camden, led by Dave Herrick, visited the Farnsworth Museum, devoted to the Wyeths, and attended the Owl's Head Car Show. It was a delightful extended weekend.

Once again, Dave and Liz Herrick will help in planning and coordinating the event.

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Located in Plainville, CT, just outside of Hartford, the service area has room for several cars. Dean has undertaken performance upgrades of a number of Jaguars including a 5 speed conversion of a XJS 12C owned by Ken Haas, a JCSNE member, Ken slaloms, rallies and shows the car at JCSNE and JANE events.

Dean's personal car, a limited production XJS, factory 5 speed, is his latest. It shows very well in slalom and Concours events

Dean's brother Joe is no longer active in the business, but Joe, JR has taken over and is now an active partner.

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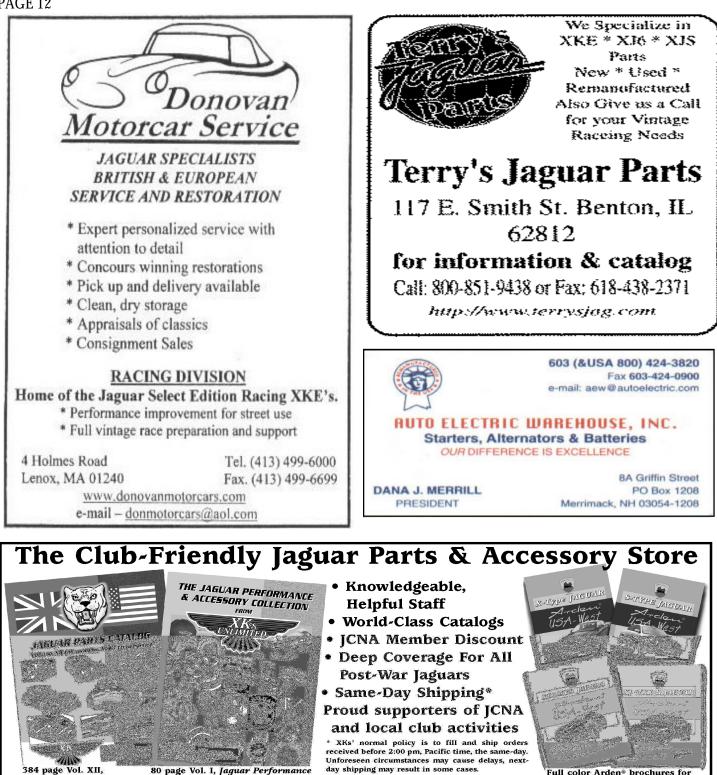
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