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**Prebble Eklof receiving the Karen Miller JCNA 2009 Newsletter Editor of the Year Award from Mike Cook, Editor of Jaguar Journal (right), and Kurt Rappold, JCNA Awards Chair (center)**  
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# President's Update April 2010



## Springtime in New England and JANE's First Driving Event of 2010

By Dennis Eklof

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The monumental rainstorms of the past few weeks followed by unseasonably warm weather this week have spring bursting out all over. The daffodils are up, our huge forsythia clump is about to explode in color, and the fruit trees are about to bloom. What a glorious time of the year in New England, especially for us Jaguar lovers finally getting back into our dormant cars.

But before getting to the joys of Jaguars and JANE in the spring, I need to open on a somber note. JANE lost another long-time member and all-round great guy in March when Steve Fairchild passed away after an extended illness. Steve, his lovely wife, Holly, and their beautiful black XK140 OTS were frequent participants in JANE's Concours, other JANE events, and other car events such as the British Invasion. We will all miss Steve. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 10, at 10 a.m. at the Plymouth Country Club in Plymouth, MA.

Perhaps the best news from March was that Prebble Eklof received the Karen Miller Award from JCNA for the 2009 Newsletter Editor of the Year! It is the second time in five years that the *Coventry Cat* editor has been selected, the first being Harry Parkinson in 2005. Prebble was delighted and very honored to receive the award. She thanked all of the JANE members who contribute so much terrific material to make the Cat the fine publication that it is. You can read all about our trip to the JCNA AGM on page 14 in this issue of the Cat, or on the website with lots of photos.

Other happenings in March included an excellent Tech Session at Donovan Motorcars in Lenox, MA; JANE's annual Maple Syrup Tour; and, at our regular monthly meeting, an excellent presentation by Tom Brady and Keith Carlson about their 2009 trip to the Monterey Historic Races and Pebble Beach Concours. Event reports are on pages 10 and 12, and as always on the JANE website with many more photos than will fit in the printed Cat.

March, of course, is history. If you missed it, you missed it. But what's ahead in the coming weeks? It turns out that we have some great events coming in April and May.

In April we start off with a return visit to F1 Boston for kart racing. We plan to have JANE-only track access, and it will be fun to compete amongst ourselves. Next on the agenda is another Tech Session, this time at Upton Foreign Motors in Upton, MA, on April 24th. Dana Schwehr, owner of Upton Motors, has offered the use of his lifts and the benefits of his expertise (he is a Jaguar Certified Technician) in inspecting your car and diagnosing any of its challenges. It should be a worthwhile session. We wrap up April events on the following day with our annual Judges' Training Session in preparation for our Concours. Woburn Jaguar has generously offered their facilities for this session. And then there's our April monthly meeting at Wayside Inn on April 28th.

May is also packed with great events. We'll open May with a visit to a terrific car collection, thanks to JANE member Chuck Schwager. Chuck's collection is a truly spectacular assortment of sports cars spanning the 1950s to the present. It is not to be missed.

Next up in May is a JANE BBQ sponsored by SNG Barratt at their facility in Manchester, NH. Tony Lee promises good food, access to their stash of used parts, and a good time for all.

Third on the May agenda is a joint event with JCSNE, a weekend touring event to the Kitzhof Inn in Vermont. The Kitzhof Inn caters to many car clubs, and helps arrange local tours and other car events for their motorhead guests. JANE and JCSNE will have the entire inn to themselves, so it promises to be a fun weekend. We still need a JANE event coordinator for this event, so contact our Events Chairperson, Carl Hanson, or me if you are planning to attend and are willing to be the coordinator.

Finally, in May we have our annual JANE on the Lawn event at Larz Anderson Automobile Museum on May 26. Check out the details on all of the April and May events in the following pages.

Phew -- what a schedule. No wonder I am running behind in everything else!

With the arrival of spring there are so many things to be done I can't keep up. We had hoped to complete an interior renovation project in our house before the spring, but that is running behind. My garage/shop makeover project, about which I have written in prior notes, is stalled. It is basically complete, but I have yet to move all the stuff back into the shop from the garage area. I still need to get the Stalker out of winter storage and ready for Lime Rock in early June, get some maintenance done on Elizabeth, our E-Type, get my Triumph Bonneville ready for some riding this summer, get the pool opened for our grandchildren.... The list seems to go on and on. Nonetheless, IT'S GREAT TO SEE SPRING!

See you at an event soon I hope. 

Dennis

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

## April

10 - Sat - Noon	JANE Formula 1 Boston Kart Racing	Braintree, MA
24 - Sat - 9 a.m.	JANE Tech Session at Upton Foreign Motors	Upton, MA
25 - Sun - 10 a.m.	JANE Judges' Training Workshop	Woburn Jaguar, Woburn, MA
28 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

## May

08 - Sat	JANE Visit to Chuck Schwager's Car Collection	Middleton, NH
15 - Sat	SNG Barratt BBQ and Open House	Manchester, NH
21 - 23 - Weekend	JANE/JCSNE "Jaguar Spring Getaway Weekend"	Kitzhof Inn, Dover, VT
26 - Wed - 6 p.m.	JANE Picnic on the Lawn at Larz Anderson	Brookline, MA

## June

4 - 5 - Fri - Sat	Empire Jaguar Club/VSCCA Track Days	Lime Rock, CT
6 - Sun - 9 a.m.	British Car Day at Larz Anderson Auto Museum	Brookline, MA
12 - Sat	JANE Autojumble at Warren Cossitt's Shop	Hyde Park, MA
13 - Sun	JCSNE Concours	Middlefield, CT
19 - Sat - 9 a.m.	JANE Spring Slalom	Devens Airfield, Ayer, MA
23 - Wed	JANE Monthly Meeting - Joint with MG Car Club	British Consulate, Cambridge, MA
27 - Sun	JANE "Brush Hill Classic" Picnic at Keith Carlson's	Milton, MA

## July

TBA	Cruise Night at Kimball Farm	Westford, MA
11 - Sun - 1 p.m.	JANE at Myopia Hunt Club Polo Matches	Hamilton, MA
24-25 - Weekend	JANE at 24 Hours of LeMons Race	Stafford Springs, CT
28 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
31 - Sat	JANE Jaguar Festival and Concours d'Elegance	Sturbridge, MA

## August

7-8 - Weekend	British Cars of New Hampshire - Show of Dreams	Wolfeboro, NH
TBA - Weekend	JANE Adirondack Tour	Saratoga Sprgs/Lake Placid, NY
25 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

## September

3 - 6 - Weekend	Vintage Festival	Lime Rock, CT
12 - Sun - 1:30 p.m.	JANE Pot Luck Picnic, Lawn and Pool Party	Groton, MA
17-19 - Weekend	British Invasion - 20th Annual	Stowe, VT
22 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

## October

3 - Sun	JANE Autumn Slalom	Devens Airfield, Ayer, MA
9-10 - Weekend	Owls Head Trans. Museum Foreign Car Show	Owls Head, ME
10 - Sun	Cape Cod British Car Club's British Legends Weekend	Marina Park, Falmouth, MA
10 - Sun	JANE in Columbus Day Parade	Boston, MA
TBA	JANE North Shore Tour	Salem, MA
27 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

## November

17 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
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## December

5 - Sun - 3 p.m.	JANE AGM and Holiday Party	Vesper Country Club, Tyngsboro, MA
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# From the Editor

**I** am still a bit in disbelief at being honored as the recipient of the **Karen Miller JCNA 2009 Newsletter Editor of the Year Award!** Who woulda thunk it?

When they announced my name, I was so shocked I couldn't even stand up right away. Dennis sprang out of his chair immediately and shouted "you won!" My immediate question to him was "did you know this?" He did not, and we now know that JCNA does not divulge the name of the recipient until it is announced at the Awards Banquet. It was a complete surprise.

My heartfelt thanks to all of you JANE members who are so supportive of my efforts and are incredibly generous in providing me with a wealth of material to use each month.

Our beloved Harry Parkinson was the second recipient of this award, named in honor of Karen Miller, a very active contributor to the growth of JCNA for more than 30 years until her death in 2003. I am thrilled to bring this award back to JANE and New England.

THANK YOU, JCNA! And  
THANK YOU, JANE! 🍷

*Prebble*

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# Remembering Steve Fairchild

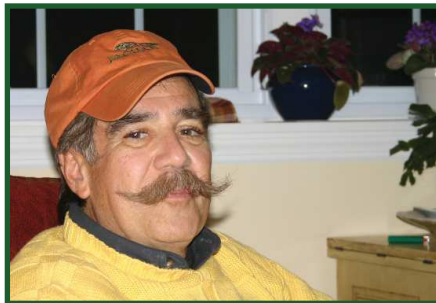
By Bruce Cunningham

**Steve Fairchild died on March 28.**

... I thought I was going to follow that with something right away, but those six words stopped any more from coming out for a while as the sadness welled up again, as it has so many times in the last few days. Steve was a good friend. That's an understatement, but it kind of sums it all up. That's why I miss him.

The trouble Steve ran into that finally did him in was his stroke a couple of years ago - and one of the ways he was dealing with the after-effects let us all know that he was still there in that failing body being the guy we loved. His speech was affected by the stroke, and he often used non-verbal clues to make a bit of a game out of helping us guess what words he was trying to say -- kind of turning lemons into lemonade and putting us at ease in conversation. It was like charades. He fought long and hard, but eventually it became clear to him that the stroke was going to win. He finally had enough.

Donna and I usually saw Steve and Holly only once or twice a year at our annual Brigadoon weekend and maybe another Jaguar event - but Steve was one of those friends you just feel like calling once in a while because the pleasant memory of the last time is starting to fade. Kind of like an addiction. In fact, last Monday morning, March 29, I was thinking about Steve and decided to call him that afternoon. Just after lunch, the



phone rang and it was Holly. As soon as I heard her voice, I knew I had missed my last chance to talk to Steve.

Steve was kind and patient - and one of the best listeners I have ever known. It was always clear when you were talking to him that the only thing on his mind was what was on your mind, and that's not just a listening skill - it's who he was. His caring about other people was clearly expressed in the way he listened - intensely tuned

in to what they thought and felt.

Steve and I violated the supposedly strict Brigadoon code of not discussing religion or politics, and we had some great discussions with never an argument. In fact, of all the subjects we explored together, I don't remember XKs being one of them. The greatest thing about JANE and the XK list is all the great friends we find there - and Steve is one of the best examples of that.

Holly said Steve "loved life and had a great life." One look at his bright yellow with yellow-orange flames motorbike tells you that. And he added great love and joy to other people's lives along the way. His was not just a face in the crowd - especially with the handlebar mustache that was rivaled only by the handlebar on his motorbike - and he will not be forgotten. 🍀



Steve and Holly Fairchild in their XK140 OTS  
during the Brigadooner weekend on Martha's Vineyard in May 2009  
Photo by Bruce Cunningham



# Upcoming Events

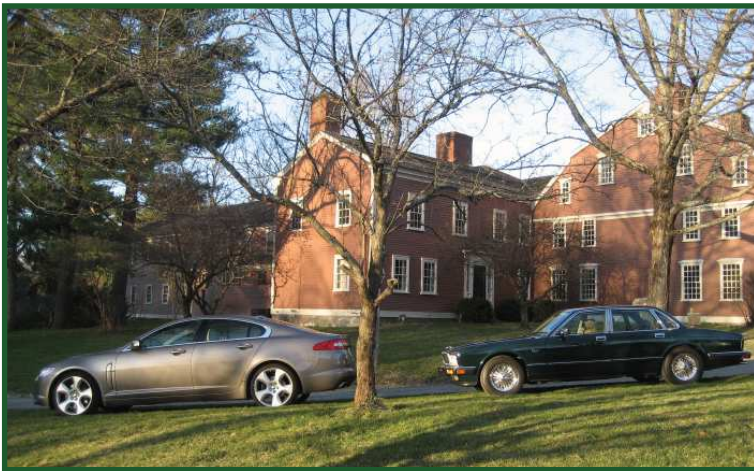
## **JANE Monthly Meetings** **Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA**



Longfellow's Wayside Inn

**J**ANE's monthly meetings are at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except for November and December - see calendar). Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 28th, at Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury.

Come early for drinks in The Old Bar, and enjoy the meeting over dinner afterwards. Here are a few scenes from the March meeting. 🇬🇧



Two beautiful Jaguars out for our March meeting, with the also beautiful Wayside Inn in the background.



Here's Carl Hanson showing us his trophy for his 1951 XK120's 1st place in the Regional Concours Standings in Class D01. Congratulations to Carl and "Blue Moon" for another fine award.



Jag guys in The Old Tavern before our dinner meeting.



The ladies enjoy our meetings, too. Here are Kathy McGirr and Crin Coull enjoying wine and sharing a story or two in The Old Tavern before dinner.



Keith Carlson and Tom Brady getting set up for their 2009 Pebble Beach presentation at the March meeting.

## Formula 1 Kart Racing Saturday, April 10th

**This event is intended as a “tune-up” for our upcoming slalom season.** Come knock the rust off those driving skills to prepare for the June 19th and October 3rd JANE slaloms. To provide some additional incentive, we will also be counting this event in a planned “season long” award based on competition in this event and both of the JANE slaloms. Details are TBA.

We will be running a “Mini Grand Prix” just for the JANE folks, consisting of three 15-lap races followed by a 20-lap final. Trophies will be awarded. Arrive at Formula 1 Boston by noon. You’ll need to allow time to register, suit up, and get the driver briefing. You’ll be put against other drivers scored by



a computerized, split-second timing system, the same system used in professional racing. Racing will begin at 1 p.m. You must be 18 years of age and have a valid driver’s license. Shoes or sneakers are required -- no open-toes sandals allowed.

The cost per entrant is \$90, of which \$80 goes to F1 and \$10 to JANE for trophies.

We can take up to 12 people, so first come, first served. **Please contact Tom Parish at [tparish@carlisle-co.com](mailto:tparish@carlisle-co.com) to make your reservation, or for any questions you have about the event.**

F1 Motorsports is located at 290 Wood Road, Braintree, MA. Their phone number is 718-848-2300, and they’re on the web at [www.f1boston.com](http://www.f1boston.com). 🇺🇸

## Jungle Cat Racing and Tech Session Saturday, April 24th

**It’s almost that time again - Jungle Cat Racing and Tech Session.**

On Saturday, April 24th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., JANE member Dana Schwehr is again hosting a tech session with lift time at his facility in Upton, MA.

Dana is a Certified Gold Jaguar Service Technician with 21 years of experience, and Upton Foreign Motors will be open to JANE members and their guests. Members who bring cars will be treated to lift time and free safety inspections.



Upton Foreign Motors is conveniently located at 138 Milford Street (Route 140) in Upton, MA. Take 495 to Exit 21B (Main Street toward Upton). Main Street turns into Hopkinton Road when you enter Upton. Follow that to School Street (on your left). School Street ends at 140. Take a left onto 140. Upton Foreign Motors is 1.2 miles on the left. Proceed to the very top of the hill. Parking is in the rear. The phone number at Upton is 508-529-4040. **Call Tom Moses at 978-580-7416 for any additional information or details.** 🇺🇸

## Judges’ Training Session Sunday, April 25th



Aldo Cipriano  
Head Judge

**Thanks to Ray O’Brien and Gus Niewenhaus, in conjunction with John Aldinger and Rich Congelosi,** all is in order for the JANE Judges’ Training Session on Sunday, April 25th, at Woburn Jaguar. **All club members who carry a JCNA active number are invited to participate.**

The event will commence at 10 a.m. with breakfast, followed by a presentation of rule changes and then the administration of the 2010 Judges’ Exam. We will break for lunch and then conduct a short afternoon session consisting of a presentation on how to prepare scoring sheets, and then practice judging on a few classic Club cars. The event will conclude at approximately 2 p.m. ... and anybody who wishes to exercise their JCNA discount for a new Jag at Woburn Jaguar is free to do so!

Whether you are already a judge or plan to attend to become a new judge this year, **please let Aldo know ahead of time that you plan to attend.** Aldo’s email address is [AldoC.Esq@comcast.net](mailto:AldoC.Esq@comcast.net), or call him at 508-481-8806. 🇺🇸



# Save These May Dates

## Visit to Chuck Schwager's Car Collection Saturday, May 8th

A few JANE members had the opportunity to visit Chuck Schwager's magnificent collection in 2008, and Chuck has again generously offered a tour for all JANE members. This is a truly spectacular private collection ranging from a rare Ferrari 4-cam GTB4 to an equally rare E-Bird high-performance two-seater Thunderbird, two 300SLs -- and many more. Chuck's three Jaguars are all flawless and highly collectible examples, including a flat-floor E-Type, an XK150S (winner of the People's Choice at our Myopia event in 2009), and a Flatiron Lister Jaguar race car. You can read more about the collection in the October 2008 *Coventry Cat*.

Details are still being worked out, but we plan a caravan to the collection from the Boston area and lunch at Poor Boys Restaurant after the tour.

Space is limited, however, and will be doled out on a first-come-first-served basis, so if you don't want to miss out, **contact Dennis Eklof, the event coordinator, early. Dennis is at [dennis.eklof@verizon.net](mailto:dennis.eklof@verizon.net) or 978-448-2566.** 🇬🇧



## SNG Barratt BBQ and Open House Saturday, May 15th

Tony Lee, SNG Barratt Group General Manager, has offered to host a JANE gathering and BBQ at his shop in Manchester, NH, on Saturday, May 15th, from 9:00 a.m. until about 2:30 PM. Tony and his staff plan to have a tent, a grassy area where members can display their cars, and open sales counters for those who would like to make purchases. Lunch will be served under the tent around noon. JANE members get a 10% discount on most items at SNG Barratt, and they will also offer other specials on the day of the JANE event.

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**Rain Date: Saturday, May 22nd.** In the event of a postponement, you will get a phone call or e-mail Friday, May 15, by 9 p.m. 🇬🇧

## JANE Night on the Lawn - Larz Anderson Auto Museum May Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, May 26th



Larz Anderson Auto Museum has been the beautiful setting for our May meeting for a number of years now. The Museum is home to "America's oldest car collection," and for over 75 years the Museum has been supporting the collector car community through a variety of educational programs, exhibits, and lectures. And by the time of our May meeting, the Museum's new exhibit, "Curve Appeal -- Style and Elegance in Automobile Design," will be up for us to see, so that's an extra incentive to come out for the event.

The event will be on our usual meeting date, the fourth Wednesday of the month, May 26th, and we'll begin at 6 p.m. But as always, many members arrive early to socialize and get up to date with each other.

We will use the same caterer as last year. The menu and other details will be in the May Cat. The event will be held rain or shine, and we hope we will get the "shine" option on the Jags that day.

Your hosts will be Ray and Sanda O'Brien. **Please let Ray know if you are planning to attend, as he has to give a count to the caterer in advance.** The cost for members is \$35 per person, with a very reasonable cash bar.

**Remember, you must pre-register with payment. By May 19th, send your check, made out to JANE, to: Ray O'Brien, 72 Rawson Road Brookline, MA 02445** 🇬🇧



# Other Happenings

## JCSNE's Vermont Spring Getaway Kitzhof Inn, Dover, Vermont May 21-23

**S**pringtime in Vermont ... in full bloom, fresh and green, with Jaguar roads and beautiful vistas. Covered bridges and photo ops galore await as we tour the Vermont countryside in British iron. A weekend at the rustic Kitzhof Inn will bring us together to enjoy the pleasures of good cars, good friends, and Mother Nature's best. Stop along the way to visit antique shops, the Grafton Cheese Factory, do lunch, and explore local shops. Join us for this weekend May 21-23.

Saturday is a full day with a hearty breakfast, a group photo of us with our cars, then touring thru miles of Vermont countryside with many stops for taking in the special Vermont scenes. The day is topped off with a British dinner cooked by our hosts at the Kitzhof and a time to relax.

Meet new friends or renew those already made as our clubs, JCSNE and JANE, join for this event. Looking forward to greeting you at the Kitzhof.

**Friday, May 21 - Arrive in time for BBQ Supper.**

**Saturday, May 22 - A full day described above.**

**Sunday, May 23 - Breakfast before departing.**

**Cost includes 2 nights, 2 breakfasts, 2 evening meals, gratuity, extras, and tax.**

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**Call Kitzhof Inn directly to reserve room and for arrangements other than above: 800-388-8310**


**Registration Fee - \$5, payable to JCSNE. Send check and names in your party to:**

**Alta Aldridge, 69 Hickory Road, Torrington, CT 06790** 

## British by the Sea Auto Show June 6

**T**he Connecticut MG Club is planning its annual sports and antique auto show, **British by the Sea**, for Sunday, June 6th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Harkness Memorial State Park in Waterford, CT. This is of course the same date as British Car Day at LAAM, but for anyone in the CT and RI area who may not come up to Larz Anderson that day, here's a car-fix option for you.

There's no admission to the show, though there is a parking fee for the park. Bring a picnic and enjoy the scenic park's facilities. The Harkness park grounds are located right on Long Island Sound. Food and auto products vendors will be there.

For more information about this event, **contact Steve and Annie Wincze at MGTD52@comcast.net or by phone at 860-693-4249.** 

## JCSNE Concours June 13


**J**CSNE's annual Concours is scheduled for Sunday, **June 13th**, same place as last year, Lyman Orchards in Middlefield, CT. There will be a pre-Concours dinner Saturday evening, June 12th, and rooms are available at the Wallingford/New Haven Courtyard Marriott at a special rate for those who want to spend the weekend.

For more information on the Concours, **contact Bob Aldridge: thespottedcat@optonline.net or 860-482-9849.** 



## 2010 VSCCA Vintage Tour June 25 - 27

**B**y popular demand, the 2010 VSCCA June Vintage Tour is returning to Stockbridge, MA, and will be based at the beautiful, historic Red Lion Inn. The event will kick off on Friday evening, June 25th, with an informal gathering in the tavern at the Inn. Saturday there will be a rally/tour along a scenic route toward Kinderhook, NY, ending with a pub-style lunch in Lakeville, CT. A shorter tour back to the Red Lion that afternoon should leave time for shopping and visiting museums in the area. Cocktails and dinner will be at the Red Lion that evening. Another tour Sunday morning, and lunch, and then you're on your own for more touring in the area or a return home.

Check out the Inn at [www.redlioninn.com](http://www.redlioninn.com), and contact the Red Lion Inn NOW for your reservations -- 413-298-5545. About 20 rooms are set aside in the classic hotel format or the lower-cost B&B style. Be sure to mention the VSCCA Vintage Tour when making reservations. For any additional information about the event **contact Ed Hyman at [edhyman@charter.net](mailto:edhyman@charter.net) or 860-355-1804.** 

# Event Report

## Maintaining and Upgrading the XJS - Tech Session at Donovan's By Bruce Repko and Dennis Eklof - Photos also by Bruce Repko and Dennis Eklof

**O**n a very rainy Saturday morning, March 13th, about 15 JANE motorheads made their way out to Donovan Motorcars in Lenox, MA, for a tech session. Despite the poor weather, it was a very enjoyable and informative event. We all got to see a number of excellent cars in Brian's shop, and Brian and Alex Kenyon were most accommodating.

Donovan works on any type of car, but Jaguars (naturally) are his specialty. They do full restorations, race preparation, car maintenance, service, and storage. They perform their own machining and engine restorations, and have their own upholstery shop on premises. Painting services are performed by local paint shops.

On this particular morning Donovan's showroom featured several E-Types (including one of their very successful racing versions), a magnificent Cord, several Austin Healeys, a full race Corvette, and a spectacular 427 A/C Cobra.

For five years Donovan Motorcar Service has been an official representative of Jaguar Cars on the vintage racing circuit around the U.S. and



Donovan's extensive showroom with a variety of cars.


has fielded several purpose-built E-Type machines for this purpose (one of which was on display in the showroom). These racers have been very successful, competing mostly against large-lump Detroit iron and still hold several track records. The XK motors used in these cars develop horsepower in the high 300s-low 400s and are themselves works of art.

After a warm-up period of ogling cars and swapping lies, we got into the meat of the session. **(Bruce**

**Repko took extensive and excellent notes, which you can read in their entirety in the Donovan Motors Event Report on the JANE website.)**

After the session, a number of us adjourned to a local pub for a casual lunch.

Many thanks to Brian and Alex for hosting JANE. Thanks also to Ed Hall, the event coordinator, for working with Donovan's to put the event together, and to Bruce Repko for his excellent notes on what we learned from Brian. Again, check out Bruce's notes on the JANE website.

Finally, a personal thanks from Dennis Eklof to Bruce Whitmore for giving Carl Hanson and me a ride out in his beautiful XJ V8. 



Brian discussing the race car with Bruce Whitmore and Peter and Christina Wadsworth.



A pretty XK 150 in the final stages of restoration.





Paul Rikert and Adrian Curtis talking cars over coffee.



Ed Hall, Bruce Murray, and Carl Hanson always enjoy the tech sessions.



This E-Type came into the shop in boxes!



The XJS on the lift is Brian's personal car.



More car talk over lunch at the pub.

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# A Perfect Day for Our Annual Sugar Shack Event by Carl Hanson - Photos by Chuck Centore, Dennis Eklof, and Tom Finan



**Carl Hanson, our tour guide to Parker's**

**“Rain, rain, go away.... Come back again some other day,”** was the prayer of the organizers of JANE's annual driving tour to a traditional New England sugar shack and restaurant. And the prayer was answered big time on Saturday, March 20th, the first day of spring. In contrast to the monsoon of the previous weekend, we were blessed with a beautiful clear sunny day and temperature in the 70s. The rainy weather was gone, but it had done a good job washing the winter's salt

off the roads, and out came the hibernating Jaguars.

In all we had 17 cars for the event, a mix of old and new Jaguars, and assorted other-than-Jaguar brands (including Halls' famous Jagillac). The long distance award belonged to Ed and Cheryl Avis, who drove all the way from Litchfield, Maine, in their beautiful Series 1 E-Type. Other older Jaguars came out from winter naps, including Eklofs' Series 1 E-Type, Hansons' XK120, Whitmore's XJS, Taylors' XJS, and Belles' XJ8.

This year we returned to an old favorite location, Parker's Maple Barn Restaurant in Mason, NH. We started out at Johnson's Drive-In in Groton, MA, and drove scenic back roads through Pepperell, MA,

Brookline, NH, and on toward Mason. The route was laid out by Carl Hanson and Dennis Eklof, who set out the day before to make sure to avoid the many flooded river crossings in the area. Because we had so many cars, we broke into two tour groups, one led by Carl and one led by Dennis. And despite detailed planning by the aforementioned organizers, some nasty gremlins got into the route instructions, resulting in the two groups taking different tours!

Nevertheless, we all arrived at Parker's in time to enjoy the fanciful "historical" lecture in the early 1800s Sugar House, to observe the syrup being made, and to chat with each other while waiting to be seated as a group in the coveted back room of the barn. Seating is limited to 30 in that room, but we managed to squeeze in 31 JANE members. As everyone in northern Mass and southern NH seems to know (the parking lots are always full!), Parker's Maple Barn Restaurant has wonderful breakfasts served all day. The term "wonderful" in this context means "eating large." It also means pancakes or waffles, together with bacon, sausage, and eggs, all with copious amounts of home-made maple syrup! Dick Horonjeff, always the engineer, was observed to be calculating which one, a waffle or a pancake, would soak up the most maple syrup. This writer enjoyed the famous Parker's special maple walnut pancake breakfast, which included all of the above. I don't know about the waffle, but the huge pancake was found to be an excellent absorber of the desired elixir. Our XK120 FHC seemed to have shrunk in size as we squeezed ourselves into it to drive home after that huge amount of food.

We are looking forward to going back next year! 🇺🇸



**The Jags begin to gather at Johnson's for the back-roads tour to Parker's Maple Barn.**



**And the "girls" gather -- Joan Belle, Sing Hanson, Patt Centore, Kathy Hall, and Prebble Eklof.**

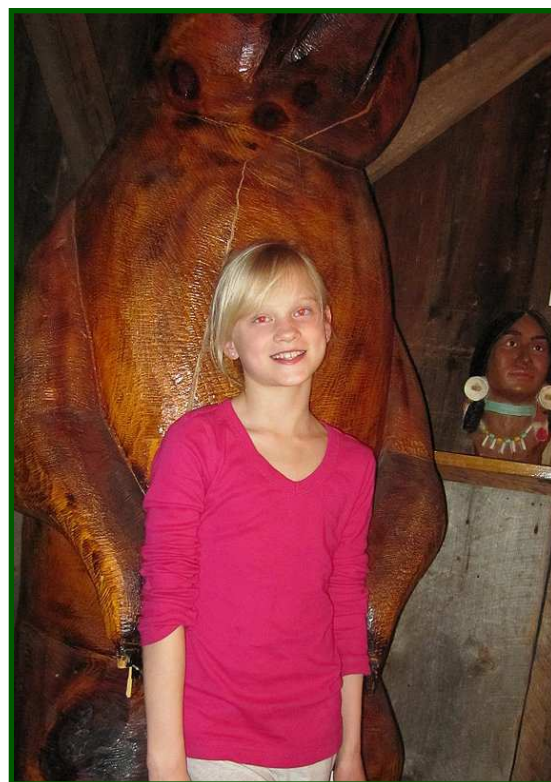




And here we are at Parker's Maple Sugar Farm



Here's Mary Finan beside her XF parked at Parker's. Mary and Tom came up from the Cape for the event.



Victoria Whitmore in the arms of the Parker's Maple Barn Bear!



Center Left: Stu Forer digging in to French Toast  
Lower Left: Betsy Taylor-Kennedy pouring on the maple syrup.

AS ALWAYS, THERE ARE MANY MORE PHOTOS  
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# 2010 JCNA Annual General Meeting - Great Time in Indianapolis

## by Dennis Eklof

**The last weekend in March Prebble and I attended the 2010 JCNA Annual General Meeting** for the third time in four years (we missed Denver in 2009), and the Jaguar Association of Greater Indiana (JagIn) put on a fine show.

To start with, they selected a really interesting venue. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is built in and around the old Union Train Station in downtown Indianapolis. Indianapolis used to be a major rail center, and the present station was constructed in 1888. In its heyday, about 1900, there were 200 trains a day going through its vast expanse. Unfortunately, by the postwar years rail traffic was declining, and the station was used less and less. In 1970 the main station was turned into an urban shopping mall and open market. The construction in the late 1990s of a huge new urban mall nearby soon doomed the old station again to oblivion. It was rescued from the wrecker's ball by some forward-thinking developers, and it is now a major hotel and convention center. Most of the hotel facilities are built in what was the old train shed, where there once were about 20 elevated tracks with a concourse beneath to allow passengers to get around without crossing the tracks. Hotel rooms and meeting rooms now make up a three-story structure housed under the original shed, one story in the old concourse and two stories where the trains once rolled. The main station is used for meeting rooms and houses a number of small businesses and other organizations.

One interesting aspect of the hotel is that they kept 13 of the old pullman cars and they are now 26 cozy suites. Prebble and I stayed in one such suite -- the Winston Churchill -- and it was a nice novelty. Other interesting aspects of the hotel are the exposed steel structures from the old shed and the scattering of "Ghost People" throughout the hotel. The Ghost People are white-painted statues of typical train travelers from the station's heyday. You can see some of them in the photo album with this report on the website. Oh, and I need to point out that the hotel staff was terrific. Many of them remembered the Jaguar people from the Jaguar Challenge event in 2007 and welcomed Jaguar folks quite warmly.

The actual JCNA meeting on Saturday was held in the main station waiting room, which is now a huge and magnificent meeting facility complete with the original vaulted ceilings and huge, round, stained glass windows. Quite a unique meeting venue. You can see more in the photos.

Prebble and I arrived in Indianapolis early on Thursday morning in order to spend some time at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. Both of us are long-time Indy Car racing fans, and neither of us had seen the museum before, so it was a special treat -- well worth the time for the visit. Check out the photos on the JANE website.

On Thursday evening about 30 of the early arrivals went to dinner at a well-known Indy restaurant, Harry and Izzy's. The food was excellent, and Steve Kennedy treated on behalf of JCNA. Can't argue with that! We were told that Peyton Manning is part owner of the restaurant and that he and his wife had been there the previous evening. As a dyed-in-the-wool Patriots fan, Prebble maintained that if he turned up while we were there she would boo him -- or worse. I did remind Prebble that Peyton had done one thing she wished for in 2010 -- lost the Super Bowl to New Orleans -- so she shouldn't be too hard on him!

Friday was a leisurely day for those not on the JCNA Board, with nothing planned until late afternoon. We took advantage of it for a little sightseeing and car gawking. Two magnificent Jaguars were on display at the hotel on Friday. The first was a genuine D-Type just getting home from the Amelia Island Concours. The second was an XJ13 Jaguar Le Mans race car. I'm not sure if the XJ13 is the original car or a replica, but it was rather impressive. Oh, and a new 2011 XJ was also on display.

Friday evening's activities were very enjoyable, and dinner was very much a motorhead's event. We all piled onto a bus for a 15-minute ride to the old Stutz Factory. Threatened with demolition, the old plant was rescued by local real estate developer Turner Woodard, himself a racer and car guy. He has extensively renovated the facility, and it is now home to his real estate development business and a myriad of art studios and small to medium businesses. It also houses Mr. Woodard's eclectic car collection. The featured marque is Stutz, of course, but there are also a number of other cars ranging from the 20s to the 90s. He appears to keep them all ready to drive whenever he pleases.

Dinner was a catered affair held amid much of Woodard's car collection, so we got to have our cocktails while wandering among the cars, and eat under the fancy chandeliers that adorn his main storage facility. One interesting thing JagIn did was to give all attendees placemats consisting of large laminated photos of their own cars. I got an email from JagIn some time ago asking for a photo of our Jaguar, but not saying why, only that it was a special surprise -- and indeed it was! You can see a placemat of Elizabeth (our S1 Primrose E-Type) in one of the photos.

Following the return bus trip from dinner, we were taken on a guided tour of the old station facilities by one of the hotel staff. There is a huge amount of space there, some of which is still awaiting development and use. We were shown everything from the old kitchen to a huge three-bedroom apartment in the station that was once the stationmaster's private residence, and perhaps the -- er -- highlight? of the tour, a glassed-in display of the original men's urinal, circa 1890. Now you don't get to see that every day!

Saturday was a busy day for delegates, and Stacy Lancaster and Jim Sambold, JANE's delegates, were at the meeting table bright and early at 8 a.m. Prebble and I took a more leisurely approach and attended only the afternoon session as observers. Amazingly, the sessions actually broke up early -- a bit after 2 p.m. When Prebble and I were delegates in Houston 2007, the meetings were scheduled to end at 3 p.m. and ran on until after 5!

The last thing on the agenda for the weekend was the annual Awards Banquet, and it was a special treat for Prebble, and for me as well -- Prebble received the Karen Miller Award for best JCNA Newsletter Editor for 2009, and it was richly deserved. Though an experienced writer and editor, when Prebble took over the *Coventry Cat* from Dave Pratt about two years ago, she had no idea how to use contemporary publishing software (she uses Adobe InDesign), and she had never undertaken any regular publication before. The results speak for themselves -- the *Coventry Cat* stands out, and each issue seems to be better than the last.

And the award also belongs to all JANE members who send material to Prebble. In accepting the award, Prebble made a point of thanking all the JANE members for their contributions. Without such abundant material, the Cat could not be the outstanding newsletter that it is. Prebble said that one of the main challenges facing her predecessors and some of the other newsletter editors with whom she has talked is the lack of contributed material. Not so with JANE members! Prebble has increased the number of pages to 24 each month, and always has more material than she can use. She thanked all JANE contributors for helping her win this gratifying award.

Thanks also go to our daughter Kim. Kim is Production Manager for the Stowe Reporter in Vermont. She uses InDesign regularly in her work and was an enormous help to Prebble in getting up the learning curve.

Well, that's about it except for the silent auction, where I got carried away. I scored a beautiful big poster of a C-Type that is destined to be



framed and hung in my newly redone shop, a Jaguar wall clock headed for the same destination, a nearly complete original Series 3 XJ6 tool kit (maybe I need to find a car to go with it), and a large-format model (about 9 inches long) of Steve McQueen's XKSS. I'm not sure yet where that will go. Prebble said "you spent how much?"

All in all it was a terrific weekend with lots of car talk, some new friends, and smooth travel. A closing word on the travel. We opted

for non-stop flights from Logan, and they went off perfectly, in stark contrast to our return trip from the Pittsburgh AGM in 2008. Coming home from Pittsburgh we were routed through Detroit, but missed that connection. We were then rerouted through Lagueardia, but missed that connection also. We ended up renting a car and driving from Lagueardia, arriving home about 3 a.m. -- total travel time of over 12 hours -- but that's another story. 🇺🇸

**THERE ARE MANY PHOTOS FROM THE JCNA AGM, ALL IN COLOR, WITH THE EVENT REPORT ON THE JANE WEBSITE -- [WWW.J-A-N-E.ORG](http://WWW.J-A-N-E.ORG). AND LOOK FOR JIM SAMBOLD'S AND STACEY LANCASTER'S COMPLETE REPORT ON THE ACTUAL GENERAL MEETING IN THE MAY COVENTRY CAT.**

## **Celebration at the JCNA AGM by Stacey Lancaster**

**T**here was a big surprise for the JANE members who attended JCNA's Annual General Meeting when our own Prebble Eklof received the Newsletter Editor of the Year Award for her work on the *Coventry Cat*.

Jim Sambold and I were given a "heads-up" when Kurt Rappold, JCNA's Awards Manager, asked us if we would be willing to accept the award on Prebble's behalf. Kurt was quite pleased when we let him know that Prebble was in attendance and would be able to accept the award herself at the Saturday night banquet.

The secret was hard to keep, as Jim and I shared a dinner table with Dennis and Prebble at the banquet, but the look of shock, surprise, and excitement on the Eklofs' faces as Prebble's name was announced was memorable.

The Karen Miller Award for Newsletter Editor of the Year is presented annually to the JCNA affiliate newsletter editor who best represents Karen Miller's talents and ideals as a writer, editor, historian and ultimate Jaguar Club volunteer. Recipients must qualify by producing newsletters to the highest standard of editorial content and production.

Everyone in JANE knows what a consistently engaging, interesting, and professional newsletter we are privileged to read every month, and it was very gratifying to realize that the national association of Jaguar clubs recognizes Prebble's work as the best in the country.

Cheers to you, Prebble, and congratulations on your well-deserved honor! 🇺🇸



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# The Saga of Louie - #67 XK-120 Alloy

By Aldo Cipriano



**T**he roadster was intended to be an expedited platform to showcase Jaguar's new XK motor, designed for installation in future Jaguar saloons, which were expected to resurge Sir William Lyons's company in the postwar era in the UK, a time when the war survival and noble valiant effort left Great Britain the victor, but cash strapped. The open two-seater was called the XK Super Sport and the "XK Allie," and was virtually a hand-built sports roadster with aluminum alloy panels laid over ash wood framing.

Only about 242 alloys were constructed, approximately 17 being left-hand drive. During the middle of the winter 2008 I was approached by the Slarskey family in Ayer, MA, to help evaluate a "1949 Jaguar" in the family's ownership since 1961. The referral for assistance came from our good friends at Lee Jaguar in Wellesley.

Seeking assistance, I called upon veteran club regular Rod Gilbert to help evaluate this "1949 Jaguar," which was then described as an XK-120 alloy! Upon arrival in Ayer the plastic tarps were removed, and with a bonnet-to-boot perusal, I quickly came to appreciate what all this Jaguar loyalty and respect was about. This OTS was beyond a mere barn find. Secured away 20-odd years ago, this was a virtually all original XK-120 alloy constructed at the "Works" on December 29, 1949, and shipped from Coventry on January 10, 1950. Destination: Hoffman New York, the historic Jaguar East Coast distributor.

The data plate designated the OTS as #6700067, with two original style "hoods," and repainted in a shade of British Racing Green with burgundy biscuit interior. The roadster was still resplendent in its solid originality of parts and matching numbers.

What I learned from this brief trip and inspection was something often mentioned in historical publications as to this classic Jaguar with perfectly fitted ash wood framing and alloy panels, and substructure components with unique, but classic design. I realized that the designers and workmen who created these cars must have gotten their expertise from the British aircraft industry in the mid-1930s to mid-1940s.

The family calls #67 "Louie," in honor of their patriarch, Louis Slarskey, a popular businessman in the Ayer area who favored Buicks but just loved the look of the 1949 XK-120. Louie Slarskey was just our club's kind of guy.

Our deep appreciation to Stu Forer, Rod Gilbert, and Dave Randall for advice on value and finding a bonafide purchaser, and to our beloved Sir Harry Parkinson of Nashua for the Paul Skilliter research while he was in Great Britain. A range of value was determined and a reputable purchaser found. During Louie's authentication and evaluation process (five months total) many fine and distinguished prospective buyers stepped forward to inquire about #67, a true testament to the Alloy's lineage as a vintage Jaguar.

Rod Gilbert secured the Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust Certificate from Jaguar Heritage in Mahwah, NJ, and Sir Harry secured one on his last trip to Coventry, having exclusive access to the manufacturer's archives and personnel. All numbers and the build date were verified for Sheila Slarskey, Louis's older daughter, and most importantly, the colors as #67 Louie left the Jaguar Works: silver, with biscuit and red piping interior. We can all visualize these classic colors as #67 entered New York in the year 1950.

Number 67 will be restored by a top East Coast restorer, and I will follow its return to glory in future articles. I am also researching the missing years of ownership between 1950 and 1961.

The best treat of all? The new owner also has a right-hand drive 1950 Alloy and enjoys Concours events. I have personally invited him and the Slarskey family to a future JANE Concours. 🇬🇧



Louie, the #67 SK-120 Alloy



Rod Gilbert (left) and Aldo Cipriano give Louie the proper respect.



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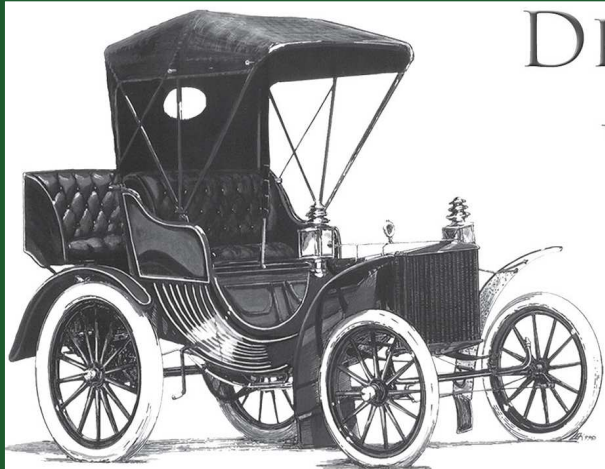
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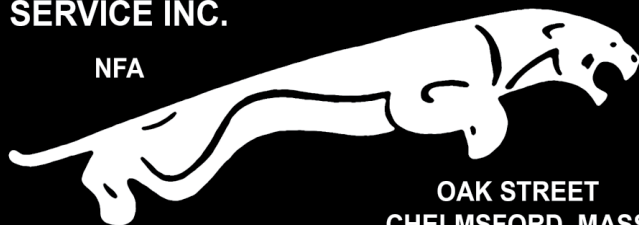
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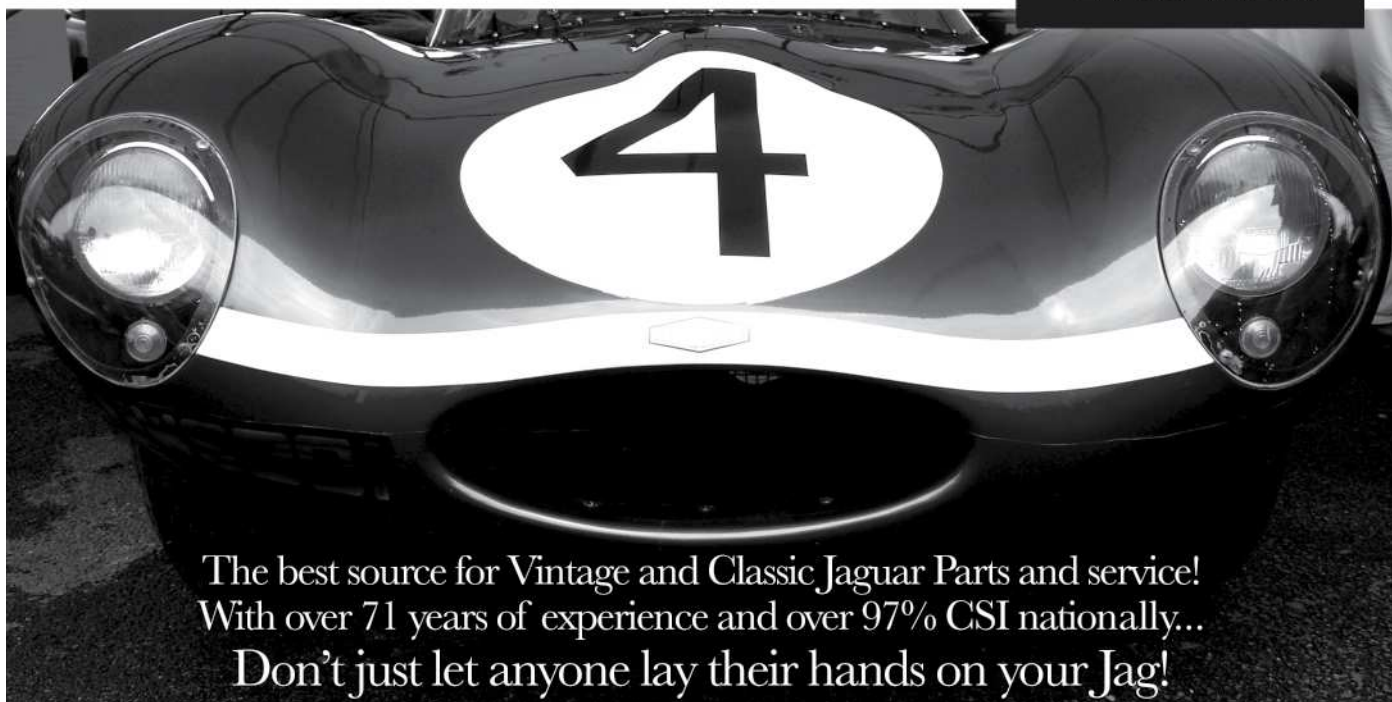
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**1969 E-Type 2+2 automatic** - Regency red with biscuit interior. Mechanically sorted with new tires, ser 3 Dayton wire wheels and new knock-offs. New brakes all around, rebuilt carbs, Pertronix, Magnacore wires, new shocks and bushings, CoolCat fans and fan switch. New Webasto sun roof in matching color, new headliner and repro steering wheel. Older restoration on Western car. Many small details have been done as well. Waterproof car cover, owners manual, and new jack bag included. \$18,000 or best reasonable offer. Ad placed by Bob Aldridge. Call Bob at 860-402-9848, or cell 860-605-8489, or email [bobetype22@optonline.net](mailto:bobetype22@optonline.net). (10/09)



**2002 Jaguar S-Type Sport** - Estate Sale. Only 31,000 miles. Like new. 4.0L V8, Sport Package, Computer Active Technology Suspension (CATS) system, 17" wheels, perforated Connolly leather sports seats, and other options. Location: Concord, NH. Price: \$12,500. Ad placed by Tony Fillipone. Phone: 781-389-9495. Email: [tonyfillipone@comcast.net](mailto:tonyfillipone@comcast.net). (5/09)



**1969 E-Type Series 2** - This is a nice, driveable E-Type, purchased by the present owner 15 years ago. Mileage is 58,603. The car is very original and could be considered a "driver." To make it show-quality it would need a repaint, interior carpets, seat covers, and some weather stripping. The engine has been fitted with triple Webers, but the original dual Strombergs have been retained. Location: Bedford, MA. Price: Appraised at \$39,500. Ad placed by CHanson. Phone: 781-275-2707, E-Mail: [chansonjag@aol.com](mailto:chansonjag@aol.com). (8/08)

**1964 Jaguar 3.8 S-Type Project Car** - This S-Type is a 4-speed with overdrive, wire wheels, less than 30,000 miles. Virtually rust-free body. Wood professionally refinished (\$2300), chrome replated (\$5500), 5 new Dayton wire wheels, 5 new Avon radial tires, 5 new knock-offs (\$2000). Front end all rebuilt with new parts. Thousands of dollars worth of new parts including 4 sill plates, rubber kit for the entire car, all aluminum parts polished. Pick your color combination, car needs interior and paint and lots of assembly. I have spent over \$10,000 in new parts. Asking \$12,000 or BO. Robert Alexander, Allston MA, Phone: 617-783-1196. E-Mail: [rnina3344@hotmail.com](mailto:rnina3344@hotmail.com). (7/07)

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**Bell stainless resonators**, over axle pipes and downpipe for Series 3 XJ6 sedan (does not include silencers). Never used. Includes mounting hardware. \$200 for the set.

Also available: Mark 1 front and rear bumpers, \$100 for the set. Mark 1 rear windshield \$100. Valve covers for 3.4 engine, needs spit shining, \$70 for the set. Water rail for 3.4 engine, \$30. Ad placed by Tracey Levasseur. Phone: 207-247-3385. Email: [sharpei@sacoriver.net](mailto:sharpei@sacoriver.net). (9/09)



**4 mounted Winter Tires** - Dunlop Winter SP 245/45R18 M&S tires mounted on mag wheels from the Tire Rack. These are the top-of-the-line and cost almost \$1600, driven only about 2k miles. A steal at \$875, or make me an offer I can't refuse. Ad placed by Michael Kaleel. Phone: 617-680-2783. Email: [mikaleel@kaleelcompany.com](mailto:mikaleel@kaleelcompany.com). (3/10)



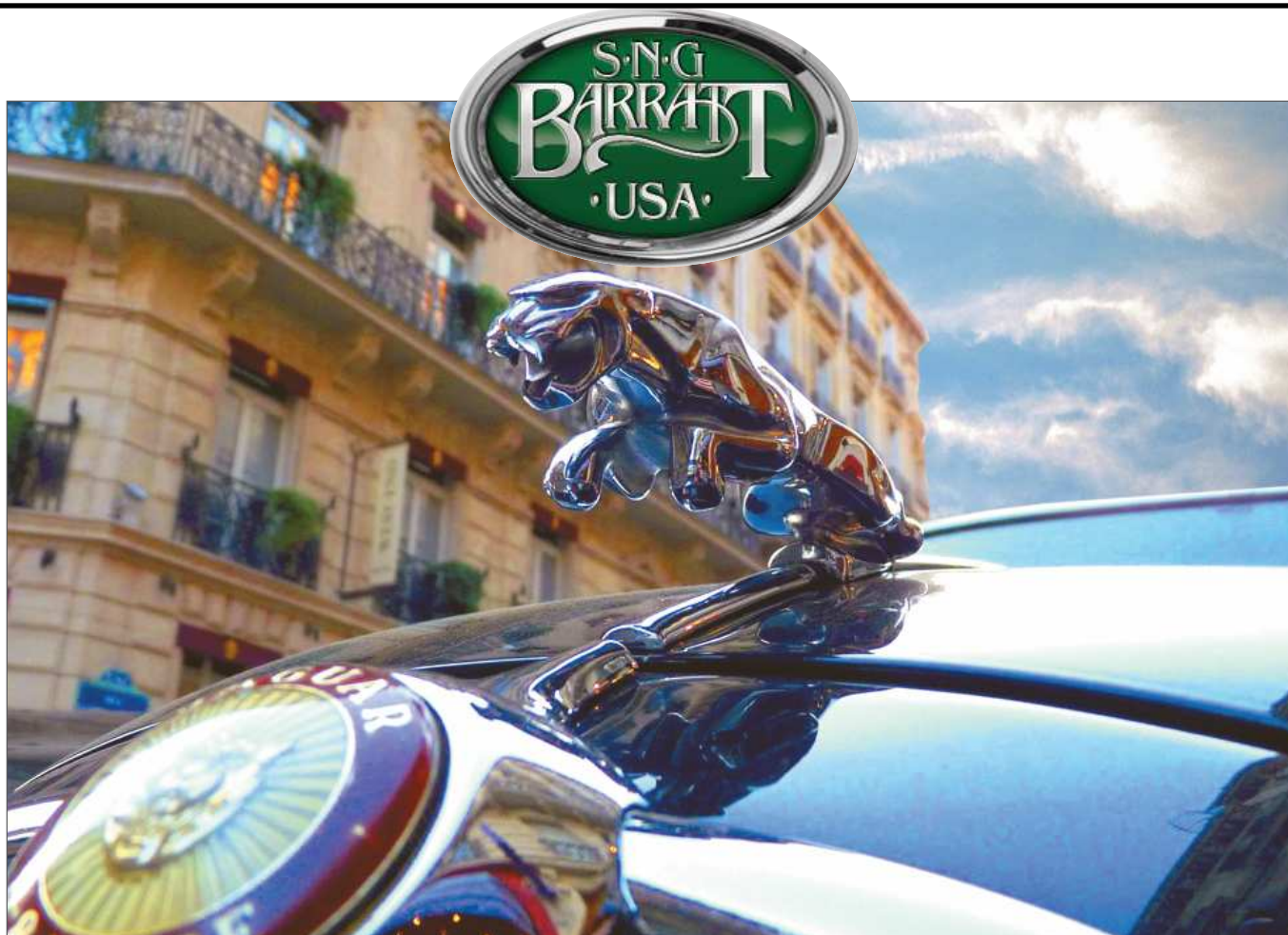
**XJ6 rim with new Michelin tire** - Never used new Michelin P225/70/515 100T tire mounted on rim from a 1986 XJ6. Location: Ipswich, MA. Price: \$125. Ad placed by PWadsworth. Phone: 978-356-9228, Cellphone: 978-815-4277. Email: [beachray@comcast.net](mailto:beachray@comcast.net). (6/09)

**Set of 4 Winter Wheels & Tires** - XJR 2004 4 Winter HanKook Icebear 245/45 R 18 100R tires mounted on Tire Rack chrome wheels purchased with 2004 Jaguar XJR + 20 flat lugnuts - STILL FOR SALE!! REDUCED TO MOVE!! Location: Wayside Inn Road, Framingham, MA 01701; Price: \$550 a set obo. Ad placed by Richard DGill. Phone: 508-788-0026. E-Mail: [RIK14455@aol.com](mailto:RIK14455@aol.com). (1/09)

**E--Type Series I Radiator** - When I rebuilt my '67 E-Type 4.2, I replaced the radiator with one of aluminum, so the original is surplus. Previous owner said it had been recored, but I cannot vouch for that. I never drove the car prior to the conversion to aluminum, so I have no experience with this radiator. Sale includes a high-quality aftermarket fan that is attached to the front of the radiator. Photos on request. \$400. Ad placed by Dennis Eklof. Phone: 978-448-2566. Email: [dennis.eklof@verizon.net](mailto:dennis.eklof@verizon.net). (7/07)

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