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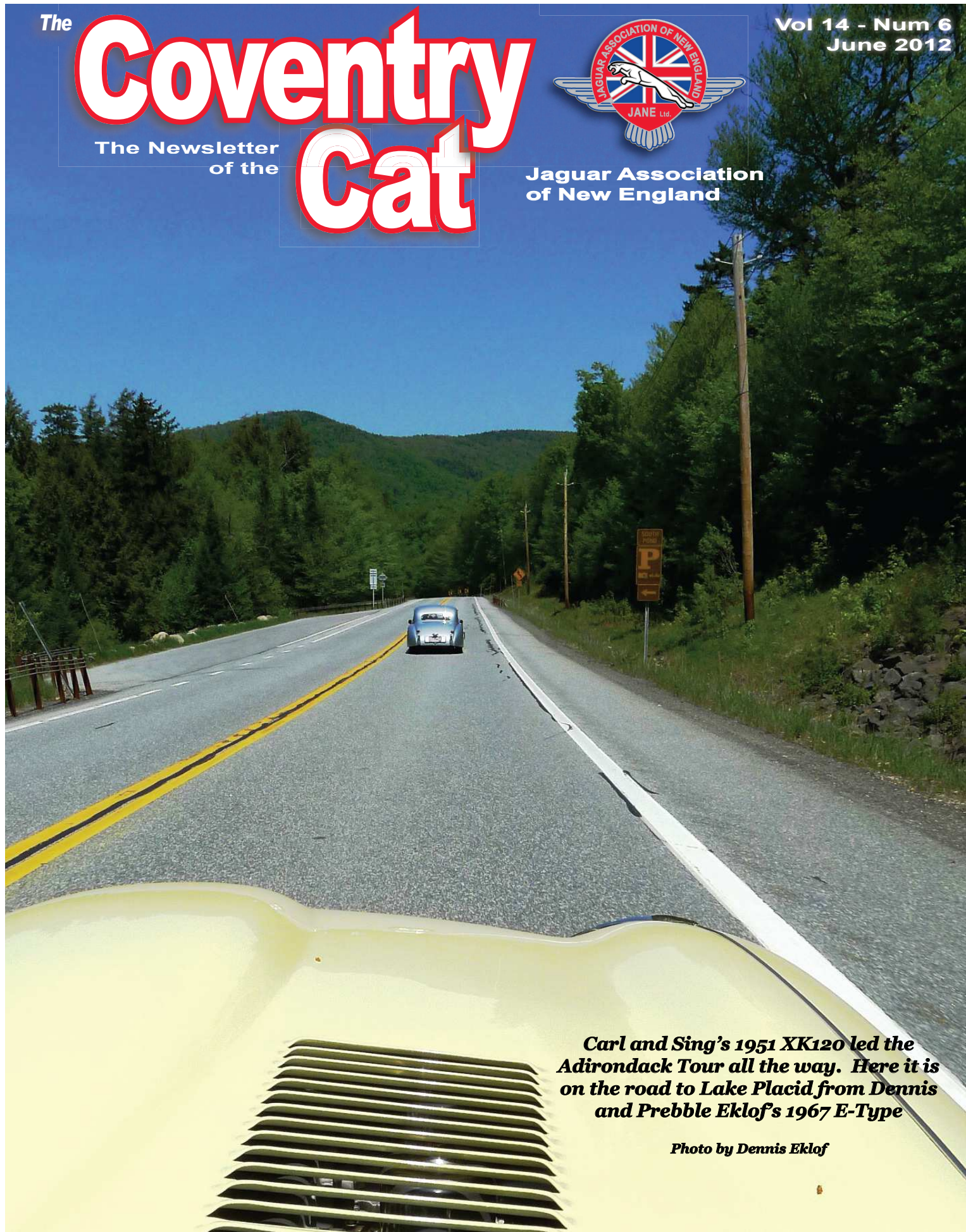
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***Carl and Sing's 1951 XK120 led the
Adirondack Tour all the way. Here it is
on the road to Lake Placid from Dennis
and Prebble Eklof's 1967 E-Type***

Photo by Dennis Eklof

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President's Update - June 2012

The Action Is Everywhere!

By Michael Kaleel



May turned out to be a busy event and exciting attendance month. We had some great events that included a fun Autojumble at Warren Cossit's shop in Hyde Park, MA (thanks Warren); an oversubscribed drive/show/learn/party-hardy through the Adirondacks (thanks Carl Hanson); a record-breaking crowd of 91 people for our lawn party/dinner at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum (thanks Sanda and Ray O'Brien). We also had a strong gathering of aspiring judges who met for Judges Training at Woburn Foreign Motors (thanks Jim Sambold, Chief Judge); and Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn produced 5-10 cars at the last minute for a street fair in Belmont in response to a frantic call from the organizers. Wow, what a month!

But wait, June and July are just as exciting. We start off with racing at Lime Rock Park for VSCCA members -- and for JANE non-racers, an opportunity to "track" your car with fellow members. I will be in my Lotus 23 with VSCCA (What, you're not taking the Jag?), with ten or more other JANE members running with VSCCA or the Jag Club group.

There will be a Concours held on June 10 run by JCSNE, our sister club (see their website, www.jcsne.org for details). This is a great group! Go, and you WILL enjoy the event. I know some of our members and some of our top-notch Jag judges will be making the trip.

Our energetic and very friendly member Michael Gaetano has created what is shaping up as a marvelous event for the June 15-17 weekend, the Berkshire British Motorcar Festival in Lenox, MA. This event is very much like the one Michael co-produces in Stowe, VT, but it is closer for many who have some wonderful cars but can't make the trip to Vermont. The beautiful Berkshires and beautiful British cars, sounds like a happy gathering and a nice way to spend a summer weekend.

The following weekend, on June 24th, we all meet at Larz Anderson Auto Museum for British Car Day. This is always a big event well-attended by our members. It's close, fun, and easy; what more can you ask for? Historically, Dave Randall, often with help from Rod Gilbert, has arrived early and blocked out space for all our cars. Now that Dave has moved, would someone like to volunteer to arrive early and protect our land? If so, please call Rod Gilbert, or Dean Saluti, or me. Our phone numbers are here in the Cat or on the JANE website on our member pages. Searching those member pages is a good way to get in touch with other folks in JANE, too.

Last, and certainly not least, is our monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 27th, at the Wayside Inn. And what a treat this meeting will be. Our member Frank Grimaldi is an accomplished race car driver. He has won countless races and titles in SCCA and other top race groups over the last 50 years (that's right, 50 years). Frank will present pictures and stories of his many cars, from his Jag XK140 race car to his winning Camaro Trans Am. See this event description on page 7 in this issue of the Cat. This is a once-in-a-lifetime, not-to-be-missed presentation. Come meet a legend.

Before I close, I want to give you a teaser for July -- another event-packed month.

Al Zanengo, our Slalom Chair, is putting on his first Slalom event, and our first of the season, at the JCSNE course in Hartford (see story on page 8). Al promises an easy, fun day of driving in the JCNA-set course of cones navigated at slow speed. This is a terrific place for new and old members to go to sharpen your driving skills in your street car (Jag or other). This event creates big smiles. Let's all go out and help our fun-loving freshman make his first event a success.

Aldo Cipriano is the Chair of our JANE-sponsored Myopia Polo Day at Myopia Polo Club in Hamilton, MA. Aldo is the creator of this fine event and, as a polo player himself, he has a passion for a great day on the fields. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever. I don't know how that's possible, since last year had a huge turnout and was just one big, fun party. So, put this on your calendar, pack your picnic basket, and arrive early. You will be very happy you attended this fabulous social event of the summer. I can't wait.

The last event I want to mention is on August 4th. It's a short, scenic drive on the South Shore that ends at Ken and Mal Loring's oceanfront house in Scituate for a picnic on their lawn. There's some preliminary information on page 9 of the Cat, with more information to come in July.

As you can all see, our members are stepping forward and having fun by creating great events we can all enjoy. It makes me proud!

In closing, as usual, to all you new members, young and old, and all you old members, old and young, please come join the fun and please come up to me and say Hi! Thanks to all. 🇺🇸

Michael



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From the Editor



It was difficult to get back into our normal routines on May 22nd, following JANE's weekend Adirondack Tour. I think we all wanted to stay on for another few days. The weather was perfect, the venues terrific, the scenic drives calming, and the camaraderie of our group was very special. My thanks to Carl Hanson for organizing the perfect spring driving tour for JANE.

Janet Jones and I had an almost Abbott and Costello-like conversation at breakfast Monday morning before we all left for home.

Janet: "It's been a great weekend, but now we go back to our real lives."

Prebble: "What's on your schedule?"

Janet: "I have some volunteer meetings and need to prepae for some company next week."

Prebble: "I should be turning my attention to volunteer work at this point in my life,

but I devote too much time to 'the cat' to leave much time for volunteer activities."

Janet: "That must be difficult for you."

Prebble: "Well, I love 'the cat,' but until I'm done with it, which I hope is soon, it takes a good bit of my time."

Janet: "Oh my. How old is 'the cat,' and who takes care of it when you are away?"

Prebble: "What? No, no, not my 18-year-old cat ... I'm talking about *The Coventry Cat*!"

I believe the conversation actually went back and forth a bit longer than above, and though Janet and I had many chuckles about it during our respective trips home that day, we realize it's one of those conversations you had to be in on to really see the humor. However, it does give me the opportunity to remind all of you that *The Coventry Cat* editor position is still open. I will be stepping aside as editor no later than the end of this year, preferably sooner if someone wants to take it before the end of the year. Please call or email me if you are the one to take on "The Cat." 🇬🇧

**THERE ARE MANY MORE PHOTOS FROM
THE ADIRONDACK TOUR
THAN WILL FIT IN THE PAGES OF THE CAT (SEE THE EVENT RE-
PORT BEGINNING ON PAGE 14).
MORE PHOTOS WILL BE ON THE JANE WEBSITE SOON.**

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Going to the Summer Olympics? Need a Place to Stay?

**Carl Hanson has a friend in the U.K. who has a flat
in London available during the Olympics this July,
and he will make it available to Jaguar folks
for 125 British Pounds per night.
Do the math ... that's far below the standard booking rate.**

**If you have an interest in this,
contact Carl at 781-275-2707
or chansonjag@aol.com**

From the Membership Corner

By Ed Avis



Ed Avis

New JANE Members Who Joined in May

Welcome to:

**Christopher and Sandra Milton-Hall
Scott and Marcia Chase
Joe Bower**

**Spruce Head, ME
Scarborough, ME
Winthrop, MA**

**1968 E-Type OTS
1964 Mk II 3.4
Too many to list!**

JANE is now at 247 active members! 🇬🇧

JANE Monthly Meetings



Longfellow's Wayside Inn

Most of our monthly meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury, Massachusetts. The Wayside Inn is a very special Massachusetts historic landmark, and we are fortunate to be able to hold our monthly meetings there. The Inn's Old Bar room is still in use today, and that's where you'll always find members already gathering by around 6 p.m. on our meeting nights. Our dinner meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are followed by a program. It's an opportunity to visit with your Jaguar friends, for new and existing members to meet each other, have a nice meal, and enjoy a good, car-related program. See page 7 for information about the very interesting June meeting that is planned. 🇬🇧

Don't forget!

We must let the Wayside Inn know how many plan to attend each meeting.

**To save your space at the June dinner meeting,
you need to call Dean Saluti at 617-483-9488 (daytime),
at his or Margie's cells, (617-285-6565 or 617-285-6564),
or email him today at djsaluti@aol.com.**

Please indicate your choice of beef, chicken, or fish as your dinner entree.

CONCOURS RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION

**Items for the raffle and the silent auction are still needed.
Jaguar-related items are preferred,
but other good-quality and special interest items are accepted and appreciated.**

**Please send any items you wish to donate to:
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Alternatively, bring your items to one of our monthly meetings, and someone will make sure they are delivered to Ed. We're collecting things now!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

June

01-02 - Fri-Sat	Jaguar Club Empire Division Drivers' School	Lime Rock Park, CT
03 - Sun - 10 am	British by the Sea Auto Show	Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford, CT
10 - Sun	JCSNE Concours d'Elegance	Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT
15-17 Weekend	Berkshire British Motorcar Festival	Lenox, MA
22-24 - Weekend	VSCCA 2012 "Nooks and Crannies Tour"	The Heritage Hotel, Southbury, CT
24 - Sun	British Car Day at Larz Anderson Auto Museum	LAAM, Brookline, MA
24 - Sun - 9 am	JCSNE Slalom	Hartford, CT
27 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

July

15 - Sun	JANE Summer Slalom	Pequot Parking Facility, Hartford, CT
22 - Sun	JANE at Myopia Polo Match	Hamilton, MA
25 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

August

04 - Sat - 11 am	JANE South Shore Tour and Picnic on Scituate Harbor	Scituate, MA
10-12 - Weekend	JANE Jaguar Festival and Concours d'Elegance	Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA
22 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

September

14-16 - Weekend	British Invasion	Stowe, VT
26 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
30 - Sun - 9 am	JANE Fall Slalom	Devens Air Base, Ayer, MA

October

06-07 - Weekend	Owls Head Foreign Car Show	Owls Head, ME
07 - Sun	Boston Columbus Day Parade	Boston, MA
21 - Sun - 9 am	JCSNE Slalom	Hartford, CT
24 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
27-28 - Weekend	JANE "Pilgrim's Path" Tour of Cape Cod	Cape Cod, MA

November

14 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
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December

02 - Sun - 3 pm	JANE Holiday Party and Annual General Meeting	TBA
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Upcoming Events

JANE at British Car Day

Larz Anderson Auto Museum - Sunday, June 24



British Car Day at Larz Anderson Auto Museum is a big deal! And Jaguar is always one of the best represented marques at the event, with a large turnout of JANE members. Let's keep the tradition going.

In the past, we could count on Dave Randall to arrive early to stake out a large area for JANE Jaguars. But now Dave is in Texas and we need a new volunteer. If you can volunteer to do this, please call Rod Gilbert (617-839-4140), Dean Saluti (617-285-6565), or Michael Kaleel (617-680-2783). At the very least, do plan to bring your Jaguar out and join JANE at yet another British Car Day at LAAM. 🇬🇧

JANE June Meeting

Longfellow's Wayside Inn - Wednesday, June 27



My Litter of Racing Cats
Featured Speaker Frank Grimaldi

Special Presentation
First in a series of racing presentations by JANE members

Come and hear first-hand accounts of what it was like to race Jaguars in the early 60's, and the dangers that it presented, by long-time and still-racing JANE member Frank Grimaldi.

Here's a sample picture to whet your appetite! 🇬🇧

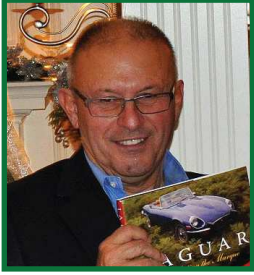
SCCA National races at Thompson
Speedway, CT, in 1966

Bob Tullius, against flagger
instructions, drove his Quaker
State / Group44 TR4 back onto the
track directly in front of Hal Keck's
Cobra. After Keck hit him, Frank
Grimaldi's XK140 T-boned that
beautiful Cobra.



JANE Slalom

Hartford, CT (Pequot St. at Intersection I-84 and I-91) - Sunday, July 15



Al Zanengo
JANE Slalom Chair



Here's Al Zanengo around the cones in his 1993 XJS Coupe at one of last year's slalom events

It's that time of year again. Now is the time to get the cars out and make those adjustments that you thought about last fall to make sure you improve on your personal best time.

JANE's first slalom this year is being held in Hartford, CT, where we will be joined by car owners from the Connecticut area. The event will be held on a site used by JCSNE at the intersection of Market and Pequot Streets, right off Routes 84 and 91 in downtown Hartford.

To help everybody in their quest for that personal best, and to respond to feedback we got through the members survey last fall, the July Slalom will start with a Drivers School. The purpose of the school will be to give those who want it some instruction on how to get through the course quicker. Car setup. Tire pressures. Lines through the course. Braking. We will cover anything that people want to hear about. You will also get the chance for some practice runs through the course – together with an on-board instructor if you like. Note to the “experts” out there – to make this work, we need instructors, so please sign up to come help out your fellow members.

The event will begin just before 9 a.m. and will be over by 3:30 p.m.

- 8:45 to 9:15 – Drivers School Registration and Tech Inspection
- 9:15 to 10:15 – Drivers School Instruction and Practice Runs
- 10:15 to 10:45 – General Registration and Tech Inspection
- 10:45 – Drivers Meeting (mandatory) and Course Walk (optional)
- 11:00 – First car off

As usual, every car will get five runs, with “dollar” runs available after the awards ceremony. We should finish by roughly 3:30 p.m.

Again, to make both the Drivers School and the regular Slalom run as smoothly and quickly as possible we need volunteers for course setup, tech inspection, instruction, timing, starting, course workers, refreshments, etc. We would like to know ahead of time that we will have the resources we need, so please sign up by contacting Al Zanengo at alzanengo@comcast.net (781 799-6868) or Paul Bicknell at pab@mitre.org (781-271-3917).

Finally, put the Fall Slalom on your calendar now – Sunday, September 30, back at Devens. 🇺🇸

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JANE at Myopia Polo Match

Sunday, July 22



Aldo Cipriano

JANE's day at the Myopia Polo Club was one of our best events in 2011. This year it should be even better, so mark your calendars for July 22nd and email Aldo Cipriano now to be sure and get a spot.

This year, our 4th annual Jaguar Day at Myopia, our cars will be secured in a reserved area, with boots up for picnicking and frolicking. Food will not be available for purchase on site, so be sure to pack your best tailgate picnic.

Special for this event -- JANE ladies are encouraged to wear elegant or even silly but complicated hats. There will be a People's Choice award for best Jaguar and Judges' Choice awards for the top three ladies' hats! Hats are the thing this year ... every lady who participates with an elegant or even wild hat will get a prize.

The gates at Myopia open especially early for JANE members with passes -- 12:30 p.m. -- that's an hour before the general public can get in at 1:30 p.m. Our sponsorship entitles us to complimentary passes that should cover all members who want to attend, but do be an "early bird" to take advantage of this.

We will be parking our Jaguars along the boards of the field on the shady side near the main awards area. Plan to bring your picnic gear, candlesticks, champagne with Pimm's No. 1 cup spirits, and hors d'oeuvres, all of which are de rigueur for this event. The match begins at 3 p.m., so there will be plenty of time for socializing before the action gets underway.

The match usually ends around 5:30 p.m.

Aldo has some surprises in store for attendees, so please let him know if you plan to attend -- AldoC.Esq@comcast.net or 508-320-1679. 🇺🇸



JANE South Shore Tour and Picnic

Scituate - Saturday, August 4

Ken and Mal Loring are hosting a JANE picnic at their home in Scituate, MA, on Saturday, August 4th. The plan is for everyone to meet at Burger King in Rockland, which is Exit 14 off Route 3, at 11 a.m. At the meeting location Ken and Mal will provide maps with details of the area, and then lead about an hour's tour, with lovely views along the way, to their home in Scituate for a picnic right there on the harbor. What better way to spend a summer Saturday in New England!

Ken and Mal will provide sliders, "cook your own," and drinks, and it would be helpful if attendees could pitch in pot-luck with some side dishes and desserts. They need to know how many to prepare for, so please email Mal at maryalicerling@aol.com or call Ken at 617-967-8407 if you plan to join in. Let Mal know what you plan to bring as a contribution to the picnic, and get in touch with either of them with any questions you have about the event. 🇺🇸



This is the view from Ken and Mal's home!

Other Happenings

JCSNE Concours Middlefield, CT - June 10

The Jaguar Club of Southern New England has two major events in June. Their 38th Annual Concours is on Sunday, June 10th, at Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT. JCSNE is a loyal supporter of JANE's Concours. Please show your support to them as well if you can. More information is available at JCSNE's website, www.JCSNE.org, or you can email ConcoursChair@JCSNE.org. 🇬🇧



JCSNE Slalom Hartford, CT - June 24

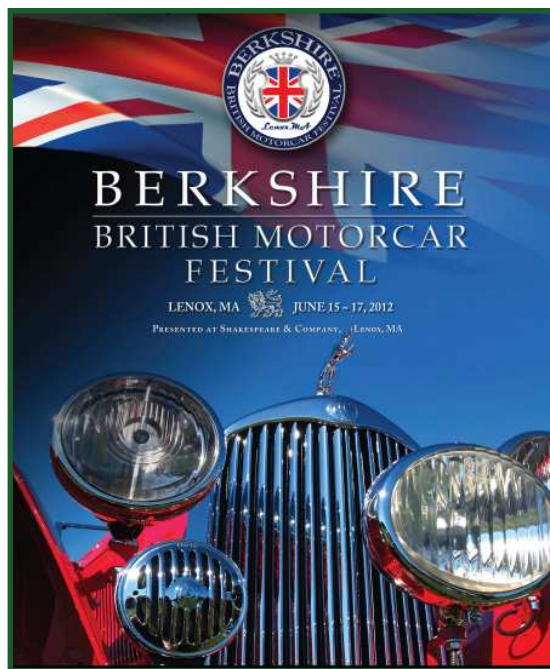
JCSNE's first Slalom of the year is scheduled for Sunday, June 24th. It will be held at the same location as JANE's July Slalom, the northwest corner of the Intersection of I-84 and I-91 in Hartford, CT. Check it out on their website, www.JCSNE.org, email them at Slalom-Chair@JCSNE.org, or call Ken Haas at 860-657-6591 if you still have questions. 🇬🇧

Berkshire British Motorcar Festival – A Celebration of All Things British Lenox, MA - June 15 - 17

Last call for Michael Gaetano's Berkshire British Motorcar Festival. It's to be held in Lenox, MA, on the grounds of Shakespeare & Company, in walking distance of downtown Lenox. It's on Father's Day Weekend, June 15 - 17, and every minute of the weekend is filled with something that is sure to be of interest to anyone attending the event.

You are cordially invited to participate in this newest celebration of British Motorcars and lifestyle. There will be back roads touring, a British marketplace, a Registrant's Reception, a street party on Friday night with a live band. The Shakespeare & Company staff, the Lenox Chamber of Commerce, and the staff of the Berkshire British Motorcar Festival will be working hard to make this truly a "Most Significant Motorcar Event" and one that is sure to be recognized and to grow over the coming years.

If you've not made plans yet, you're running out of time. For any information you need, go to www.berkshiremotorcarfestival.com, or email Michael Gaetano, the event's organizer, at mgaetano@berkshiremotorcarfestival.com. 🇬🇧



VSCCA "Nooks and Crannies" Tour Southbury, CT - June 22 - 24



This year's VSCCA Tour will revolve around the Heritage Hotel in Southbury, CT, a beautiful area of Connecticut. As always, you do not have to be a VSCCA member to join this tour. A vintage sports car is preferred, even recommended, though any sports or touring car is welcome.

For information about the event, including the dinner menu and registration information, contact:

Ed Hyman at edhyman@charter.net

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August 10 - 12 - Sturbridge, MA



Bruce Murray and Ed Avis
JANE Concours Co-Chairs



Update

By Bruce Murray and Ed Avis

The Concours Website Is Getting Closer to Prime Time

Mohan Rao has bought the www.janeconcours.com domain for five years. The web-page designer will have migrated the site from its present location and also set up credit card and PayPal payments, hopefully by June 7. Ed Avis and Bruce Murray will test the transactions by the first week of June to make sure all is well. The tests so far have shown that the money transfers okay to the JANE Treasurer, Don Holden, but there is a glitch in the automatic emailing of the information to Ed Avis and to the entrant. This is being actively worked on as we go to press.

Mailings

With the move to online registration, our mailings for the Concours will take a different format this year. Instead of a multi-page brochure with schedule, registration form, division and class information, etc., we will be sending out a tri-fold postcard-sized mailing with instructions on where to find all the information and how to register (and pay) via the website. This will streamline the registration process, reduce mailing and printing costs, and save many hours of laboriously stuffing envelopes. Those who prefer to send a check in the mail have two options -- either print the form from the website and mail it in, or contact Ed Avis and he'll send you a complete registration package, as in previous years. The tri-fold mailer has a postcard that can be returned to Ed requesting a complete registration package.



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The Adirondack Tour of 2012

By Carl Hanson (Tour Leader)



This year's spring weekend driving tour through the beautiful Adirondack Mountain region of New York state gave JANE members a trip to remember. The weather was perfect, the routes were carefully laid out, and the venues were magnificent. It doesn't get any better than this!

Friday, May 18th - "The Gathering in Saratoga Springs." Forecasts for a beautiful sunny weekend came true, and our tour group looked forward to a nice drive to Saratoga Springs. Rooms had been reserved at two hotels, Courtyard by Marriott and Fairfield Inn, for two nights, and some people made other arrangements. In total we had 30 people in 15 Jaguars (and one MG) set for the first leg of the tour. Unfortunately, our good friends Ed and Cheryl Avis dropped out at the last minute for health reasons. (All turned out well in the end, much to our collective relief.)

Since people were coming from all parts of New England (and New Jersey!), it was obvious that not all could form caravans to Saratoga Springs. Two cars came together from Vermont (Cunninghams and LaHayes), and a caravan of seven cars traveled together from the Boston area (Hansons, Centores, Eklofs, Halls, Melos, Powells, and Wadsworth). These folks got a head start on the concept of "group touring" and found it enjoyable to take back roads through villages and towns along the route. The others found their way on their own (Joneses, Bartletts, Reilly, Finans, and Axford). In addition, we welcomed Mike Eck and Becca Payonk from New Jersey to play with us. JANE is always open to participation from other Jaguar clubs.

The Boston group arrived in Saratoga Springs well in advance of the first Saratoga Auto Museum (SAM) event of the weekend, a Cocktail Reception with *Chasing Classic Cars* host Wayne Carini. Arriving "well in advance" allowed for a pre-event wine tasting hosted by the Eklofs. "Wine tasting in advance of a cocktail reception?" you ask with raised eyebrows. What can I say? This is a recurring theme. JANE members do love socializing with their adult beverages! Wayne's presentation focused on the uncertain future

of the "old car hobby," using his own experiences from childhood to illustrate how we could keep the next generation interested. (What kid under the age of 30 knows how to use a stick shift?)



Wayne Carini at Friday night cocktail reception at Saratoga Auto Museum

Saturday, May 19th - "The Euro Car Show." Again, the sun shone brightly on us as we drove to the show grounds next to the SAM. We were pleased to discover that Jaguars were a featured marque this year ... they parked us in the prime location around the reflecting pool surrounded on two sides by beautiful brick and stone porticos. There were a lot of Jaguars, 14 of which were from our group alone. After arrival, our tour leader, Carl Hanson, distributed commemorative "rally plates" to the participants, who proudly mounted them to their cars. These will become collector's items in the future, believe me!

Our Jaguars generated a lot of interest, as they always do. Wayne Carini came by to visit and to compliment our cars. Carl was pleased to hear him comment that the XK120 Fixed Head Coupe with disc wheels and spats is one of his all-time favorite cars. Another celebrity, Tom Cotter, the automotive writer of the _____ in the *Barn* series, visited our cars as part of the judging contingent.

Although the day started out sunny and cool, the afternoon began to be sunny and hot enough that people took refuge in any available shade. The awards ceremony scheduled for 2 p.m. got pushed back to 2:30. Meanwhile red ribbons were placed on selected cars ... those selected by the judges for awards. Owners were informed to line their cars up on a grassy knoll and wait for further word. Among the selected cars were three from JANE ... George Jones's Mk 2, Mark Kellett's XK120 OTS, and Carl Hanson's XK120 FHC. Awaiting the judges' verdicts, spectators and participants lounged on blankets and folding chairs in the shade. During this time Chuck Centore kept us entertained with his timely quips and teases. Finally the awards ceremony began. Each winning car was driven up to the judges' stand to receive its designated award. JANE was well represented: George won "Best Euro Sedan," Mark won "Best Euro Sportscar," and Carl won "The Chief Judge's Award." All of these trophies were in the shape of a race horse (of course!).

Some words about the Saratoga Automobile Museum (SAM):

This museum is located in the old Saratoga Springs Water Bottling Works building in Saratoga Spa State Park, a mile south of the center of Saratoga Springs. The site is magnificent, surrounded by Works Progress Administration structures from the 1930s -- porticos, reflecting pool, golf course, parklands. The Museum's purpose is "to educate students, the general public, and enthusiasts of all ages about the role automobiles played in the region's social and economic development...." The building has two floors displaying cars ... the current featured exhibit on the ground floor is "Porsche: 60 Years of Speed & Style in North America." Upstairs is an assortment of car exhibits, one of which is the actual Maserati "Poison Lil," driven by George Weaver to victory in the 1951 Watkins Glen Seneca Cup. Next to the Maserati was a continuously playing video of the exciting race where Weaver scrambled to stay ahead of John Fitch in one of Briggs Cunningham's Ferraris.



JANE Winners at the Car Show
Top Left: George Jones - "Best Euro Sedan"
Top Right: Carl Hanson - "The Chief Judge's Award"
Right: John Kellett - "Best Euro Sportscar"

Celebratory dinners were held all over town that evening ... one group of 15 dined outdoors under a lighted awning in a beautiful old historic restaurant. Ah, what a great memory!

Sunday, May 20th - "The Adirondack Tour." Carl cracked the whip to get the touring group together at the Courtyard Hotel by 8:30 a.m. for a 9 o'clock departure. Participants lined up on time and the tour was underway! Our caravan of 13 cars set off on a spirited two-hour drive through the Adirondack Park. What a beautiful sight to see a line of Jaguars stretched out on the hilly and nearly traffic-free roads! At one point, we came up behind one of the old style VW Beetles. The driver must have gulped when he saw a bunch of Jaguars screaming up his tailpipes. He quickly pulled off at his first opportunity! Our first stop was at the famous Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake.



The Adirondack Museum is a series of buildings spread out over 32 acres of land high on a hill overlooking Blue Mountain Lake. Exhibits represent life and history of the Adirondacks, including outdoor recreation, boats and boating, transportation, fine arts, work and industry, tourism, and community. Since we arrived one week before their official opening, not all the exhibit spaces were open. But they opened especially for us and we received a warm welcome from the limited staff who took time out of their Sunday to greet us and guide us through the main building, to the boat building where a craftswoman was at work building a traditional guide boat, the fine arts gallery, and outdoors to the old steam train, where Ed Hall enjoyed ringing the bell, and the old steam boat that served passengers on the lakes.



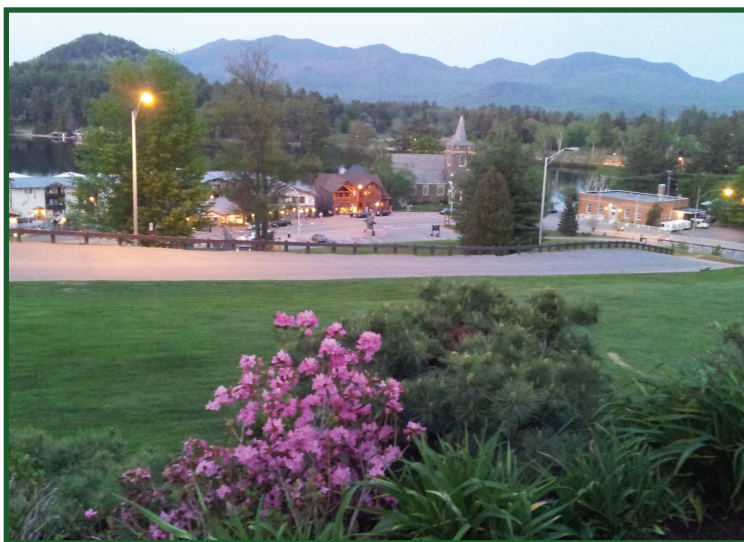
After a couple of hours at the Museum, we continued on toward Lake Placid, with a lunch stop at the Long Lake Diner, with a breezy deck overlooking the lake. From Long Lake to Lake Placid the tour group encountered an increase in traffic passing through towns, with tourists enjoying the sunny Sunday afternoon. Traffic through Tupper Lake was held up by a police action involving checking for seat belt infractions, prompting one of our group to comment, “they apparently don’t have enough to do.”

Lake Placid itself was especially crowded on the Main Street, but our hotel destination, Crowne Plaza Resort and Golf Club, was high above the town, overlooking Mirror Lake. The bustle of the street below was out of sight and out of mind as far as we were concerned. But, of course, our professional shoppers took the opportunity to race down the hill to purchase souvenirs of the famous 1932 and 1980 Olympic venues. Coming back up the hill was not exactly a race, however. More like a crawl.



Olympic Center in the village

Despite a glitch in the schedule discovered late by the otherwise well-organized tour leader (cocktail time moved up an hour on the schedule), everyone made it back up the hill, hearts pounding, to enjoy group interaction outdoors on the patio overlooking the lake below.



View from our hotel's patio of Lake Placid and mountains in background



Left: Cocktails on the patio. Right: Dinner in the Kate Smith Library.

Our group dinner was held in the private “Kate Smith Library.” We had a fine meal and great camaraderie in a delightful setting with fireplace glowing, bookshelves all around us, and JANE and Jaguar flags proudly displayed on either side of the podium. After dinner, the Tour Leader used the podium to summarize the tour and to give out special awards to deserving persons. The awards were:

- Longest drive: Mike Eck and Becca Payonk, from New Jersey
- Best quote: George Jones (“He grabbed the bull by its udder.”)
- Most Independent Person: Ed (What seatbelt?) Hall
- Most Unusual Jaguar: Peter Wadsworth (MGuar – pronounced “Maguar”)

After dinner, the now-tightly knit group gathered once again on the patio for more pranks, high jinks, and drinks (sounding familiar?) until darkness and the lateness of the hour caught up with us.

Monday, May 21st - “The Departure.” Breakfast in the hotel resulted in more good stories, including one confusing “Cat” story that remains to be chronicled. Tearful departures and long drives home concluded the 2012 Adirondack Tour.

Postscript. Tom and Mary Finan continued to have an adventurous tour after departure. Driving up Whiteface Mountain to look out over Vermont and Canada, they ran over a pointy metal object that pierced a rear tire. This resulted in a learning experience for them ... how to install the spare wheel on their XF Jaguar! Intrepid folks, they figured it out, enjoyed the view, fixed the tire, and proceeded on their long journey home. It’s always something! 🇬🇧



JANE Jaguars by the reflecting pool at the Saratoga Auto Museum



Saturday Night Dinner in Saratoga Springs
L to R: Peter Wadsworth, Norberto and Linda Melo, Kathy and Ed Hall, Patt and Chuck Centore, Mike Axford



Saturday Night Dinner in Saratoga Springs
L to R: Janet and George Jones, Sing Hanson, David Reilly, Carl Hanson, Dennis and Prebble Eklof



Carl and Sing Hanson's beautiful XK120, which led all the way, packed and waiting outside our hotel in Lake Placid, ready to head home after a wonderful weekend



Tom and Mary Finan had one more adventure following our Sunday morning departure, a puncture with a sharp object, requiring the mounting of a most unbecoming red-rimmed spare tire!

JANE on the Lawn at Larz Anderson Auto Museum

Biggest Lawn Event Ever! - By Ray O'Brien



We broke our previous record for attendance! This year 91 people registered for our May event at Larz Anderson Auto Museum ... not surprising now that JANE is the largest club in JCNA.

The evening began as usual with setting up the interior for the caterer, bar, and guests; it wasn't long before the regulars started to arrive and help with the set-up. The usual Boston area traffic had some guests arriving late, so dinner was served a bit later than usual. The lawn was lined with Jaguars from end to end.

We opened the bar at 5 p.m. and kept it open during dinner and dessert. Hors d'œuvres were served on the lawn and inside the Museum. We set up the welcoming table at the Museum entrance to greet guests and welcome new members.

This year we prepared a presentation about JANE to welcome new members and familiarize them with JANE and the many events we have on offer. Michael Kaleel, our President, also took the time to personally welcome everyone to the event and the driving/car show season.

Dinner included green salad, grilled vegetables, roasted potatoes, Beef Wellington, and grilled jumbo shrimp wrapped in Prosciutto, with chocolate banana cream pie for dessert.

Sanda and I want to thank everyone who helped with the organization, setting up, and putting the Museum back together again ... we appreciate it. JANE is a great club for all members new and old. 🚗



Norberto and Linda Melo's XJS Coupe in the late afternoon shadows, with the beautiful Larz Anderson Auto Museum still in sunlight in the background



Tom Brady's 1959 Mk 9



Top: Only a few of the many fine Jaguars on the lawn at our May meeting at Larz Anderson Auto Museum

Middle Left: We had a record turnout of 91 for the meeting. Here we are at dinner in the main hall of the Museum

Middle Right: Bruce Murray brought his one-third scale model of an XK engine

Right: Stu Forer and Frank Grimaldi, probably exchanging old racing stories!



Other JANE Activities in May

Autojumble at Warren Cossit's

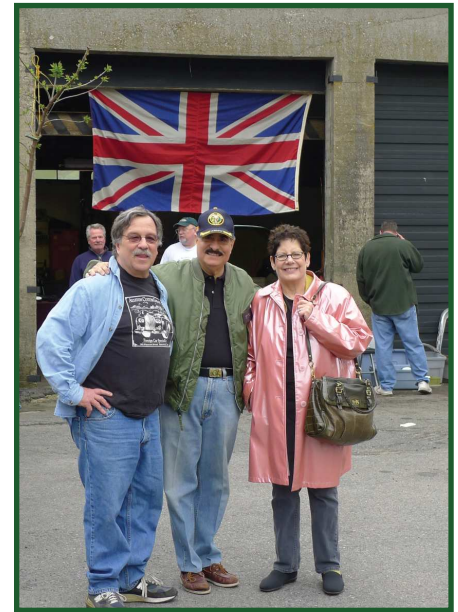
The Autojumble at Warren Cossit's Jaguar repair shop in Readville took place on Saturday, May 5th. The weather cooperated ... no rain ... and quite a few club members swung by to check out the loot. The Brady Bunch had the largest display of parts and reported good sales. There were approximately eight vendors in attendance. Excellent hamburgers and hot dogs were served up by the local Am Vets member, Mike. Dean Saluti especially enjoyed the burgers. 🍔



Warren Cossit enjoying the event



Tom and John Brady (middle and right) presided over the sale of a lot of stuff



Bill Strachman, Dean Saluti, and Margie Cahn came looking for good deals

Tom and Nancy Winners at Nantucket Daffodil Festival

No, it's not a Jaguar Gullwing! It's Tom Larsen and Nancy Monaghan's Mercedes 300SL Gullwing. Their XK120 is now committed to the new British Car Exhibit at Larz Anderson Auto Museum for quite a long while, so we give them coverage for their second place showing in the "Most Authentic Class" at this spring's Nantucket Island Daffodil Festival Car Parade.

This was Tom and Nancy's tenth year competing at the festival, where millions of daffodils are in bloom, and even the antique cars in the parade are decked in daffodils. Note the daffodils in the rear window, next to the yellow winner's ribbon atop the red luggage. The car drew huge crowds! 🍷



JANE Judges Training

On Sunday, May 6th, JANE's Concours judges gathered at Woburn Jaguar for our annual certification training session. In attendance were 15 previously certified judges and one new attendee, our esteemed past president, Dennis Eklof.

The training session started with coffee and donuts, supplied courtesy of Woburn Jaguar, which lead into coverage of all new changes that were implemented for this year at the JCNA AGM. After a brief discussion of judges' conduct and procedures for deductions in both Champion and Driven classes, the judges plunged in to take their annual exam.

At the conclusion of the exam the judges were treated to a nice lunch, again courtesy of Woburn Jaguar. With hunger pangs quieted, a lively discussion and review of the exam ensued by all in attendance. Try as they might, our astute group of judges was unable to find any errors in the JCNA answer sheet, as they had done last year. Our session concluded with some practice judging on Bruce Murray's Series 2 E-Type Coupe and Bob Doyle's S-Type Estate.

JANE would like to sincerely thank Woburn Jaguar, along with John Aldinger and Scott Hoffman, for providing the use of their showroom and the comestibles. 🇺🇸



JANE's Chief Judge, Jim Sambold, presiding over the session



JANE's lady judges took to the front in class
Front Row: Sandy Cotterman and Jennifer Taylor
Second Row: Tracey Levasseur and Jan Gill



Lunch was provided by Woburn Jaguar



Bruce Murray, Gus Niewenhaus, and Francisco Silva discuss some points to consider on Bruce Murray's Series 2 E-Type

JANE at Wayside Inn Art Auction Reception

Herb Chambers' Jaguar Sudbury was a sponsor of the recent art auction held at Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury. In support of Herb Chambers and his Jaguar dealership, as well as to support the Wayside Inn, where we have our monthly meetings, JANE provided a nice line-up of vintage Jaguars outside the tent during the opening reception. 🚗



Beautiful Jaguars from Herb Chambers' Jaguar Sudbury



JANE Jaguars: Tom Brady's 1961 Mk IX, Jack Memishian's 1968 E-Type (delivered from restorer just that morning!); Carl Hanson's 1951 XK120; Tom Moses' 1970 E-Type Coupe; Dennis Eklof's 2001 Vanden Plas



Ken Loring's 1961 XK150S and Gordon Taylor's 1989 XJS V12



Tom Brady directs Dean Saluti into place in his 1965 3.8 S-Type

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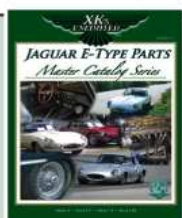
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