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A D-Type doing what it was made to do: fly around the track. This one was caught at speed at the Lime Rock Park Historics Festival last year.

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resident's Update Michael Kaleel, JANE President

In Like a Lamb, Out like a Jaguar!



March is always described as in like a lion, out like a lamb, but it's 43 degrees outside, sunny, and the weatherman says it will be in the 40's through next week. That tells me we may hear many Jaguars roaring before month's end.

Speaking for myself and my XK120, we are ready to go. So I'm currently in the process of signing up for the VSCCA Spring Sprint races, and the Empire Jag Club/VSCCA race day at Lime Rock; look out Stu Forer and John Fuller. I hope many JANE members take this opportunity to bring their

Jags out to Lime Rock and stretch their legs. I'm sure the Hagopians, Tom Moses, and others will be there. Join us. But let me not get too ahead of myself.

In February we had two very successful events, our Valentine Day dinner and our monthly social meeting. All the reports that I received were that our Valentine Day dinner, hosted by Tom and Clare Moses, was again a very enjoyable feast, a lovely evening for a small group of new and old friends to meet and appreciate the love. Thank you Tom and Clare for continuing to organize this most appreciated evening.

Our monthly social meeting became a new adventure for many of us. The Wayside Inn could not accommodate us in February and we needed a new one-time location. Dean Saluti and Marjorie Cahn came to the rescue, and they did a fantastic job! They scrambled, found a unique Italian restaurant just outside Boston with a great view of the city. They negotiated excellent terms, delivered a spacious, bright, nice room, free parking, and worked hard to communicate this change of venue. And they booked a hotel room for our speaker. That's a lot of responsibility and a lot of work. Unfortunately, it was a very dark and rainy night, and a few of us could not clearly read the signs and were almost late. We worried that no one would come. What a wonderful surprise, we had one of our largest attendances. We had over 60 people sign up and about 60 arrived. It was a very happy, successful night, and with great spirit in the room we turned the evening over to our speaker. Thank you Dean and Margie for making it look easy!

Members who renewed their membership before January 25th were eligible for the drawing for a free basic membership for 2013. The drawing was held at this meeting and the winners were Stu and Anne-Marie Forer. Our thanks to Lauren MacCarthy and Jennifer Taylor for donating this paid membership.

Our speaker was Russ Rocknak. Russ has recently started a new publication, Mesh Magazine, and was kind enough to bring copies for all in attendance. Russ is also the new director of the Owls Head Transportation Museum in Maine. Russ, a professional photographer and past executive at the *Robb Report*, captivated everyone with his photographs, stories of his personal development as a car guy, editor of Mesh, and now director of the Owls Head Transportation Museum. His stories covered the famous people he has met, fantastic events attended that developed his spirit for cars, and his own appreciation for what they represent. Thank you Russ and Laura for driving down from Bath, Maine, to spend a special evening with JANE.

During this upcoming month, our Board will meet and prepare our delegates for the Annual General Meeting for JCNA. Our delegates this year are Gus Niewenhous and Dennis Eklof. In addition, we will continue our planning for our calendar of events. Should anyone have a question or suggestion for our club, please email me or any member of our Board. Our next monthly social meeting will be Wednesday, March 27, at the Wayside Inn.

The end of the month also brings us our first driving tour of the season. Bruce Whitmore has again agreed to organize and lead a caravan of cars to Parker's Maple Barn. This brunch/breakfast run is a low-key fun day driving your Jag or any car. It's a great way to start the season and meet new people who may generally not always attend our monthly meetings. Don't miss it.

Also, as I have mentioned and articles in our Coventry Cat have covered, we have several other tours this year that are shaping up to be blockbusters. Dennis and Prebble Eklof are organizing a Magical Mystery Tour this spring. If you don't know about the MMT, it's a blast. First of all, you don't know where you will wind up, except that it will be at a nice bed

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and breakfast or lovely country inn. To get there, you get clues in a packet at the starting point. Follow the clues and solve the puzzles along the way and you are there. Many drivers choose to team up so they don't miss a thing. And if it gets too hard, there is an emergency bailout envelope with directions to where we should wind up. Dennis and Prebble tell me that they are almost sold out. If you have an interest, contact them with questions or just sign up.

In the fall Carl and Sing Hanson and Tom and Mary Finan are organizing an overnight trip to Martha's Vineyard. In order to negotiate rooms on the Vineyard, Carl needs to know who really is going to attend. Both of these weekend events will create wonderful memories and lots of treasured fun.

In between we have our "new members celebration" at Lars Anderson Auto Museum, polo at Myopia, our Concours, and more. We have so much happening that space does not permit me to go on.

I look forward to seeing you all soon. Please come up to me and say "Hi" at our next event.

Michael

Behind the Wheel Tracey Levasseur, JANE Editor



Those of you who receive this newsletter electronically are very lucky this month. My former co-editor of the Porsche Club newsletter, David Churcher, recently visited his homeland of Tasmania for several weeks and shared with us some words and images in brilliant color of this magical land on the other side of the world.

He was fortunate enough to be there for the running of the Targa Wrest Point. For those unfamiliar, Targa Wrest Point and the more popular Targa Tasmania are Australia's answer to the Mille Miglia. The Targas are tarmac TSD (time, speed, distance) rallies where several miles of public roads are closed off to traffic. Entered vehicles have a driver and a navigator, the navigator reads notes in the official road book to the driver, who must process them to drive the course at certain speeds for certain distances in order to complete the rally successfully.

David had to return to the States before the Targa Tasmania but he did manage to snap some shots of cars competing in Targa Wrest Point, which are in this issue. Please see pages 18 and 19 for David's photos and missive.

When not watching the rally David traipsed around Tasmania with family and friends reminiscing and photographing the wild Tasmanian landscape. It is summer down there right now, which only enhances the beauty of this island. For those searching for warmer weather in January and February, you might consider planning a trip to Tasmania in future. Just ask David, he would recommend it any time!

For more information on the Australian Targa rallies visit www.targa.com. au/tc/.



Membership renewals are still coming in and new members continue to join! As of February 27th we have a total of 232 members on the 2013 roster. We also have 6 Associate members who pay full dues to another JCNA-affiliated club but enjoy JANE so much they want to be part of our group as well! A total of 7 people have cancelled their membership, mostly because they have either sold their Jaguar or live too far from the Boston area to participate in JANE events. We're well on our way to remaining one of the largest JCNA clubs in North America! We still have 53 members from 2012 who have not renewed or canceled their membership.

With 5 new members this year we're a bit behind in our progress toward our membership goal of 60 new members. To make the goal we need everyone's help!

As previously announced, everyone who renewed their membership before January 25th was entered in a drawing for a free basic membership (\$60) for 2013. The drawing was held at the February social meeting and the winners are Stu and Anne-Marie Forer. Congratulations, Stu and Anne-Marie!

Cheers. Ed Avis

Welcome New Members

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And the winner is...Stu Forer became the lucky member picked to receive a free year's dues during the February meeting. L to R Ed Avis, Michael Kaleel, Stu Forer and Laura Rocknak, wife of the February meeting guest speaker Russ Rocknak.

Upcoming Events

March Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 7pm -- Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA



Longfellow's Wayside Inn

Please note that March finds JANE back at the Wayside Inn for its monthly meeting.

The Wayside Inn is the oldest operating inn in the country and a Massachusetts historic landmark, well worth a visit even separate from JANE's monthy meetings there. The Inn's Old Bar is its oldest room, and it's still in use today. On the evenings when we have our meetings at the Inn, you'll always find members already gathered in the Old Bar well before dinner meetings begin at 7pm. It's always the perfect gathering place to visit with fellow members.

JANE Maple Syrup Run Parker's Maple Barn

Saturday, March 30, 11:30am -- Mason, NH

Spring officially arrives on March 21st! But it doesn't really begin until we have our traditional welcoming of spring, the JANE Maple Syrup Run. Scheduled for March 30th, when the maple sap will be running freely and our Jaguars will be ready to run out of their winter hibernation, our destination will be Parker's Maple Barn in Mason, NH, one of our area's most popular destinations for breakfast and lunch at that time of year.

When we visit, their Sugar House will be in full operation, their rustic barn restaurant will be doling out sausages and stacks of pancakes swimming in real maple syrup, and their Corn Crib Gift Shop will be featuring good stuff. There's a lot of information about Parker's on their website, www.parkersmaplebarn.com.

Once again, Bruce Whitmore is organizing our Maple Syrup Run this year. We will meet at Johnson's Drive-In in Groton, MA, at 11:30am and be on our way by noon, with our maple tour drivers following two different routes to Parker's. This should get us to Parker's in time to tour the Sugar House before our Maple Syrup Brunch in our usual separate dining room.

For those who may prefer to skip the tour and just meet the group at Parker's, go to the calendar entry for this event on the JANE website, where you can access Parker's website and a map of their location. Plan to be there by about 1:00pm.

For planning purposes, we need to get a head count. The first 30 people who register will be in our own dining room, separate from the rest of the restaurant. Others will be seated in the main dining area on a first-come-first-served basis. Please call Bruce (at Home: 781-275-9747 or Cell: 781 307-8560) or email him at whitmorebk@comcast.net by March 25th if you plan to attend.

JANE Calendar 2013

Date/Time	Event/Details	Location
March 9, 2013 Saturday	Larz Anderson Auto Museum Mardi Gras Party	LAAM, Brookline, MA
March 21-23, 2013	JCNA Annual General Meeting	Dallas, TX
March 27, 2013 Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
March 30, 2013 Saturday	JANE Maple Syrup Tour	Parker's Maple Barn, Mason, NH
April 24, 2013 Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
May 5, 2013 Sunday, 10am	JANE Judges Training	Jaguar Exeter, Exeter, NH
May 18-19, 2013 Saturday-Sunday	JANE Magical Mystery Tour	Destination is a "Mystery"
May 22, 2013 Wednesday, 6pm	JANE Monthly Meeting Picnic & New Member Reception	Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA
May 31, 2013-June 1, 2013	Jag Club/VSCCA Track Event	Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, CT
June 8, 2013 Saturday	JANE Spring Slalom	In Control Training Facility, N. Andover, MA
June 9, 2013	JCSNE Concours d'Elegance	Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT
June 21-23, 2013	VSCCA June Vintage Rallye Tour	Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge, MA
June 26, 2013 Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
July 14, 2013	JCSNE Summer Slalom	New Britain, CT
Sunday, 9am July 24, 2013	Contact Ken Haas: slalomchair@jcsne.org JANE Monthly Meeting	www.jcsne.org Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
Wednesday, 7pm	SANE MORNING MEETING	wayside iiii, oddbury, wa
July 28, 2013 Sunday	JANE Myopia Jaguar Cup	Myopia Polo Club, Hamilton, MA
August 4, 2013 Sunday	JANE Potluck Picnic & Lawn Party	The Eklofs, Groton, MA
August 9-11, 2013	JANE Concours d'Elegance	Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA
August 28, 2013 Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
September 14, 2013 Saturday	JANE Fall Slalom	In Control Training Facility, N. Andover, MA
September 20-22, 2013	British Invasion	Stowe, VT
September 25, 2013 Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

*Dates above are only those confirmed at time of publishing.

Check this page for updates each month and for the most current events check the Calendar page at www.J-A-N-E.org.

Upcoming Events

Magical Mystery Tour

Saturday & Sunday, May 18-19, 2013

The 2013 JANE *Magical Mystery Tour* is scheduled for May 18-19. For those of you who may not be familiar with what this is all about, the *Magical Mystery Tour* (MMT) is a weekend event to an unknown destination via a challenging route for the driver and navigator. We'll start early on Saturday from a to-be-determined location where you will receive your route sheets, which, if you follow them carefully, will lead you on about a 150-mile back-roads tour through the beautiful New England countryside. You will not know your destination until you arrive at it. Many past tourers have not known where they were for most of the day, because there are no road names, town names, or route numbers to be found anywhere on the route sheets. Navigation is by distance and landmarks of various kinds. Along the way there will be questions to answer, and photos of sites along the route to identify, so you will have to be observant. **This is NOT a timed event,** so you can traverse the route at your own pace. Some past MMTers have teamed up and used walkie-talkies to share their confusion along the way.

There is much more information about the event in *Details* on the JANE website calendar entry for the MMT, including the General Route Instructions and photos and event reports from the MMTs in 2007, 2009, and 2011.

In 2007 we had 14 cars/teams participating. In 2009, the number grew to 16, and in 2011 there were 21. So far we have around 30 cars/teams signed on for this year. We are still in the process of selecting the "mystery" destination inn and should have this finalized by the end of March. We anticipate that the cost for the weekend will be in the same range as in previous years, somewhere between \$335 and \$375 per couple, which will cover your room at a very nice inn, an evening cocktail reception, dinner, breakfast the following morning, and will include all taxes and gratuities. Separately you will be responsible for your own lunch cost in transit on Saturday and your own bar bill at the inn.

As the size of the event seems to be growing significantly this year, it is imperative that we have a fairly firm estimate of the number to plan for in order to secure an inn that can accommodate our group. So if you want to join in the 2013 Magical Mystery Tour but you've not yet let us know, please do so as soon as possible. Any questions? Please call us at 978-448-2566 or 508-878-9510, or email us at dennis.eklof@verizon.net or

prebble.eklof@verizon.net.





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These are just a few examples, go to the website and check it out...



The Spirits of JANE Contest

Invent a cocktail to be our signature drink at the 2014 AGM



Signature drinks commemorate important events, like Champagne at New Year's Eve, a glass of Scotch at a Robbie Burns birthday party, or a mint julep at the Kentucky Derby. So why not have one for JANE at our 2014 AGM Friday gala event at the MIT Museum?

Well, that's exactly what the Event committee thought, and so we are asking you, creative and inventive JANE members, to find your inner bartender and create a signature JANE cocktail for the event. Be sure it is delicious, and that it's simple to make -- extra points for pitcher-size recipes -- and that it has a great name that will make people sit up and notice.

If your drink entry is chosen as the winner, you and a guest will get free admission to the Friday gala event (April 4, 2014) at the MIT Museum, where you will be invited to pour the first Signature Cocktail, and you will be introduced as the creator of our signature drink, joining all those other creative types immortalized at MIT.

The MIT Museum is all about celebrating invention, creativity, and brilliance, and really who has more of that than you? Add alcohol (and maybe offer a virgin version too) and you will have developed a great innovation in celebration that we can't wait to share with Jag fans from across the continent and perhaps the world.

Our rules (and, yes, we do have them) are simple:

- The contest is open to all JANE members. There is one category, and members with any level of expertise from beginning home bartenders to professionals may compete.
- All cocktails must be original and created by the member who submits it. Variations on classic or common cocktails will be accepted (i.e., changing ingredients in a classic cocktail and giving it a great JANE or Jag-related name is ok). But just changing the name on a classic won't be accepted. We do all have professional bartenders guides at the ready and will check to keep the playing field level. Be sure to give your drink recipe a name that you would be proud to have identified with you and with JANE. If your drink is selected, we will introduce you at the event as the drink's inventor.
- Give us a good description of how the drink should be served (what kind of glass, etc). If you can, submit a picture
 of the drink as you made it. Remember this is a drink that will be served to a crowd on a busy night, so there are
 extra points for recipes that can be made by the pitcher as well as by the glass. A virgin version is nice to offer too,
 so think about that as you concoct.
- Give us the story of how you developed this cocktail and gave it its name. Did you name it after your first Jag, where you had your first kiss? Or is there a funny story behind it? Let us know in about a paragraph or so.
- If we have any questions about your drink submissions, we will need to contact you, so please include your preferred method of contact email or phone.
- The deadline for the first round of this contest is June 26, 2013, the day of the JANE monthly dinner meeting. No entries will be accepted after that date.

What happens with your submissions:

All entries will be reviewed by our merry band of judges. Each cocktail will be judged on taste, appearance, originality in drink and name, with extra points awarded for drinks that can be made by the pitcher as well as by the glass.

The Winning Cocktail:

The committee will choose the top three cocktails and those three entries will be offered for sale at the Concours in August where the winning signature JANE cocktail will be voted on by the members and announced. There will be prizes for runners up as well.

Scurry down to your den, dining room or kitchen and start inventing now. Please write your cocktail recipe with precise quantities including the mixing instructions and remember to include the name of the Jaguar cocktail. Email your entries on or before June 26th to Jan Gill at janlgill1@gmail.com.

Good luck and happy mixing!





2014 JCNA AGM Update By Dennis Eklof

Plans for the 2014 JCNA AGM Moving Forward

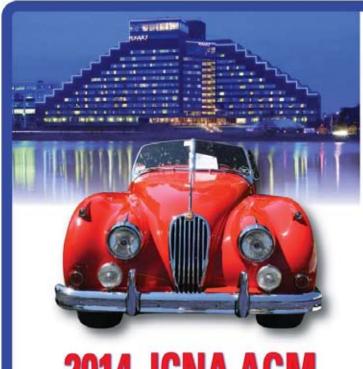
As most of you undoubtedly already know, JANE is hosting the JCNA Annual General Meeting on the weekend of April 4, 2014. This is a huge undertaking for our club, but I am happy to report that we are moving ahead aggressively with the event planning. As chairperson of the planning committee I have a great group of contributors who are energetically moving forward with planning. The main features of the event are already finalized:

- The main venue will be the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Memorial Drive in Cambridge. It will be a terrific venue for the event, with fine meeting and banquet spaces, space for us to display over 20 cars, and newly renovated guest rooms.
- The Friday social event will feature an evening at the MIT Museum, a short bus ride from the hotel. We will be adding some directly car-related aspects to the already fine museum displays representing MIT's engineering excellence in robotics, holograms, and other fascinating engineering marvels. We also plan a fine spread of food and, of course, a cash bar. The event will be open to all JANE members and will be an excellent opportunity to see a new aspect of our area's culture, as well as meet Jag lovers from around the country. Put April 4th on your calendar!
- During most of Saturday, the delegates to the meeting will be tied up with discussing and voting on various rule changes that will govern JCNA events in 2014, but we plan to go all out in organizing a variety of optional area activities for non-delegate attendees.
- Saturday evening there will be a cocktail reception and the annual Awards Banquet. This is always a fun evening and another opportunity to get to know JCNA members from across North America. We are still working on selecting the main guest speaker for the evening, but we will keep you posted. As with Friday evening, the banquet is open to all JANE members.
- The final event of the weekend will be a Sunday breakfast at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. While the Museum is not sufficiently large to handle the 200+ attendees we anticipate on Friday night, we couldn't have the national meeting here without tying in such a unique treasure as LAAM. All JANE members are also welcome at this Sunday morning event.

If you want to stay up-to-date on what's going on surrounding this meeting, go to the JANE website. There you can sign up to get email updates by clicking the 2014 AGM Info link, and you can read the notes from all of our planning meetings by clicking the **JCNA AGM 2014 Planning Notes** link. As the year passes, we will need more and more volunteers to make all this happen, so give me a shout and join our group!

Speaking of the group, I need to thank the members of the AGM Planning Committee for the great job they are all doing toward making this major event a resounding success.

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Valentine's Dinner An Intimate Gathering

Sunday, February 17, brought bitter cold weather and a couple of inches of snow to New England, and between the weather and assorted personal issues for some of the planned attendees there were fewer JANE members than usual gathering to enjoy another terrific Valentine's dinner celebration at Bullfinch's Restaurant in Sudbury. It was the same location as in 2011 and 2012, and the results, albeit for a smaller group, were equally satisfying -- great food, good friends, and a festive occasion. It was a purely social gathering with lots of laughter, not an insignificant number of martini's and bottles of wine consumed, and everyone left in a very happy frame of mind -- as it should be on Valentine's Day. If you missed it this year, be sure to put it on your calendar for 2014.







Clockwise from top left: Chuck and his Valentine Patt Centore snuggle for the camera. Francisco Silva and his sweetheart Arlyn. Last to leave the table are, on the left Jan and Richard Gill and on the right are Elaine Burns and Jack Memishian. Did Jack get his holidays confused and think it was Halloween?











Clockwise from top: Jan & Richard Gill are all smiles. Sheila & Allen Liberman and what appears to be a tasty cocktail. The entire intimate gathering of JANE folks, minus the photographer. Janet Thomason and Bruce Whitmore enjoying the fine company. All photos by Dennis Eklof.







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Other Musings

An Island with Two Jaguars and No Tigers

Story & photos by David Churcher



The following story is about a small island far, far away, which is a magical place full of delights, strange people, and fast cars. Read on only if you can promise to keep it a secret and not let it get spoiled.

Where is this place? It is so far away that Jonathan Swift used it as a base for part of his *Gulliver's Travels* stories published in 1726. It is, literally, the other side of the earth and about as far away from New England as you can get. It is where I

grew up. It is where I was inflicted with the bug for motor racing and photography. Just south of the "big island" of Australia is a little island called Tasmania.

My first paragraph above should not be taken lightly. Tasmania is as far away as you can get. It is magical, and I will explain why in the following paragraphs. Full of delights...if you are a visualist and into landscapes, mountains, wonderful locavore food, Pinot Noir, and the world's best honey. Strange people? Yes. The friendliest race on earth. Fast cars, yes! This is where they hold Targa Tasmania and Targa Wrest Point, which is the warm-up for the "big event."



Only two Jaguars and no Tigers? This comment refers to my recent (February 2013) re-visit to Tasmania. The Tasmanian Tiger was hunted to extinction in the last century. It is gone. Extinction is forever. And only two Jaguars refers to my frustration in bagging some photos and stories for my friend Tracey and the *Coventry Cat*.

In the early 1960s I was a young enthusiast growing up on the island and, of course, suffering "Island Syndrome." That is a desire to get off the island and see the world. I was a Jag enthusiast. I had the first copies on the island of *Challenge Me the Race* and *Champion Year* (Mike Hawthorn). I had seen XK120s while still wearing short pants, and I had seen a C-Type and an E-Type before leaving the island. I had to wait for a D-Type. I had worked on a D-Type engine that was being used in a local speed boat. And I was into Ecurie Ecosse, Lister, Tajerio, Archie Scott Brown, Ivor Bueb, et al. But, about that time, a German colleague introduced me to Porsche. And history began about then.

Fast forward through a bit of history to 2002 and I am living in New Hampshire, with a 911 in the garage and your editor, Tracey, as a friend. We co-edited the local Porsche magazine together for six years. During that time I always bagged a few Jag photographs for Tracey while at events such as Lime Rock Historics and Amelia Island Concours.

I keep going back to the island. It is part of "Island Syndrome" to go back. I am drawn by all the things mentioned above, and family of course, and the Targa Tasmania and

its prequel Targa Wrest Point. This trip, again, I missed the Targa Tasmania but I did see the Targa Wrest Point. I expected to bag a few Jaguars. No such luck. No Jags in the event. But while traveling through the northeast of Tasmania, heading for the spectacular scenery of the east coast, I saw a tired old 1970s Jag parked in Lilydale. I passed on that photo op. A little while later, while my sister did the driving through the scenery, an immaculate white XK120 coupe passed us, fast, on the other side. It was dressed in regalia for Targa Tasmania. The driver was smiling. I was not. I missed that photo op, too. My sister and my daughter were both a little amused at my reaction and totally missed the point. That was the second of only two Jaguars I saw in Tasmania.



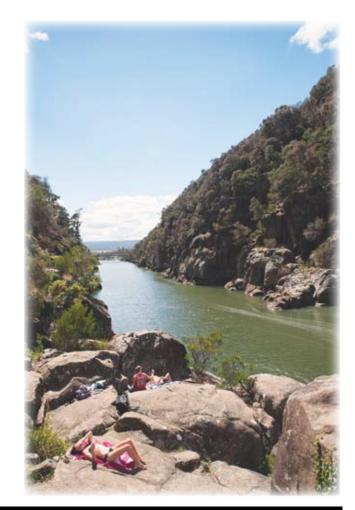
So I have to fill out this article with photographs of the wonderful landscapes of Tasmania. Please, enjoy the visuals. But, please, keep this wonderful place a secret just between us.

Opposite page top: Winner of the 2013 Targa Wrest Point went to the Lamborghini Gallardo driven by Jason and John White. Bottom: Where the Bush meets the beach, east coast Tasmania.

This page clockwise from top: 1955 Fiat Abarth 750 on Stage 1 of Targa Wrest Point. Cataract Gorge looking east toward Launceton, Tasmania. Cataract Gorge looking west up the gorge. Jim Richards and Barry Oliver, eight time winners of Targa Tasmania run Wrest Point in their 2011 Porsche 911 GT2 RS.









Other Musings

Another JANE Member Tries His Hand in the Car Business

Story & photos by Dennis Eklof

JANE member Bob Mitchell is a long-time car tinkerer and collector who has always dreamed of turning his hobby into a business, and a few months ago the opportunity came knocking – and he answered.

Bob's friend and now business partner Clarke Taylor called Bob excitedly a few months ago about a building for sale in Candia, NH. The building was "perfect" for car storage and other activities requiring plenty of room. And Clarke was right – the building was ideal. Bob and Clarke now operate as Historic Motor Sports LLC (www.historicmotorsports. net) where they have a fine storage facility offering both year-round and seasonal storage. It addition, they offer consignment sales services, car location services, and a variety of in-house services geared to their storage customers' needs such as detailing, storage maintenance, and other routine services.

I visited Bob and Clarke's building a few weeks ago, and it certainly is a first class facility (see photos), offering both heated and unheated storage at competitive rates. They already had a number of cars stored there (my Brunton Stalker is there for the winter) despite getting a late start on the season, and also had several interesting cars for sale on consignment.

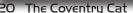
One interesting feature of their offering is any-time access at your convenience. It turns out that one large bay of their storage facility is isolated by electronic lock from the rest of the facility and from the outside. Bob and Clarke call the area the "Sally Port," which is taken from the area in a medieval castle that allowed a group of knights to "sally forth" - and return - without having to open the "main gates" and expose the castle to intrusion. With 24 hours' notice, they will move your car into the "isolation" area and give you the combination to the outer door. You can then pick up and return the car at any time of the day or night at your convenience. When they return to the shop they will move it back to its usual position. Thus you can take your beauty out for a nice weekend without being concerned about fitting into their hours of operation – great feature.

If you are in need of storage or any other of Bob's services keep Historic Motor Sports in mind.



Above, Historic Motor Sports owner Bob Mitchell beside a Triumph Stag. Below, some lovely vehicles inside and outside of Bob's new facility. Photos by Dennis Eklof.







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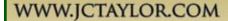


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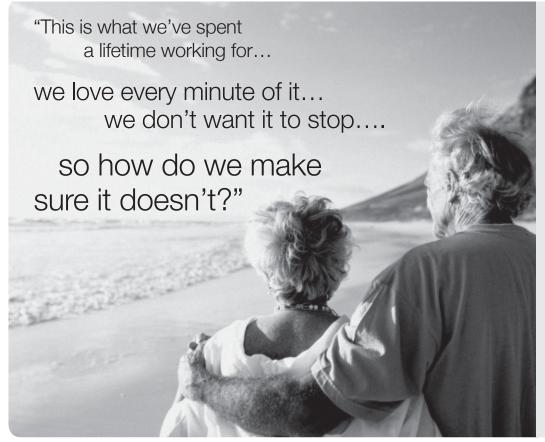
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