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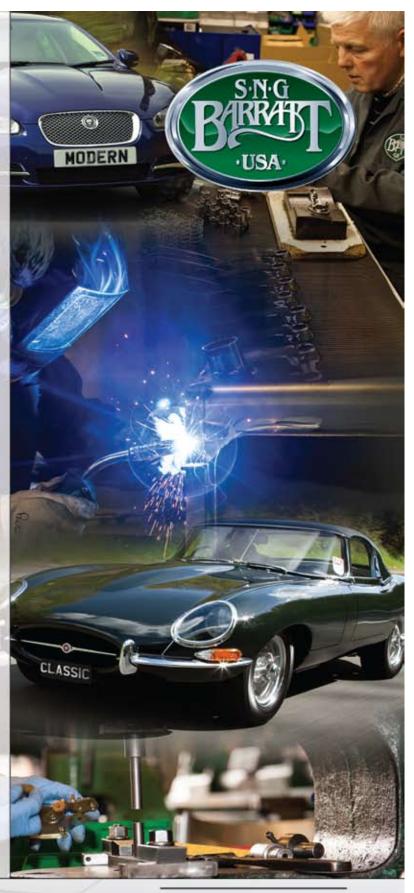
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Is Spring Anywhere in Sight?

New England's snowfall hasn't set any records as of yet, but being 25 inches above the average it sure seems as though winter 2013-2014 should be in the top 10. This last week we have seen three consecutive days of at least five inches or more of wet, heavy snow, leaving little time for much else other than shoveling and cleaning off our roofs. I know March is just getting started, but where, oh where is spring? It seems for all of us, as we get older, that time goes by faster and faster, but sometimes I think that it is not going fast enough for the appearance of the sunshine, blue

skies, flowers, and the green grass of spring. Let's not forget the sweet sounds of our beloved Cats, those 6-, 8-, and 12-cylinder ones, as they start coming alive for the next season of fun and driving enjoyment.

February has been relatively quiet in terms of events, with our 6th annual Valentine's Day Dinner held at Bull-finchs Restaurant in Sudbury, Massachusetts, on Sunday, February 16. There were 33 in attendance, filling the room for an evening of great friendship, storytelling, and some fine dining. With laughter and storytelling filling the room, we even raised a few glasses during the course of the evening. The Valentine's Dinner is always a sellout, and I would like to extend a big "Thank You" to Tom Moses and Chuck Centore for making this event another huge success.

Following the Valentine's Day Dinner, our February monthly meeting is being held at the British Beer Company in Walpole, Massachusetts. This will be the first of, hopefully, many more meetings at this venue and will lead to building a strong relationship with them and their British brand. The Brady triplets will once again present our perennial favorite program about their annual trek to the 24 Hours of Le Mans. With 20 plus years of experience navigating the intricacies of that venue, they make us feel as though we were right there with them enjoying the great cars, drama at the track, beautiful women, and last but not least, the consumption of libations.

In quick succession, Dean Cusano will be having an Open House at Motorcars Inc. in Plainville, Connecticut, on Saturday, March 1, for a tour of his new facility combined with cars, fellowship, pizza, and refreshments. Dean has long been a great friend and strong supporter of JANE and our activities, so we need to return the same with a strong showing from our membership. The following Sunday, March 2, Tom Parish has organized an afternoon of racing at F1 Boston. I am really looking forward to getting out on the track and capturing a few fast laps and bringing out the inner racer. Keep looking in your rear view mirrors, Stu and Michael, there may be a few new up and coming competitors! Bruce Whitmore is once again organizing our traditional Maple Syrup Tour and brunch at Parker's Maple Barn in Mason, New Hampshire. A family establishment since the 1960's, Parker's has become a New Hampshire institution known for their hearty country breakfasts and lunches. There will be opportunities to tour the sugar house and of course the gift store before sitting down to a great meal with homemade maple syrup. Our new website sign-up is working very effectively for our events, so make sure that you go to the events calendar and register so that our event coordinators will be able to accommodate everyone.

The final details are now being completed for one of the biggest events our club has ever embarked upon, the JCNA National AGM. The committee has been hard at work to make sure that we set the bar for all future AGMs in every respect. The venue is exceptional, additional activities are extensive, and the displays and

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President's Message continued

seminars are extremely comprehensive. An event of this magnitude does not present itself very often, and there are still plenty of opportunities for members to become involved in assisting the committee with the components of this three-day event, so please contact Dennis Eklof or myself and let us know how you would like to participate. I really want to encourage every member to consider being a part of this event by volunteering or by at least attending as a member of JANE so that we can show JCNA that the largest club really knows how to put on an event and extend our hospitality.

We are also looking for someone to take the lead and coordinate as our Concours Chair for 2014. This will be our second biggest event for the year, and most of the advance work has already been completed with respect to the judging, registration, and hospitality. Ed Avis and Rich Kosinski are available to help and provide guidance for anyone who would be interested, but due to extensive commitments they are unable to take the lead.

In closing this month, I find that it is necessary to reflect once again on the passing of another extremely active member of our collector car community, Bob Michaud. Bob was very active, owning several Jaguars as well as being a strong supporter of the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. Bob will be missed. Carl Hanson's In Memoriam for Bob, detailing his interesting life and his many contributions, appears on page 13 of this issue.

Jim

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Back in my Navy days (which now seems like a few centuries ago) we had a pretty good program to make sure people being transferred into the squadron were welcomed and made to feel at home and part of the unit. We'd normally assign a "sponsor" of similar rank to contact the newcomers, tell them about the community they were moving to, help them get the kids settled in new schools, introduce them to their new comrades, etc. It was a very positive way to integrate them into the squadron and help them quickly feel like part of the team.

It dawned on me recently that perhaps JANE could benefit from a similar program. We get a few folks each year who join JANE, maybe attend a meeting or two, and then quietly disappear. The next time they hear from anyone is when I'm badgering them about renewing their membership.

Think back to when you first joined JANE – did anyone "take you under their wing" and show you the ropes? Did someone contact you personally and invite you to a social meeting? Did someone explain why the MMT's are so much fun? Did someone explain the difference between a slalom and a Concours? Most of all, did someone make you feel like a valued part of the team and get you involved? These are the sort of things that could make all the difference between new members fading away or becoming active participants in JANE. Remember, any of these new members have the POTENTIAL to become the future officers, Board members, Concours chairs, Presidents, or Membership chairs. Any organization like ours needs new blood to keep it alive, growing, and interesting.

As Membership VP, I make it a point to make the initial contact with new members, welcome them, and invite them to upcoming activities. But I'm not able to maintain that contact, because then I have to move on to welcome the next new members. The effort would be much more effective if other active JANE members kept up that contact until the new folks were comfortable on their own.

I'm in somewhat of a unique position to know the difference this sort of welcome can make. Cheryl and I joined JANE several years ago when we bought our first Jaguar (a 1989 XJ-S convertible). We knew nothing about the club and we had only a brief welcome – nobody came forward to "pull" us into the activities. Of course, we bear some responsibility for not taking a more active role and learning more ourselves – but we didn't, and like a lot of other new members we just faded away and didn't renew our membership. A few years later, when the XJ-S was long gone, we bought our XK120 and decided to try again. Our first contact with JANE on this second round was during a trip to Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 2006, and the reception couldn't have been warmer! It made us feel that someone really cared and that our membership was valued. We made friendships on that trip that we still cherish today!

So, having said all that, let me encourage each of you to "adopt" a new member and show them just how much fun JANE can be! Each month we publish a list of new members and I'd encourage you to contact them. If you'd like to do that on a more formal basis just let me know that you're interested and I'll match you up with the next new member to join.

Cheers,

Ed Avis

Welcome New Members

Nigel Smithson Lynn, MA 2009 XF Premium

Upcoming Events



2014 JANE EVENTS CALENDAR

You may register for any JANE event online at www.j-a-n-e.org and pay in advance by credit card or PayPal

Date	Day	Time	Event
March 23	Sun	11AM	JANE Maple Syrup Tour to Parker's Maple Barn for Brunch Meet at Johnson's Drive-In, 164 Boston Road, Groton, MA Coordinator: Bruce Whitmore (781-307-8560)
March 26	Wed		No March JANE Monthly Meeting – See you at the AGM!
April 4-6	Fri-Sun Fri	9AM 6PM	JCNA AGM Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 44 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA JANE Members Register for all AGM events at http://www.j-a-n-e.org/AGM2014.html JCNA AGM Welcome Cocktail Party, MIT Museum,
	Cot	9AM	265 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA JCNA AGM
	Sat	9AIVI	Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 44 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA
		7PM	JCNA National Awards Banquet Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 44 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA
	Sun	10AM	JCNA AGM Jazz Brunch at Larz Anderson Auto Museum – All JANE Members Invited – Display your car on the Lawn!
April 23	Wed	7PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA Program: TBA
May 3-4	Sat-Sun		Mid-Maine Sports Club Motoring Weekend Owls Head Museum, 117 Museum St., Owls Head, ME Coordinator: Ed Avis (ed@avisfamily.com or 207-737-8258)
May 4	Sun	10AM	JANE Concours Judges' Training Session Jaguar of Exeter, 158 Epping Road, Exeter, NH Coordinator: Jim Sambold (xkjagnut@comcast.net or 603-929-0419)
May 15 to 18	Thurs- Sun		Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park Tour, Bar Harbor, ME Coordinator: Ed Avis (ed@avisvamily.com or 207-737-8258)
May 21	Wed	5:30PM	JANE Jags on the Lawn and Dinner at Larz Anderson Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA
May 29	Thurs	8AM-6PM	SCDA Track Day at Lime Rock, 60 White Hollow Rd., Salisbury, CT Coordinator: Ian Prout (ian@scda1.com or 203-913-4232)
May 30-31	Fri-Sat	8AM	Empire Club Driver's School at Lime Rock 60 White Hollow Rd., Salisbury, CT Coordinator: Charles Bordin (<u>cbordin123@aol.com</u> or 914-968- 5700)

*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

Note: No JANE Monthly Meeting in March

Due to the AGM April 4-6, there will be no March meeting. Meetings will resume again on April 23. Hope to see you all at the 2014 AGM in Boston!

JANE Maple Syrup Run to Parker's Maple Barn 1316 Brookline Rd. Mason, NH 03048 Saturday, March 23, 11:30am



Spring will have officially arrived on March 21, so let's celebrate with our traditional welcoming of spring with what will be our 14th annual JANE Maple Syrup Run. Scheduled for March 23, the maple sap should be running freely, and we and our Jaguars will definitely be ready to break out of our winter hibernation for a tour to Parker's Maple Barn in Mason, New Hampshire. Parker's is one of our area's most popular destinations for breakfast and lunch at that time of year. Their Sugar House will be in full operation, their rustic barn restaurant will be serving up sausages and stacks of pancakes swimming in real maple syrup, and their Corn Crib Gift Shop also features good stuff. Check out Parker's at www.parkersmaplebarn.com.

Bruce Whitmore is organizing our Maple Syrup Run this year. We will meet at Johnson's Drive-In in Groton, Massachusetts, at 11:30am. Johnson's is located at 164 Boston Road (Route 119) in Groton. We'll swap winter stories while everyone gathers, and be on our way by noon, following two different routes to Parker's. This should get us there in time to tour the Sugar House before our Maple Syrup Brunch. 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. If you do plan to just meet the group there, be there by 1pm.

We will have our usual separate dining room, which will accommodate 30 people. The first 30 people who register will be in that dining room; others will be seated in the main dining area on a first-come-first-served basis. Please register for the event online at the JANE website, www.j-a-n-e.org, by March 19. If you need more information about the event, you may call Bruce Whitmore (at Home: 781-275-9747 or Cell: 781-307-8560) or email him at whitmorebk@comcast.net.

WANTED: Donations for JCNA AGM Silent Auction

One of the ways you can support JANE's hosting of the 2014 JCNA AGM is by donating something for the silent auction. Think about what you would be interested in bidding on at a silent auction – a car-related book? a clothing item? a Jaguar part or accessory? car-related artwork? a piece of jewelry or clothing accessory? Other potential bidders may be interested in the same things you would like. Proceeds from the sale of our silent auction items will go to help fund the event, and appropriate recognition of the people who made the donations will be displayed with the items.

If you can donate any items for this cause, please contact Prebble Eklof – prebble.eklof@verizon.net or 978-448-2566.

JCNA AGM 2014

The 2014 JCNA AGM: A Terrific Speaker for the Saturday Banquet

By Dennis Eklof, AGM Committee Chairperson

This is the last *Coventry Cat* article urging you to participate in the 2014 JCNA AGM. If you ever wanted to become more familiar with other JCNA clubs and how JCNA operates, now is the time. No travel, no hassle, just a good time and the chance to meet Jaguar enthusiasts from across North America.



Jeff Curry, new VP for Jaguar brand North America.

It's just a bit over five weeks to the opening of the weekend, and things are shaping up really well for a great event. We have lined up Jeff Curry, the new VP for the Jaguar brand in North America, as our keynote speaker for the Saturday Banquet. Jeff is responsible for marketing, communications, and product planning for the Jaguar brand in North America. He brings to the job a wealth of prior experience with Land Rover, Volvo, and Ferrari; great enthusiasm; and a real love of cars in general. He has agreed to share with us his thoughts on Jaguar's future, and given his orientation to high-performance cars (he played a major role in the recent Super Bowl commercial – It's Good To Be Bad), I, for one, am eager to hear what he has to say. You can find Jeff's bio by going to JANE's AGM page (www.j-a-n-e.org/

AGM2014) and expanding the section on the Saturday Awards Banquet, or by going directly to www.j-a-n-e. org/2014 agm documents/curry bio.pdf.

On other fronts, progress toward April 3rd is also going well. We now have over 175 people registered for one or more parts of the weekend, and registrations are still coming in. Our sponsors have also been very responsive and generous, and we thank them for their great support (see below). I urge all of you members to reciprocate for the ongoing support we receive from these companies.

If you haven't made your reservations yet you should do so soon, as space is getting tight at the hotel and for some of the events. Act now and support your club. You can register online and pay with a credit card by clicking the Register Now button from the JANE Calendar page or the AGM 2014 page.

Finally, I want to thank our generous and supportive sponsors for this event.

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Upcoming Events

Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park Tour May 15-18, 2014

Looking out my window today at all the snow and slush, it sure doesn't seem like we'll be off to Bar Harbor in just a few weeks! But the calendar pages just keep turning, and pretty soon those Jags will be waking up from their winter naps and will be ready for an adventure "Down East." Don't disappoint them by missing this trip!

As I write this during the last week in February we've already signed up 28 people and booked 14 of the 15 rooms we initially blocked off. I contacted the hotel this week and was able to block another 5 rooms at the same rate of \$169 – these may be the last rooms we can get at the reduced rate. If you haven't already signed up for this trip you should do so SOON! Please register online at the JANE website, or complete and return the attached registration form on page 12 to verify your attendance.

We'll be staying at the Bar Harbor Inn for the nights of May 15-17. **See the note below if you'd like to extend your stay.** For those not familiar with the area, the Bar Harbor Inn (http://www.barharborinn.com/) is one of the premier properties in town and is located on the oceanfront right in the downtown area within easy walking distance of all the shops, restaurants, tour boats, pubs, and other attractions. We will be staying in

the Oceanfront Lodge right at the water's edge. Each room has 2 queen beds, full bath, and a private balcony overlooking the ocean. The Lodge has good off-street parking for our Jaguars.

Reserve your room NOW at 800-248-3351 and mention that you're part of the Jaguar Association of New England to receive the discounted rate. Be sure to let Ed know if you plan to attend and have reserved your room. Cutoff date for the discounted rate is March 15, 2014. You can reach Ed at 207-737-8258 or ed@avisfamily.com.



Typical room in the Oceanfront Lodge.

(Other less expensive lodging options are available off the waterfront or just out of town, but you would be separated from the group. Contact Ed for more information if you'd like to pursue this option.)

Traditional rally plates will be prepared for each participating car. These and other additional expenses will result in a small assessment of \$25 for the driver and \$20 for each passenger in the same vehicle (the extra fee for the driver pays for the rally plate ... one per vehicle). So, for a couple, the assessment would be \$45, with \$5 going for the rally plate and \$40 going into a pool to purchase awards, etc. We're trying to keep expenses as low as possible, so hopefully we'll be able to rebate some of the assessment after the event.

Tentative Schedule:

Thursday, May 15th: Drive to Bar Harbor. Rendezvous points will be established in key locations for those who would like to travel together. Everyone should plan to arrive in Bar Harbor in time for a late afternoon reception at the Ivy Manor Inn (http://www.ivymanor.com). Jaguar Scarborough (Maine)/Goodwin Motor Group has graciously offered to sponsor the reception (cash bar not included, but available). Jaguar Scarborough will also have some of the newest model Jaguars available for a close-up look. There are no formal dinner plans for Thursday, but the Ivy Manor Inn also has a fine restaurant where members may wish to dine (menu available on their website).

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The Bar Harbor Inn

Scenic boat, airplane, or glider tours of the area may be an option for those who arrive earlier in the day or extend their stay. You can find more information about events and activities in the area at http:// www.barharborinfo.com/.

Friday, May 16th: Scenic drive across Mt. Desert Island for a tour of the Seal Cove Auto Museum (http://www.sealcoveauto-museum.org), a small but significant collection of "brass era" electric, steam, and gasoline-powered cars and motorcycles. The afternoon and evening will be free to explore Bar Harbor, visit the shops, and take in the scenery. An afternoon or evening cruise on the windjammer Margaret Todd (http://downeastwindjammer.

com/) is another option I'm working on. Dinner on your own or in small groups.

Saturday, May 17th: Scenic drive around the Park Loop Road at Acadia National Park (http://www.nps. gov/acad/index.htm), with stops at vistas such as "Thunder Hole," "Otter Cliffs," and "Sand Beach," as well as a ride up Cadillac Mountain and lunch at Jordan Pond Restaurant. Individual payments required at park entrance.

Note: For those of a "certain age" (62+) the National Park Service offers a LIFETIME "Senior Pass" for only \$10. This is a marvelous deal and is honored by the Forest Service, the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation at sites all across the country where Entrance or Standard Amenity Fee(s) are charged. The Senior Pass admits pass owner/s and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per-vehicle fee areas and pass owner + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, where per-person fees are charged. If you don't already have a Senior Pass you can obtain one online or at the Park's Visitor Center. You can find more details at http://store.usgs.gov/pass/senior.html.

Group dinner/banquet in Bar Harbor.

Sunday, May 18th: Depart at your leisure.

Notes:

A Complimentary Continental Breakfast is served each morning in the Oceanfront Lodge Lobby from 7:00 a.m. There are several other breakfast options within a 5-minute walk.

If you'd like more time in the area the contracted rate at the Bar Harbor Inn for anyone arriving up to 3 days early is \$158/night, and for anyone staying up to 3 days after the event the rate is \$180/night. Hiking, sight-seeing, antiquing, and other options abound in this area and along coastal Rt. 1.

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Panoramic view from the Oceanfront Lodge.



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I/we will be staying at the Bar Harbor Inn on the nights of May	Contracted rate is \$169/night + 8% tax = \$182.52 Make your reservations directly with the hotel at 800-248-3351 (cutoff date is March 15, 2014)
I/we will be staying at and will meet up with the group on Friday morning.	Make sure Ed Avis has your cell phone number in case of late arrival or a change in tour plans.

Send completed form and check payable to Ed Avis (amount calculated below) before May 1, 2014 to:

Ed Avis, JANE Bar Harbor Tour, 252 Upper Pond Road, Litchfield, ME 04350

Contacts: Ed Avis, ed@avisfamily.com, 207-737-8258 (H) or 207-751-9446 (M)

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NOTE: Group dinner on May 17th will be on individual checks.

In Memoriam

In Memoriam Robert Michaud 1925 - 2014

Many of us knew Bob Michaud and his wife, Ellen, through their long-time participation in the activities of the Larz Anderson Automobile Museum. Others of us knew them as members of JANE (1999-2003) and owners of a beautiful British Racing Green Series 2 E-Type OTS. Sing and I knew them as great friends and neighbors in our hometown of Bedford, MA. So let me brief you on the long and interesting life of Bob Michaud. He was a brilliant electrical engineer, a gifted singer, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and for purposes of this article ... an automobile enthusiast.



Although born and raised in Salem, MA, his roots were French Canadian; his mother was originally from Nova Scotia and his father from Quebec. When WWII broke out, Bob was commissioned as an Ensign into the Navy V-12 program and served aboard the *USS Theodore Roosevelt* (CVN-71). The V-12 program took him to MIT, where he earned a BS and MS in Electrical Engineering. Interestingly, his roommate at MIT was none other than longtime JANE member and contributor to the *Coventry Cat*, Dean Edmonds. After graduation Bob joined Raytheon and soon became one of the earliest employees of Computer Control Company, Inc. in the early 1950s. If you don't know the history of computers, "3C" was one of the seminal organizations in the development of computers, back when they filled rooms with vacuum tubes. The company moved the Michauds out to Southern California, where Bob was involved with computer control of missiles for the Navy. After 3C the family moved back to the Boston area, where he was a co-founder of several computer companies that pioneered such technology breakthroughs as the introduction of barcoding to track merchandise in supermarkets and the use of touch screens on computers. The family lived for many years in Bedford.

One of Bob's major interests was the appreciation of sports and classic cars. Over the years, he and Ellen owned a sequence of beautiful cars, including a classic 1950 Jaguar Mark V Drop Head, a Ferrari Lusso coupe, and a Jaguar E-Type roadster, all of which were enthusiastically driven. In fact, their Mark V Jaguar was selected as the picture of the month for September in the official Jaguar calendar of 1999. The photo has an elegant Beacon Hill setting featuring Ellen and the Jaguar. Bob wasn't in the picture because he was behind the camera!

Bob was active in motorsports and automotive writing. He and Ellen were members of the Sports Car Club of America when they lived in Southern California. They participated in rallies, served as corner workers at race tracks, and generally enjoyed the SoCal sports car scene. Among their friends and neighbors in Santa Monica was Phil Hill, who stored his C-Type Jaguar in their garage! Back here in Massachusetts Bob was an enthusiastic member of the Larz Anderson Automobile Museum, where he served as a Trustee and on the Exhibit Committee and programmed many of the exhibits associated with automotive history. He enjoyed researching the provenance of classic automobiles and writing the descriptions accompanying the exhibited vehicles. The Board of Directors of the Museum recognized his service by awarding him a lifetime membership.

As well as writing, Bob had a great dry sense of humor and was adept at springing puns on you when you least expected them. He also loved the ocean, especially swimming and sailing in the warm waters of Buzzards Bay.

So now let us add another name to the JANE Honor Role ... Bob Michaud, automobile enthusiast. Thanks for the memories. A memorial service will be held at First Parish Church, Bedford, on March 15th at 1:30.

Carl Hanson

Event Reports

Cupid Drives a Jag: JANE's Valentine's Day Dinner

On Sunday, February 16, thirty-three JANE members gathered at Bullfinchs Restaurant in Sudbury for our traditional Valentine's Day Dinner. Bullfinchs is a cozy place with great food, and it is always a festive occasion when we go there each year. This was the largest turnout ever, and they moved us to a different area from where we have been in the past, but it still worked out quite well.

There was no program, so there is little to report except that we had a couple of very new members present (Mark and Beverly Lenci), and one staunch couple (Bruce and Cynthia McGeoch) must have set some kind of endurance record for driving all the way down for the dinner from Burlington, Vermont, and going straight back after the festivities. I think they finally got home about midnight.













Preceding page top to bottom: Chuck and Patt Centore and new member Mark Lenci. Paula Adams, Ann Grimaldi, and Anne-Marie Forer study the menu as though there would be a test after dessert. Alex Hay really liked Dennis Eklof's bowler, so took it over for a while.

This page clockwise from above: Tracy Collins, Anne Geoffrion, Barbara and Glen McLachlan, and Bonnie and Alex Hay in a cozy corner. So many happy couples! Here's Richard and Jan Gill. And at the long table are Beverly Lenci, Eileen De-Vito, RIchard DeVito, Jim Sambold, Chuck and Patt Centore, and Mark Lenci.

All photos courtesy of Dennis Eklof.





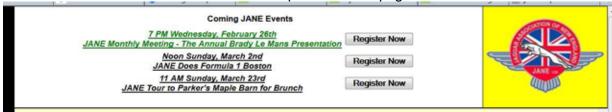
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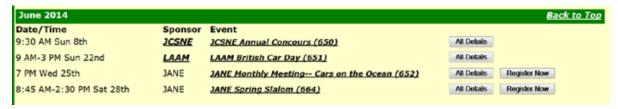
We have a new web capability – online registration for all of our JANE events, including the ability to prepay with a credit card.

And it is very easy and fast. For every JANE event in the future there will be **Register Now** buttons in four different places on the web:

1. Next to the event title at the top of the home page for the next three events.



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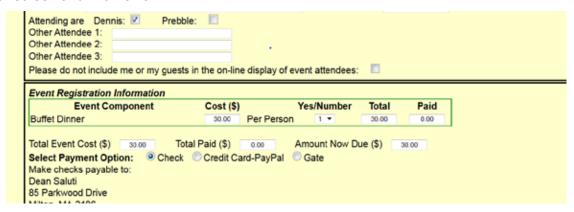
4. Each email that we send out reminding you of future events will have a **Register Now** button for that event.

To use the first three, you will need to be logged into your JANE account. If you forget to do this first, don't worry, the system will remind you. If you register from an email, you don't even need to log in – the system will recognize you from the email and log you in automatically.

So what happens next?

When you click any of the **Register Now** buttons a registration form will pop up. It will already be filled in with your information for registration, and will already be filled in with information about the event (see the snippet below). Now comes the hard part – you need to click one or two check boxes indicating whether your co-member will be

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Why register online?

There are four very good reasons for registering online:

- 1. It is very quick and easy, particularly if it is done from the email-based Register Now button. No more need for emails and phone calls.
- 2. Once you are registered online for an event, we will no longer send you nagging event reminders.
- 3. It allows you to prepay by credit card.
- 4. It saves time and record-keeping for your hard-working event coordinators. Isn't that a good idea?

Thanks for listening, and the next time you plan to attend an event try out our new system. Oh, and you can always unregister yourself at any time if your plans change.

Welcome to a more modern JANE!





Other Musings

A Once in a Blue Moon Opportunity

Congratulations to Carl Hanson and his beautiful blue XK120 FHC, "Blue Moon."

Carl spent ten years restoring Blue Moon to Concours condition, but it was worth every penny and every hour of it. He has been enjoying driving it and winning show awards with Blue Moon for nearly nine years, and it looks as good today as it did in late 2005, when it finally went on the road – so good, in fact, that something very special has recently come Blue Moon's way.

It seems that Jaguar Land Rover wanted to demonstrate the lineage of the new F-Type Coupe in a big splash at the Amelia Island Concours (March 6 through 9), and they selected Carl's car, the oldest FHC in the country, to anchor the beginning of that lineage. So Carl and Sing and, of course, Blue Moon are off in a couple of weeks for an all-expenses-paid weekend at the Amelia Island Concours, compliments of Jaguar Land Rover! Blue Moon will make the trip in one of those fancy classic car haulers, while Carl and Sing relax in the air. Boy, you cannot beat that!

We'll all be waiting for photos and a full report in the next issue of the *Cat*.







Tech Talk

Replacing Door Rubber Seals

Story & photos by Robert Silvestri, JCSNE

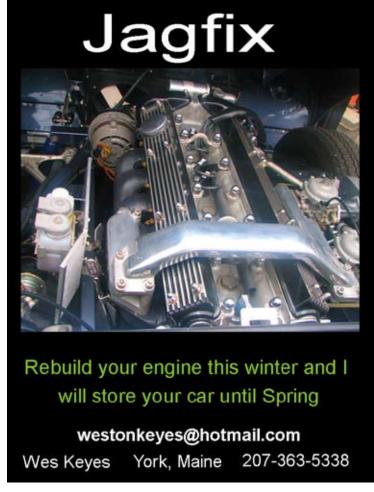
The beginning of warmer weather in Connecticut means the beginning of new projects for my S-Type. One project that I recently tackled was the replacement of the door rubber seals, as the existing ones were either cracked or weathered and overall unpleasing to the eye.

I purchased the replacement seal kit from SNG Barratt in New Hampshire, along with a few tubes of 3M Super Black Weatherstrip Adhesive. The kit contains sufficient rubber seal material for all four doors, including the A, B, C, and D post rubbers and the sill rubbers. The kit is listed as being made with a softer compound of rubber than other kits on the market. While the individual seals are not labeled, the kit contains a one-page diagram that, along with the curves in the seals, assists in identifying the correct seal for the proper location.

Admittedly, while I have performed numerous maintenance and repair projects on various vehicles, I have never replaced door seals. So I decided to approach this project in a conservative manner and tackle the door sill seals first. I felt that starting with a small, straight seal would give me a good feel for the job. In addition, if I messed up, the seal would not be as noticeable as the post rubbers on the car. Here's a photograph of the rear driver's side sill rubber that would be replaced.



Removal of the existing seal was easy, as a slight tug released the seal from its channel. I then carefully cleaned out any remaining seal adhesive from the channel and from the three fasteners that keep the door sill plate in place. The seals for the sills have a different reverse than the other seals, as they are notched to accommodate the sill fasteners. Without these notches, the finished sill seals would have a wavy appearance. The next two photographs show the notches in the sill seals and the fasteners for the sills.



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The notch in the rubber seal to accept the sill plate fas-



The tab and door sill fastener.

Measurement and dry placement of the new rubber seals are critical to obtain the best fit, and a bit of patience is required to ensure the seals are aligned correctly. 3M recommends that the gasket sealant be applied to both the channel and the rubber seal, and that the sealant is allowed to get tacky before pressing the seals into place.

Once finished, the new seals have a more pleasing appearance, as can be seen in the photograph on the next page.

Now on to the other door seal positions.





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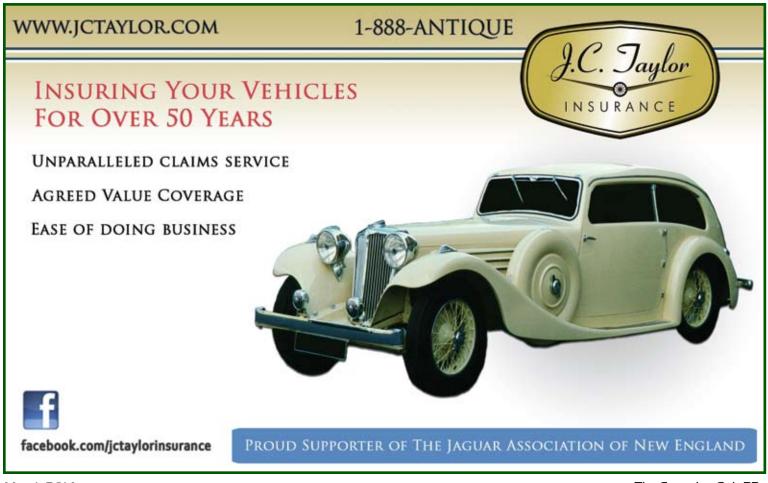
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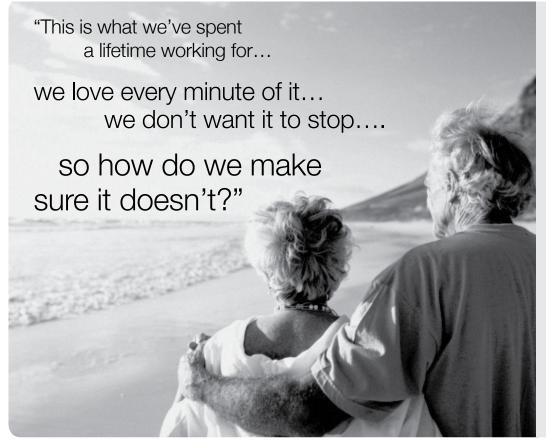
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