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... ..photo by Dave Herrick

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JULY/AUGUST 2006

New XK at Lee Jaguar.....August 2

JANE Concours, Sturbridge, MA.....August 11-13

JANE meeting, Skip's, Chelmsford, MA.....August 23

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President's Notes – August 2006



Concours! Our 34th Annual Concours Weekend is coming up August 11, 12, 13! Ed Hall, our Concours Chairman, tells me that we are ready to have one of the best weekends ever. He even promised perfect weather --- not too hot,

not too rainy. I encourage all JANE members to attend even if you feel your Jaguar is shy a few points of perfect. Put your car on the show ground, set up your lawn chairs, talk with your old and new friends – it doesn't get any better than this! Even better, come for the full weekend of events including Friday night's Jaguar-related movie in the hospitality room, Saturday evening banquet and automobilia lecture by Stephen Ring, and the Poker Rally on Sunday morning. All that plus being surrounded by some of the most beautiful cars on the planet makes for a memorable event!

I must mention that the Sturbridge Host Hotel has been renovated with new fixtures, carpeting and furniture. And we have our old favorite hospitality room back again – the Presidential Suite.

The thirty four JANE members who participated in the Tour of Nova Scotia agree it was a big success! Witness is provided by the photographic travelogue on our website by several of the expert photographers who came along. Those of us who went on the tour will have memories for a lifetime – the fun of driving groups of Jaguars (and some non-Jaguars!) together, the gracious hosts (BATANS) in Halifax, the banquets, the tours, the car show on the Halifax waterfront on Canada Day, the spectacular Tattoo on Sunday. In a year or two it will be our turn to host our neighbors to the north. I hope we can return the favor with as fine a job as they did.

I will close with an urgent message: we need someone to help us with our beloved "Coventry Cat." Our editor, publisher, mailer, and ad manager are all stepping down after four glorious years of service. Why all four at once? Because Harry and Marilyn Parkinson are stepping down --- yes, the Parkinsons have been carrying out all those critical functions month after month without complaint, and have been doing a bang-up job. But it is time to pass the responsibilities to someone else. Who? That is the question. Without volunteers, we stand in jeopardy of suspending the mailing of the newsletter. Anybody out there who can help us? If not, this may be your last issue of The Coventry Cat.

See you at the Concours!

Carl

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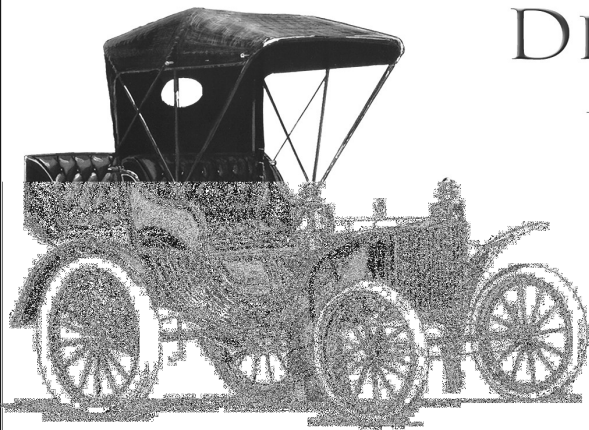
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The PVGP From The Driver's Seat Gary Hagopian, JANE

The 2006 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, with Jaguar as the featured marque, provided the opportunity to run my '63 E type vintage racecar at both Beave Run Raceway and in Schenley Park in Pittsburgh. More than 1000 volunteers from the Pittsburgh Jaguar Club, VSCCA, civic organizations, many car clubs, and several motorcycle clubs, organized and conducted the races in which we, the 175 vintage racing entrants, participated for the 24th time.

The first vintage racing was at Beave Run Raceway, 680 miles (and 75 gallons at \$225.00) of trailering from our home in New Hampshire! Sadly, only five Jaguars were present among the 175 incredible vintage cars that participated in this three-day event. This disappointing turnout resulted in cancellation of "Jaguar only racing", and bumped us into race group 5, with vintage Corvettes, Camaros, Mustangs, and Cobras. Not unexpectedly, my 6 cylinder Jaguar was outgunned by these "ground-pounders", hence I was gridded far to the rear, for all races.

In Sunday's feature race, a mild collision among a GT-40, a Porsche 914, and a Datsun, left debris on the track that punctured my left front tire. As my speed went up, the tire went down, causing a high-speed excursion into the grass, (but no damage) and a DNF at the race's finish. Since I had no spare race tire, racing was done for the weekend, but not before I'd had an enjoyable three days of racing at Beave Run, a very safe track.



I left the car and trailer at the Beave Run racetrack, 40 miles north of Pittsburgh, and flew home for the week between races. Once home, I ordered a new race tire Fed-Xed to the hotel in which I'd be staying on the following weekend.

On Friday, Sue and I flew back to Pittsburgh, picked up the E type from Beave Run, the tire from the hotel, and made the tire swap at a local NTB store. The bad news was that Friday afternoon traffic resulted in my missing all the race orientation in preparation for the REAL PVGP, to be held on the closed city streets of Pittsburgh. In practice on the following day, I was happy to have been last in line with no one behind to see that I appeared to be lost!

With the city's blessing, Schenley Park was closed and the racecourse laid out on the normally public roads. This beautiful venue hosts the only vintage race conducted on public streets in the entire USA! The course is quite daunting, since unlike conventional tracks with smooth runoff areas, its granite-curbed streets are bordered by stone walls, two foot diameter trees, and embankments. Despite obvious risks, this challenging course attracted an incredible number and variety of vintage sports racecars. Broken into six groups based on engine size, they practiced and raced for two days, to the delight of hundreds of spectators. Jaguars were included in Group 5, "sports cars with a dis-

placement of more than two liters". (note, that the winner's circle picture contains only Jaguars!)

Sunday's featured race for Group 5 included Jaguars, Healeys, Aston Martin, Morgan, and a group of 356 Porsches, among others. Having qualified fourth, I was gridded in the second row with the Morgan, and behind the Aston and Tivvy Shenton's XK140 Coupe. Behind us were more Jags, Healeys, and a cluster of 356 Porsches.

After taking the green flag, Tivvy bolted into the lead as expected, leaving the rest of us to fight over second place. I passed the Morgan on the first uphill straightaway, and drew a bead on the beautiful, fast Aston Martin. On the second lap of the 2.3-mile course, I caught the Aston at the chicane, and blasted past him as we went over the bridge into turn 6. Tivvy was in sight then, about 100 yards ahead. I marveled at his speed, considering that his XK140 runs on Avon street tires, wire wheels, and Jaguar drum brakes! My advantage was in braking, since the E type's disc brakes allowed me to close the gaps, as Tivvy was forced to brake much earlier than I.

At a sharp right hand turn in lap 3, late braking took Tivvy deep to the outside of turn 9 allowing me room to sneak past on the inside. Now in the lead, I was determined to break Tivvy's streak of 5 five consecutive wins. I held him off for four laps until a 356 Porsche we were lapping, ran up and over a hay bale situated in a storm drain, and jumped three feet in the air directly in front of me! I hit the brakes, not knowing where the Porsche would end up. Tivvy hit the gas and shot past both of us into the lead. More slow traffic allowed him to build a three second lead, and he took the checkered flag on the next lap, for his 6th consecutive win in this event!

The winner's circle photo shows Tivvy Shenton, 1st place, with his XK140 race coupe, Gary Hagopian JANE, 2nd place with the red '63 E type, and Tom Jaycox, JDCLI, designated "Sportscar Driver of the Race" with his beautiful 1953 C-type Jaguar.



PVGP racing was an exhilarating experience, with crowds and volunteers cheering wildly! I was satisfied having placed second behind Tivvy Shenton, a much more experienced racer. I did however, have the distinction of having run the fastest lap of the race!

Many thanks to Jaguar Cars as main sponsor of the 2006 PVGP, the 1000 volunteers who made the event happen, the VSCCA, Ralph Steinberg DVJC, Don Johnson and **the Pittsburgh Jaguar Club, for making me feel far beyond welcome!**

Photos by Don Johnson & Ms L Pietrowiz

JANE Nova Scotia Tour

The Trip to Halifax

JANE members were divided on the best approach for the long trip to Halifax. About half chose the overland route that goes way north and then south to Halifax, while the other half chose the ferry (The Cat) from Bar Harbor to Yarmouth and then a drive Northeast to Halifax. Your webmaster (Dennis Eklof) was among the latter group, and three of us (the Hansons, the Mac Phees, and the Eklofs) traveled from Bedford, Mass., to Bar Harbor together. Others came from other places and there was a gathering at Bar Harbor for the Thursday morning Cat. The weather cooperated despite ominous forecasts, and we managed to get all the way to Bar Harbor without rain, but torrential downpours started within 10 minutes of our arrival. The Joneses and the Wolcotts were already there when the Bedford travelers showed up. Also on hand were Adrian and Sue Curtis, who had driven to Bar Harbor just to join us for dinner even though they could not make the trip. We were all delighted to see them.

We entertained thoughts of walking to downtown Bar Harbor for dinner, but the torrential downpour that descended upon us shortly after arrival put an end to that thought for most of us, although the Wolcotts opted to drive down despite the rain. The rest of us dashed over to a restaurant across the street for a less fancy meal, but still a good time. Perhaps the highlight of the dinner was when Carl had a flash of lucidity and recalled that we were supposed to have contacted Liz Herrick at the motel, as she was on her own due to a last minute business obligation that required Dave to temporarily return to work. Mind you, Carl thought of this after we were all seated at the dinner table after having rushed through the downpour to get there. Adrian and Sue Curtis volunteered to go back through the downpour to fetch Liz. They had just walked out the door when Carl had another flash -- Liz was already in Halifax and we were supposed to look in on her on Thursday night, not Wednesday night. The rescuers soon found that out, and while a bit soggy, they and the rest of us had a good laugh at Carl's expense.

The ferry to Yarmouth takes only three hours for the crossing, as it is a very modern high-speed job. It holds over 500 people and about 240 cars and is said to travel up to 55 miles per hour. It never seemed to really go that fast, but 3 hours for 120 miles, including time for maneuvering to the dock isn't too shabby for such a huge vessel. Inside it is very well appointed with bars, food, shopping, and of course slots, since it is in international waters for much of the trip. As a comment on how relaxing the voyage can be, see the collage below. From Yarmouth, the Eklofs and Hansons took the southern route to Halifax, but it was not much of a drive. About the first hour was in the rain and all of the route was through pretty much empty low forest -- not

very exciting. We did manage to find an excellent lunch spot in Shelburne (Charlotte's Lane), where we met up by chance with the Wolcotts, who had been on the ferry. Good food and good company. While we were making our way to Bar Harbor and eventually to Halifax, the non-ferry bunch, including the Centores, the Halls, and the Eleviches, enjoyed decent weather and some nice sightseeing on the overland route.



Top: North group at lunch stop; bottom: South group (by boat) at dinner the night before sailing

ROLEX VINTAGE CAR FESTIVAL

On Labor Day weekend, Lime Rock Park presents it's Vintage car Festival, the 24th annual.

BMW is a co-sponsor along with Rolex. Steve Earle, producer of the Monterey Historic Vintage Car Festival has been producing the LRP event since 2002 and it's stature has risen to an east coast version of the Monterey show.

Vintage racing is on the 4th of September.



Above: The ferry at speed on the high seas;

Below: Some like to relax while cruising in the Gulf of Maine



We all got there

Everyone arrived in the mid to late afternoon on Thursday, and we were greeted by a reception held by our BATANS hosts at our hotel. Dartmouth is just across the harbor from Halifax, and a quite lively rivalry exists between the two cities. It was good getting to meet all the new people from BATANS. After the reception, most of the JANE group headed out for a nearby brew pub for a casual dinner.

To the right; Top Our Host Bruce Cake. Carl and his pit stop; The group at the winery; The yachts at the Dartmouth Yacht Club dock



SECOND ANNUAL JANE POKER RUN

Object of event: Each entrant will drive to several selected locations as noted on the JANE Poker Run Direction Sheet and will collect 5 playing cards. The 5 cards will make a poker hand and the entrant with the best poker hand will be the winner and will collect an amount of money equal to one half of the collected pot.

Cards can not be swapped. There are no wild cards. Only official Poker Run Cards will be accepted for your hand.

Each Entrant will be assigned a special number.

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

The Entrant will then proceed to location #2 noted in their official JANE Poker Run driving instructions. Here they will select another card from a remote dealer.

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

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

Best hand gets the money..

Last year's winner was Elaine Whyte who beat out Gary Hagopian for best hand

JANE's Concours at Sturbridge next month

This month's Coventry Cat has an entry form for the JANE Concours, held at Sturbridge on the 11-13th of August. If you plan to enter cars in the Concours, attend the dinner, or run the in the Poker Rally, please use the form on page 7. Check off the events, send a check along with the application to Alan Quinn and you're all set. Ed Hall has reserved a block of rooms at the Sturbridge Host Inn so call up to make your reservations soon.

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

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

This year at the JANE Concours the movie will be provided by Steve Ring. His selections are always entertaining. As always bring your POPCORN.

The Concours is, of course, the main event. Alan Quinn is registrar for the entries while Aldo Cipriano is heading up the team of judges. Judging will start at 12:30. The tallying and scoring team will add up the results as well as class placement. The trophy awards will follow at about 4 o'clock. The banquet, under the tent at lakeside, will start at 6:00PM with a cash bar and a delicious buffet. Last year's dinner was well attended so make your reservations now. Dinners must be prepaid by August 2 as JANE must guarantee the number of attendees so please reserve yours as soon as possible.

After the dinner, it's time for Saturday Night-Jaguar Collectable Road Show. Bring an interesting and fun Jaguar item for our version of "show and tell".

As usual, Steve Ring will preside at the movies as well as the road show

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

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

2006 JANE CONCOURS REGISTRATION & ENTRY FORM

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Club _____ JCNA Number _____

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Year _____ Color _____ Class _____

Year _____ Color _____ Class _____

Concours _____ Display _____ For Sale _____

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Saturday JCNA Concours (per car)

Before 29 July \$50.00 _____ 31 July to 12 August \$60.00 _____ No registration past 11:00 AM, Saturday 12 August
 Display & For Sale \$30.00 before 29 July _____ \$40.00 after 29 July _____

Saturday Night Buffet dinner**Sunday Poker Rally**

\$ 35.00 _____ per person

\$10.00 _____ per person

RELEASE STATEMENT

I agree to enter the above car(s) in the JANE 2006 Concours d'Elegance and may participate in other events scheduled during the Concours weekend. In consideration, I agree to release the Jaguar Clubs of North America, Jaguar Association of New England, LTD and the Concours committee, for any and all liabilities for injuries, damages, or loss from entry and attendance at these events.

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Registration 4- 10PM

Cars to display field 9 12AM

Poker Rally 8:30 AM

Hospitality 4- 10PM

Judge's meeting 10:30 AM

Hospitality 7:30-9AM

Dinner on your own

Judging 12:30 - 4PM

Brunch 11-12:00 AM

Movie Nite

8:30 PM

Raffle

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Awards

4:30 PM

Dinner

6:00 PM

Hospitality

7:30AM- 4:30PM

7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Jaguar Collectibles Road Show 8:00 PM

Bring your memorabilia and collectibles to the Saturday Collectibles Show event so we can discuss them

JANE Nova Scotia Tour -

Saturday Events

Somehow the weather gods must love Canada. We awoke on Canada Day (Canada's version of our July 4) to brilliant sunshine and cloudless skies. It was the only completely perfect weather day of the entire trip and we were all happy to see it, as there was a full slate of outdoor events planned.

The day started with several of us washing our very dirty cars behind the hotel in preparation for the planned Show & Shine event. It was good to remove the grime from a considerable amount of wet weather driving. Then it was off to the show, but before we left there was a small ceremony on the parking lot, where we christened Ed Hall's Cadillac XLR as an honorary Jaguar XJC for the day -- after all, it was a Jaguar and BATANS event! Later someone came up with a name for Ed's car -- a Jagillac -- and we all think that will now be an indelible moniker.

The show site was spectacular! We were in a small parking area right on the boardwalk overlooking the harbor, and there were teams of people passing by and admiring the cars all day. Along with the Jaguars from JANE, there were two Jaguar 410s from BATANS and several other interesting British cars belonging to BATANS members. In addition to the great weather, terrific location, and admiring crowds, one of the merchants abutting the show site provided free gin and tonics to the car show entrants the entire afternoon.

Following the show (and a lot of walking, sightseeing, and shopping for several JANE wives) everyone was a bit tired and retired to a pitch-in party in the Halls' suite. After copious appetizers and snacks and more than a little wine, most vowed to skip dinner, or at least remain in the hotel. Dennis and Prebble Eklof opted to go out for dinner and booked a reservation for two at a harbor side restaurant in Dartmouth. When they went to bid everyone else at the party good evening, there was a decided mood change and the reservation was increased from two to twelve! The restaurant was indeed at a lovely location right on the waterfront. Dinner was excellent and the Canada Day fireworks could be viewed from the balcony of the restaurant. It turned out to be a very good restaurant recommendation from one of the BATANS members.



Scenes from Nova Scotia:

Left JANE at the show;

Top to bottom: Waterfront show site; group ready for the tour before Tattoo; view from the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron

Next page Leaving for Bar Harbor; On the Maine Turnpike headed home

Photos and text from the JANE web site by Dennis Eklof

JANE Nova Scotia Tour**Sunday Events**

Our last full day in Nova Scotia was to be taken up with a leisurely breakfast, followed by attendance in the afternoon at the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo. Sunday breakfast was truly leisurely, and one of the hotel's breakfast specials, Eggs Benedict made with thinly-sliced red onion and smoked salmon in place of the traditional Canadian bacon, was excellent. We boarded a real double-decker British bus for the trip to the Tattoo and were treated to an unexpected guided tour of some of Halifax's more prominent sights by our bus driver. The Tattoo was spectacular. It was a three-hour show filled with some military competitions, many marching bands, sensational pipe and drum corps, acrobats, dancers, etc. Especially moving was a tribute to Canada's fallen soldiers. See the pictures below and the website above for more on this truly memorable experience. The final official event of the weekend was a marvelous dinner at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, where JANE members Greg and Pat Elevich are members and generously made the arrangements. The setting was really beautiful, the private dining room cozy and comfortable, and the food superb. Many thanks to Greg and Pat for arranging this memorable wind-up to the weekend.



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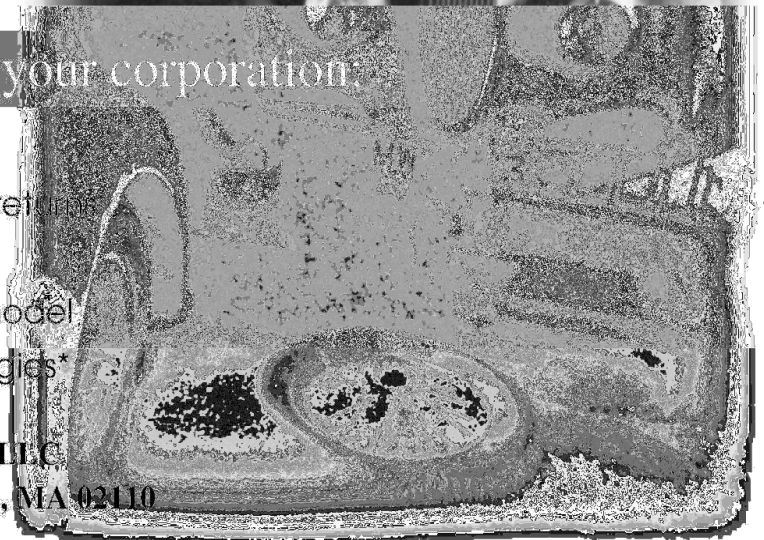
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For the Jaguars in the Brit car corral, log on to www.limerock.com, click on tickets, then down click affiliate tickets, in the ID bar enter 250, in the password bar enter BRVF06. This will confirm the discount price for admission-less 20%. [we do need 25 cars, but expect to have them] Donna is tix manager, if you have questions- #860 435 5000.

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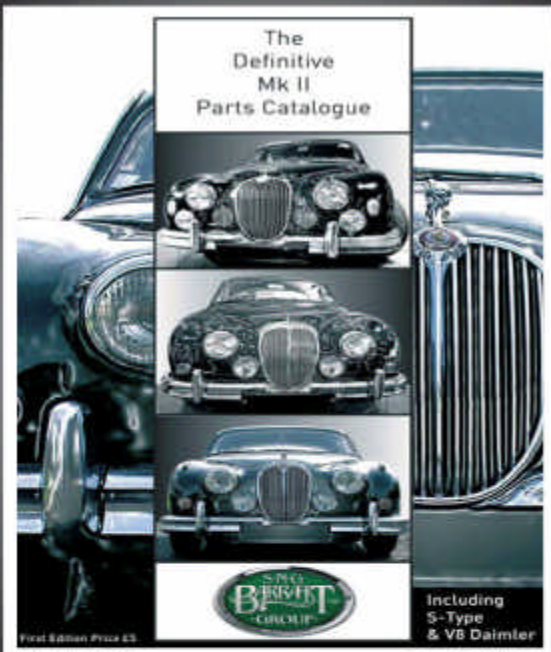
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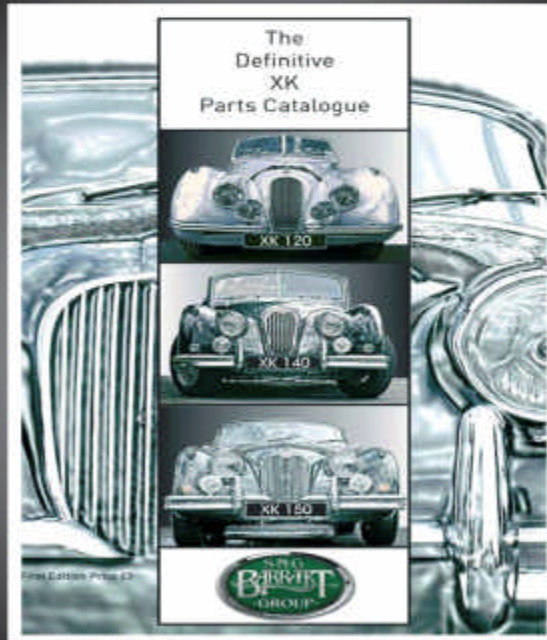
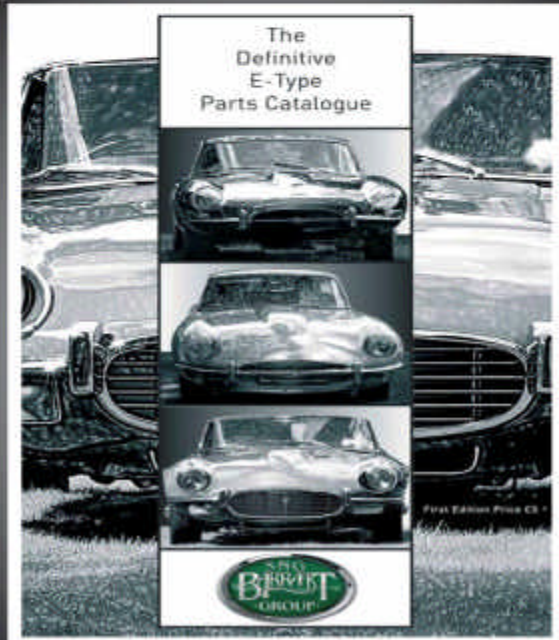
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