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Off and Running in the New Year January 2007

I appy New Year! As your re-elected President, I would like to look back on "the year that was" and reflect a little before starting to make new year's plans. It was a great year for JANE. We had three tech sessions, two slaloms, one rally, a concours, a tour, a drag night, a few spot events, and one great holiday party. Our monthly meetings were well-attended. We have an award-winning newsletter and a terrific web site. Does it get any better than this?

Sure it does! Wait 'til you see what we have planned for this year! Our planning group will meet in the middle of the month to lay out the events for the coming year. This time, we have the benefit of all the question-

naires you have been sending in with your dues. We are going to have the kinds of activities that you want and are willing to help organize!

I want to thank the officers and committee chairs who helped make 2006 a success. Vice Presidents included Dave Randall (Events) and Dave Herrick (Membership), Treasurer Don Holden, and Secretary Tom Moses. Committee chairs were Adrian and Sue Curtis (Slalom), Steve Thomas and Tom Letourneau (Rally), Ed Hall (Concours), Aldo Cipriano (Chief Judge), Harry Parkinson and Dave Pratt (Editors), and Dennis Eklof (Webmaster). It takes a lot of work to run this club and these events, and we all owe them our appreciation for the time they put into it.

We have some new faces to replace the venerable ones in the leadership group for the new year. Dave Randall is moving over to take a Board seat and will be replaced by Brenda Soussan as Events chairperson. Ed Hall will step down after many years as Concours chairman and will be replaced by the dynamic duo of Mike Kaleel and Brenda Soussan. Harry Parkinson passed his editorship on to Dave Pratt a couple of months ago. Dave Herrick and Tom Moses will switch places as Secretary and Membership chair, respectively. Thanks to all of you for jobs well done!

Our Annual General Meeting and Holiday Party was a great success at a new venue for us—the Vesper Country Club in Tyngsboro, MA. A full report, including the results of the election, is included in this issue of The Coventry Cat. For me, one of the highlights of the event was the heart-warming talk by Dawn Stanhope, Executive Director of David's House, upon acceptance of our donation to JANE's favorite charity. This year's gift of \$1,105 from the proceeds of our Concours and Slalom continues what has become an annual event and is something of which we can all be

As I stated in my President's Report at the Annual General Meeting, the State of JANE is strong and healthy. Let's all pitch in and keep it that way in the coming year!

Carl









Dear Dawn,

First, I would like to thank you for participating in Jaguar Association of New England's Holiday Party this past weekend. It was nice of you to come and share the story of David's House with our members. It certainly brings home the importance of the mission and the value of your efforts on behalf of families and individuals who have to deal with cancer treatments.

Again, thank you for all that you do. On behalf of Carl Hanson, our President, and all of the administrators of our club, we pledge to keep you and your mission in our hearts and minds. We also hope to be able to support David's House in the future.

I have attached a photo from our get-together and trust that you will share it with your staff.

Very truly yours,

Charles Centore





Dear JANE Members,

On behalf of David's House families, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership of the Jaguar Association of New England for your continued support. I thoroughly enjoyed attending your holiday party on December 3rd and sharing the story about our organization.

David's House is a home-away-from-home for families with children receiving medical care at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. In our twenty years of operation, we have served over 9,000 families, primarily from New Hampshire and Vermont, but also from around the world. Our organization was founded on the dream of a little boy, David Cyr, who lost his battle with leukemia at the age of 5½. One of David's best qualities was his ability to show compassion for those around him. When he went to the hospital for treatment, he would make instant friends of the children around him, and plead with his adopted father, Dick Cyr, to take them home to his house. He saved every bit of money anyone would give him, saying it was 'for something special." The special gift was \$300.78 – used as the first seed money in a fundraising campaign to start David's House. The hand-carved sign from his family's home in Hartland, Vermont proudly welcomes all to David's House to this day.

If anyone is interested in learning about volunteer opportunities, fundraising ideas, or other ways you can be involved with David's House, please feel free to contact us at (603) 643-2298 or email me at dawn.stanhope@davids-house.org. And I hope you will consider visiting the house as a group next year, so you can see why this is such a special place to so many.

With sincere gratitude -

Dawn Stanhope, Executive Director



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JANE Monthly Meeting Wednesday, January 24th

s most of you are aware, JANE holds monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of every month starting at 7 pm at Skip's Restaurant in Chelmsford, MA. Why don't you join us?

Some of the monthly meetings include entertainment-stay tuned for what's coming up in future months! The January meeting

will be a "full business meeting"-no entertainment (although the business can be entertaining at times). It's an ideal way to have you to get together with likean input on the types of events our club will be holding throughout the year.

Skip's is easy to find—it's located on Route 110 just south of Exit 34 off I-495 on the right. The address is 116 Chelmsford Street,

Chelmsford, MA, and the number is 978-256-2631.

JANE monthly meetings allow minded Jaguar lovers in a low-key setting any time you choose to. You know-like a club! It could be a nice habit to get into. See you on the 24th?



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Thank you for considering this tour.

Best wishes.

Louise Shaw events@xkclub.com Telephone +44 (0)1584 781588 Fax +44 (0)1584 781630

Event Calendar

Wednesday, January 24 **JANE Monthly Meet-**

> ing — Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA, 7 pm

May 21-31

'The Cream of Irish'

- XK Club tour to southern Ireland

Know of something else happening that would be of interest to our members? Have an idea for an event? Want to run an event? Questions about an event? Contact VP/Events Brenda Soussan at ideacounselo@earthlink.net or 617-338-8747.



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The JANE Annual Ceneral Meeting and Holiday Party

'ANE's end-of-the-year extravaganza was held on Sunday, December 3rd, at a new venue for us—the Vesper Country Club in Tyngsboro, MA-and, by all accounts, it met with approval from all who attended. The weather was perfect for driving our old and new Jaguars—sunny and dry with temperature in the 40s. We were warmly welcomed to her club by JANE's "Hostess with the Mostest" Avis Mello, and the 55 JANE members in attendance were treated to a rollicking good time! Festivities began at 3 pm with the traditional cocktail hour. As guests rolled in, a slide show of the year's events played on a screen at the back of the anteroom. (Thank you, Dennis Eklof, and the many contributing photographers!)

The Annual General Meeting started promptly at 4 pm. President Carl Hanson and hostess Avis Mello opened the meeting with words of welcome and a reminder that we had "work" to do-hear reports from the committee chairs and hold an election in accordance with JANE's bylaws. Chuck Centore, as chair of the Board's Nominating Committee, presented the slate recommended by his committee and asked for any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he asked Secretary Tom Moses to cast a single vote signifying election by acclamation. Consequently, the following Officers and Board Members were elected:

President: Carl Hanson **Vice Presidents:**

Brenda Soussan (Events) Tom Moses (Membership) Secretary: Dave Herrick
Treasurer: Don Holden
Board Members:

Aldo Cipriano (three-year term)
Dennis Eklof (three-year term)
Ed Hall (three-year term)
Mike Kaleel (three-year term)
Dave Randall (one-year term to
fill an open position)

After the election, Treasurer Don Holden presented our donation of \$1,105 to Dawn Stanhope, Executive Director of David's House. Dawn reciprocated with a heart-warming explanation of the founding and ongoing mission of the House. It made us all feel proud to contribute to this outstanding institution.

President Carl Hanson proceeded to hand out tokens of appreciation to those who have served the club well during the year. He topped it off with presentations of a new annual award, "The President's Award," for

outstanding service. This year, there were three recipients-Sue Hagopian, Gary Hagopian, and Harry Parkinson. Because they had already flown south for the winter, Sue's and Gary's awards were received by daughter Margo Otey and son Eric Hagopian.

After a fine dinner, Avis Mello and Mike Kaleel ran the annual Yankee Swap, whereby once again we showed that we can be silly and have fun at the same time! There were two most-traded items this year—a slinky black T-shirt (women's) and a blanket, both with "Jaguar" prominently displayed. Every year it is something different!

The party was a great success—thanks again to Avis and her committee!

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Dear Carl and all JANE members,

Sue and I were quite honored to have been selected to receive the first of JANE's "President's Awards".

Our service in many positions with the club has been freely given. Our most important reward was, is, and will be the satisfaction received from being part of JANE's excellent team of like-minded Jaguar enthusiasts! The awards themselves are quite beautiful, and are being proudly displayed in our living room here in Sunapee.

Unfortunately, because we were already in Florida, we could not be present at the JANE Holiday Party to accept the honor in person, but understand that daughter Margo and son Eric made excellent substitutes!

Thank you again for presenting us with these awards. Please pass along our good wishes to all JANE members.

Sincerely,

Gary & Sue Hagopian



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FOR SERVICE TO
THE CLUB PRESENTED DURING
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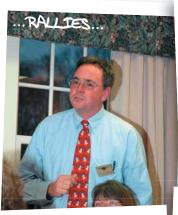




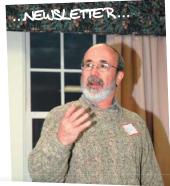












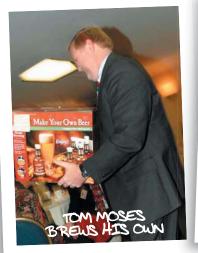


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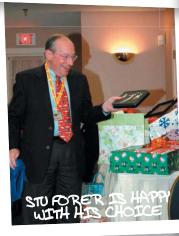
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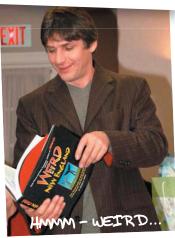












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Movie Revasseur By Tracey Levasseur



A Car Nut's Critique

Lears. That's what I tell people when they ask if I like watching the James Bond films. I'm not into secret agents; I don't find the Bond character to be anything special or deserving of a special place in my DVD collection. However, this next installment of 007, called *Casino Royale*, features Daniel Craig as the new Bond. Since I think Craig is an up-and-coming British actor, I'm willing to stand in line for this film.

First a little background on the Bond films leading up to this one. Casino Royale is the 21st Bond movie in its 44-year franchise. The story is actually based on author Ian Fleming's first James Bond book, written in 1953. In those 44 years there have been six actors portraying Agent 007. And though Bond is most famous for driving an Aston Martin DB5 in the movies, the book character's ride was a prewar Bentley Blower (thankfully, that didn't make it to the movies!). The Bond movies enjoy a worldwide cult following, so when the movies' producers change certain aspects, fans start causing a commotion. Therefore, when it was divulged that Daniel Craig would be the new (albeit blonde) Bond, the shot was heard 'round the world. That's a lot of pressure, filling the shoes vacated by names like Pierce Brosnan and Sir Sean Connery. And at the same time Craig has to portray Bond as a rookie because, after all, we're going back to the beginning (think of Star Wars Episode I starting the saga 25 years after Episode IV).

So how was it, and were there cool cars in it? It's full of edge-

of-your-seat action and you're constantly wondering who the real bad guys are. Craig's Bond is arrogant, moody, and manages to get himself bloody quite regularly—just what one would expect Bond to be before he evolved into the smooth operator later on. He doesn't have his Aston Martin DB5 yet, but he test-drives one and creates his signature martini on the fly as he's gambling in the casino. Everything he does and all his experiences in Casino Royale are significant hints at what he will become. The only thing that's already well-established is Bond's dry, and at times sexually suggestive, humor. Once a player, always a player!

And now for the part you've all been waiting for: the Bond cars! Usually, an exotic new car model debuts in a Bond film. This time, it's the Aston Martin DBS V-12 with carbon fiber body and 530hp. Unfortunately, it doesn't get much camera time. Nor does the 1964 DB5 that, interestingly, Bond wins from its owner in a poker game. Ford obviously funded Casino Royale, since most vehicles are Fords or Ford-owned marques. So, yes—there are Jaguars. Keep your eyes open, because there are XJ models all over the place. There are also Ferraris and Maseratis and even an elegant Daimler limo with that conspicuous waterfall grill.

Casino Royale was the second-most-watched movie on its debut weekend. It was beaten out by Happy Feet, about animated penguins. Seems like those Bond fans were either protesting the new 007, or their children got final say on what the family was

seeing at the movies. My opinion for Bond fans or anyone else who's thinking of seeing this film: it's a decent movie. Craig does justice to the "rookie" Bond, so give him a chance. I look forward to seeing him in the next film—and of course seeing what he'll be driving.



James Bond Movies

- 1. Dr. No (1962)
- 2. From Russia With Love (1963)
- 3. Goldfinger (1964)
- 4. Thunderball (1965)
- 5. You Only Live Twice (1967)
- 6. On Her Majesty's Secret Service (1969)
- 7. Diamonds Are Forever (1971)
- 8. Live and Let Die (1973)
- 9. The Man with the Golden Gun (1974)
- 10. The Spy Who Loved Me (1977)
- 11. Moonraker (1979)
- 12. For Your Eyes Only (1981)
- 13. Octopussy (1983)
- 14. A View to a Kill (1985)
- 15. The Living Daylights (1987)
- 16. Licence to Kill (1989)
- 17. GoldenEye (1995)
- 18. Tomorrow Never Dies (1997)
- 19. The World is Not Enough (1999)
- 20. Die Another Day (2002)
- 21. Casino Royale (2006)

Actors Who've Played Agent 007

- 1. Sean Connery (1962-1971)
- 2. George Lazenby (1969)
- 3. Roger Moore (1973-1985)
- 4. Timothy Dalton (1987-1989)
- 5. Pierce Brosnan (1995-2002)
- 6. Daniel Craig (2006-)

ASK THE Will Return Next Month!

All JANE members are encouraged to submit their queries on any topic related to Jaguar-technical and service issues, new models, Jaguar past and future—anything goes, as long as it's Jaguar (or at least automotive) related! Submit your questions via email to dave@dvpratt.com or via US Mail to Coventry Cat, 300 Westfield Street, Dedham, MA 02026. We'll compile and forward them to Dana Lee, the owner of Lee Imported Cars in Wellesley, MA, and he and his staff of knowledgeable sales and service professionals will provide the answers. All questions and answers will be published as space permits, with subjects of general interest to all of our members given preference. Take advantage of this chance to learn more about our favorite subject from the pros! Send in your questions and look for the responses in the next issue of the Cat!

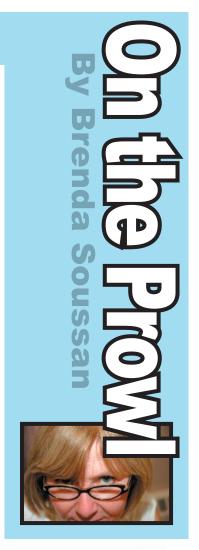
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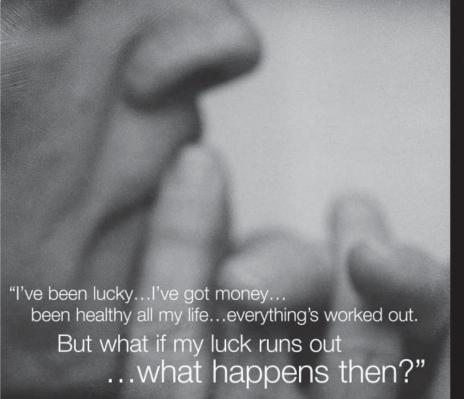
A BRIEF HOLIDAY VERSION OF "ON THE PROWL"

Tom Moses has brought a new addition to the family! Watch the roadside carefully—you never know what you might see! While driving along on Route 117 in Bolton, MA (minding his

own business), Tom Moses saw a 1999 XJR with a For Sale sign on it. The black, super-charged, 73,000-mile saloon was extremely clean, lovingly cared-for, and passed a buyer's inspection at KTR with ease. Tom thanks club members Mike Kaleel for providing "strategic negotiation" advice and Dean Cusano of MotorCars Incorporated for technical information and abundant moral support. Do I see a head-to-head with Mike at the next Jag Drag?







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The Official JANE Brit+Speak Contest

The results are in and the winners have been se**lected!** Last month's Brit-Speak Contest elicited numerous entries from our members, all of which showed knowledge of British automotive jargon, a penchant for creativity, or (in many cases) both.

Before I list the "winners" of these one-of-a-kind, dust-encrusted, genuine Naugahyde "Rallye Grip" steering wheel covers, let me say that, in a few instances, I gave your answers the benefit of the doubt when compared against the official "Old Word Terms" reference material I had available. I did this so that I could not be considered 100% heartless! However, to those contestants who provided an answer by simply describing what the item did: "Nice try, but no cigar!"

And now (drum roll, please!) the winners:

- · Our overall winner is Mr. Charles E. Bishop, a New Englander transplanted to Burleson, TX, who was the only contestant to get every single answer right! This, by the way, also proves how correct I am in my answer selection for all of these Brit-Speak terms. (Excuse me, as I am not known for being that humble!)
- · Our two winners who tied for First Place in the Creative Answer portion of the contest (see below), Greg Elevich and Bob Bishop, get next dibs as the Second- and Third-Place finishers.
- Fourth Place goes to our infamous and notorious Jaguar Mark VII owner Adrian Curtis, with a mere seven incorrect answers.

- · There was a tie for Fifth and Sixth Place between Ray O'Brien and Bruce McEdwards, each with nine wrong answers, but we are going to award Fifth Place to Bruce even though they both got the tie-breaking question wrong, as he came closer to getting it correct, missing only by a oneletter misspelling!
- · Seventh Place goes to Greg Elevich, but he will not be getting a prize for this since he already won once as a winner in the Creative Answer category!
- Eighth Place goes to my favorite JANE and Alfa Romeo club Co-Rallymaster, Steve Thomas.
- Finally, we have what could be considered the "Broken Spoke Award", made possible only because Greg Elevich was a dual winner but is eligible for just one "Rallye Grip" (my rules, remember?). We have here our esteemed webmaster, Mr. Dennis Eklof, who set a new all-time record in Brit-Speak terminology miscues! (Note: Dennis did get some of his answers correct. We'll leave it at that...)

And now for that Creative Answers category, which was a secret, unannounced part of the contest. Considering the immense talent and flair of the club membership, I knew that our contestants, when stumped for correct answers, would resort to their inner creativity in an attempt, through humor, to convince the judge (me) to accept their submissions. There was a tie for first place in this category among three individuals (although only two get prizes, since one was anonymous)—here are their answers:

- Steering Arm: An appendage on a soccer mom driving a stickshift SUV while drinking coffee, looking in her rear view mirror, checking on her makeup, while talking on her cell phone. (Greg Elevich)
- · Paraffin: Ostentatious rear body styles used by Chevrolet, Cadillac, and Chrysler in the late 50's and early 60's, which Jaguar wisely chose to ignore. The D Type did make use of the unifin treatment, however. (Bob Bishop)
- **Prop Shaft:** In times gone by, a type of device often used by members of the male species in certain situations, usually consisting of splints, inserts, or other similar devices before the invention of Viagra. (Anonymous) Note: Everyone who took part in the contest was very good when it came to answers for Lay Shaft, in that everyone got it correct (and proper).

By the way, Bob Bishop answered all 55 contest questions with a similar degree of cunning and mirth, and the results are absolutely hilarious! They'll all be published together in next month's Coventry Cat. Believe me-you'll laugh your backsides off at every single one of them!

Finally, as stated last month, I have the eight Rallye Grips as four in brown and four in black. You winners must notify me ASAP at AlfaRacer1@cox.net or 401-334-3315 as to your choice of color, along with your shipping address. Obviously, if your color choice is already taken, you will get what is left, including the shelf dust!

Well, this concludes our "Last Ever" Brit-Speak Contest. As per the instructions, the correct answers are at the sole discretion of the individual who came up with the questions (me), and any and all protests or disagreements will be summarily ignored!

And now (another drum roll, please!) the answers:

Ammeter: Amperage Gauge Big End Bearing: Rod Bearing

Bonnet: Hood

Botched: Modified (Note: Only one

person got this right!) Bottom: Low gear

Cam Follower: Valve Lifter

Catch: Latch

Bush: Bushing

Damper: Shock Absorber Dash Pots: Carburetor Tops Dipper: High/Low Beam Switch **Drop Arm:** Pitman Arm Exhaust: Manifold Header

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Fuel Contents Gauge: Gas Gauge

Gearbox: Transmission Gear Change: Shift

Grubscrew Set: Screw/Allen Set

Gudgeon Pin: Wrist Pin (or Piston Pin)

Halfshaft: Axle Shaft Handbrake: Parking Brake Header Tank: Radiator

Overflow Tank

Indicator: Turn Signal Interior Light: Dome Light Layshaft: Countershaft

Lash: Clearance Nave Plate: Hub Cap Near Side: Left Side Off Side: Right Side OTS: Convertible (Open

Two-Seater) Paraffin: Kerosene Prop Shaft: Drive Shaft

Quarter Light: Quarter Window

Retread: Re-cap **Revolution Counter:**

Tachometer

Rocker Cover: Valve Cover Sidelight: Parking Light Silencer: Muffler Sill Panel: Rocker Panel

Small End/Little End: Piston

Pin/Wrist pin

Steering Arm: Spindle Arm

Sump: Oil Pan Tappet: Valve Lifter

Thrust Bearing: Throw-Out Bearing

Top Gear: High Torch: Flashlight Track Rod: Tie Rod (or Connecting Rod) Venturi: Choke

Wheel Nut: Lug Nut Windscreen: Windshield

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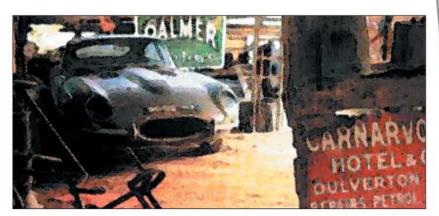
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