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The Days Are Cetting Longer February 2007

It is difficult to believe that we are into February already. The days are getting longer and in only one more

longer, and in only one more month we can start to think about the driving season here in New England! I hope that those of you working on your project cars are making good progress and will be driving them in our summer events this year. And I want to emphasize "driving"-too often have I heard the excuse that "my car isn't good enough to come to the _____" (fill in the blank with "MOT Lawn Event" or "JANE Concours" or "British Invasion" or some other event). As a Jaguar club, we are interested in all types of Jaguars, old or new. Every one of them has a story ... and we love to tell stories about our cars!

I continue to work on my XK120 FHC during the winter months. My radiator has been re-cored so that Dennis Eklof won't have to follow me around with a can of Bars-Leak. And I got my radio working! Now I can listen to that comforting hum of the vibrator as the old Radiomobile 4202 warms up (some of you are old enough to remember that sound!), and all the joy of AM talk radio starts to come to life through a six-inch speaker. Whoo-hoo! It doesn't get any better than that!

Our January meeting was full and eventful-business only this month. You can read the minutes on JANE's web site. Committee chairs presented their budgets and plans for the year, and I must say that we will be having a very busy year once again—each month is full of activities! The events calendar is printed in this issue and will be updated each month, but sometimes there are changes in schedule or new activities pop up, so we have that covered also: Visit the JANE web site! Current information can always be found there, including times, directions, sponsors, etc. Speaking of sponsors, we are always looking for people to help with our events—organizing them and helping to run them. If there is an event that you want to organize or help with, please contact the named sponsor or Brenda Soussan, our Events Chair.

I want to thank all of you who filled out and returned the survey forms with your membership renewals. Brenda Soussan and Mike Kaleel read them, tabulated the results, and reported them at our January meeting. I also read them all. We learned a lot from your comments and suggestions! It was gratifying to read that most members are happy with the club as it is being run. Number one in the importance of our endeavors is The Coventry Cat, followed by the web site, tech sessions, concours, and social events in that order. It appears that we have a clear mandate to maintain our outstanding newsletter. Dave Pratt is doing just that, for which we all are thankful!

Many of you suggested that we rotate the meetings to other parts of New England, questioning why we stick to Skip's Diner in Chelmsford every month (except May and December). My answer is that we have tried other locations, but none have provided us with what we get at Skip's: a large, private meeting room at no charge, allowing us to order from the menu, and not requiring a head count in advance. Most restaurants charge for a meeting room, provide a limited menu ordered in advance, and require a head count. Our May meeting at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum is like that, and it requires a person to devote quite a bit of time to organize it. However, I am not opposed to holding meetings in other locations. We have one full business meeting of Board and Officers and two "social" meetings

per quarter. Perhaps the business meetings could be held at Skip's and the socials held somewhere else, like we do for the May meeting. If someone wants to host a "social" meeting with a program somewhere else, say in Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Central Massachusetts, or Maine, please let me know. Otherwise, we will continue to meet at Skip's on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except May and December, of course!).

A number of you wondered what goes on in a JANE meeting. I encourage you to read the minutes posted on the web site soon after each meeting. Our bylaws prescribe the order for a full business meeting of Board and Officers—but we have only one of these per quarter. The other two monthly gatherings per quarter comprise a brief business meeting followed by a presentation, movie, or slide show of recent car events.

Our next JANE meeting at Skip's on February 28th is one of the "social" gatherings. Following a short business meeting to discuss the AGM agenda in Houston, we are honored to have JANE member Bruce Murray show pictures and videos, and describe his fantastic experience of driving a classic race car in the 2005 Mille Miglia in Italy. This will be a presentation not to be missed! But that's not all that is going on this month-we will be joining the Rolls Royce club for a Valentine's Ball on the 17th and holding an afternoon of kart racing at F1 Motorsports in Braintree on the 25th. Both of these events require RSVPs-look for the details in this newsletter and on the web site.

That's all for now. Get those cars tuned up for the upcoming driving season!

Carl





Calender of Upcoming JANE Events

DATE - DAY	ACTIVITY OR EVENT	LOCATION	
February			
17 - Sat	JANE at the Rolls Royce Valentine's Dinner - see Page 5	Worcester, MA	
25 - Sun	JANE Kart Racing Day at F1 Motorsports - see Page 6	Braintree, MA	
28 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting: Bruce Murray's presentation	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA	
	on his participation in a recent Mille Miglia - see Page 5		
	March		
TBD	Lee Jaguar Tech Session	Wellesley, MA	
17 - Sat	JANE at the LAAM Platinum Dinner/Auction - see Page 6	Larz Anderson Automobile Museum	
23-24 Fri-Sat	JCNA Annual General Meeting	Houston	
28 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting: Annual LeMans Meeting -	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA	
	Tom and John Brady will give us a slide show of their LeM	lans trip in 2006.	
April			
1 - Sun	JANE April Fools Day Tour to Parkers Maple Barn for brune	ch	
19-20 Thu-Fri	Bonham & Butterfield's Preview Days	Larz Anderson Auto Museum	
21 - Sat	Bonham & Butterfield's Auction	Larz Anderson Auto Museum	
25 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting: Driving school presentation	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA	
28 - Sat	JANE Dyno Day at KTR European Motorsports	Ayer, MA	
Мау			
6 - Sun	JANE Spring Slalom	Westford, MA	
12-13 Sat-Sun	VSCCA Hunnewell Hill Climb	Wellesley, MA	
23 - Wed 6pm	JANE Event - Night on the Lawn at Larz Anderson	Larz Anderson Auto Museum	
	Auto Museum - short monthly meeting		
27 - Sun	Empire Club Track Day	Lime Rock Park	
26-28 Sat-Mon	Newport, RI, Concours	Newport, RI	
	June		
2-3 Sat-Sun	VSCCA Vintage Races	Lime Rock Park	
9-10 Sat-Sun	VSCCA Equinox Hill Climb	Manchester, VT	
15-17 Fri-Sun	VSCCA Races	Watkins Glen International, NY	
17 - Sun	Elm Bank Preserve Cars-n-Blooms Car Show	Wellesley, MA	
24 - Sun	British Car Day	Larz Anderson Auto Museum	
27 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA	
	July		
7-8 Sat-Sun	BeaveRun Historic Races by PVGPA		
21 - Sat	JANE Tour to Bob Bahre's Car Collection	Paris, Maine	
25 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA	
27-29 Fri-Sun	Vanderbilt Cup Concours	Newport, RI	
31-Aug 4 -	JCNA Challenge	Indianapolis, IN	
Tues-Sat			
	August		
5 - Sun	Tutto Italiano: Italian Car Day	Larz Anderson Auto Museum	
10-12 Fri-Sun	JANE Annual Concours	Sturbridge, MA	
Thurs TBD	Ice Cream and Cruise Night at Kimball Farm	Westford, MA	
17th or 24th Fri	JANE's Friday Night at the Drags	New England Dragway, Epping, NH	
22 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA	
September			
Aug 31 - Sep 3 Fri-Mon	Jaguar Car Corral at the Lime Rock Vintage Festival	Lime Rock Park Race Track	
9 - Sun	JANE Autumn Slalom	Westford, MA	
13-16 Thu-Sun	15th Annual British Invasion	Stowe, VT	
26 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA	
October			
5-6 Fri-Sat	VSCCA Vintage Races	Lime Rock Park	
6-7 Sat-Sun	Owls Head Foreign Car Day in Maine	Owls Head Transportation Museum	
7 - Sun	JANE Tour to Chauncey Creek Lobster Pier	Kittery, ME	
TBD	JANE Autumn Time/Speed/Distance Rally	•	
24 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA	
November			
14 – Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA	
December			
2 - Sun 3pm JANE Event - AGM and Holiday Party			
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Rolls Royce Club Valendnes Day Dinner

Saturday, February 17th

The Yankee Region of the Rolls Royce Owners Club is again sponsoring its annual Valentine's Day dinner. This has been a tradition of the club for

been a tradition of the club for well over 15 years. The Club has graciously invited all JANE members to this annual event.

The soiree will take place at the Worcester Club, an exclusive, private, members-only club, located only a short distance from I-290. This is an opportunity to dine at a facility that has been known over the years for its fine food and service. In addition, there will be a string trio to provide music before and during dinner, and a DJ to provide afterdinner entertainment for listening or dancing.

Seating is limited to 64 places, so you must get your reservations in early! This will be the first year for JANE to participate, and the Rolls Royce Club Board has been very encouraging of our joining one of their most popular events.

The Worcester Club is located at One Oak Street, Worcester, MA. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30, dinner 7:30-9:00, dancing and social following dinner. Dinner choices are sliced tenderloin,

grilled swordfish, or chicken with Basmati rice and dried cranberries. There will be a cash bar. The price is \$68 per person for the beef and \$48 per person for fish or chicken, both inclusive of hors d'oeuvres, tax, and gratuity. Make your reservations through Stephen Gordon, RROC, Suite 535, 500 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608, phone 508-755-1050. Directions can be found at www. worcclub.org. Questions? Contact Brenda Soussan at 617-953-1457 or ideacounselo@earthlink.net



JANE Kart Recing Day at F1 Motorsports Sunday, February 25th

Margo Otey invites all JANE members and their friends to experience Formula 1 kart racing at F1 Motorsports in Braintree, MA, on the afternoon of Sunday, February 25th. If your thrill meter is running on empty, this event is the perfect fuel!

You'll come in and suit up, receive a driver briefing, and pit yourself against other drivers scored by a computerized, splitsecond timing system—the same system used in professional racing. The racing sessions include a practice session and a race. You must be 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license.

JANE will have exclusive use of Track 2, the Country Road Course. You'll find different kinds of challenges: a straightaway allowing you to gain speed ... a hill followed by a curved turn that will have you fighting for control... off-camber corners that keep you wrestling with your steering wheel. This track generates massive adrenaline surges-a sense of speed and exhilaration you won't find anywhere else. Unlike the flat tracks at most kart facilities, F1's multi-level tracks have been designed by racing professionals for a true racing experience. Perfectly scaled for F1's Superkarts, the tracks challenge you with hills, tunnels, tight turns, off-camber corners, and more.

F1 Motorsports is located at 290 Wood Road, Braintree, MA. The phone number is 718-848-2300 and they're on the web at www.f1boston.com.

Again, that date is Sunday,

February 25th. The time is yet to be determined, so check your email inbox. Contact Margo with any questions at otmr5@aol.com. Space is limited, so send your \$70 check today to:

Margo Otey 22 Old Meetinghouse Road Westboro, MA 01581 This is going to be a lot of fun—come on along! 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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Multimedia Mille Mig 01 नि जेतान [0] Wednesday, February 28tl

ANE's monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of every month starting at 7 pm at Skip's Restaurant in Chelmsford, MA, are a varying collage of club business and entertainment. This month's meeting, which will be

held on February 28th, will feature JANE's Bruce Murray giving us a presentation on his enviable experience of participating in the 2005 Mille Miglia in a 1932 Maserati race car! Bruce has a great multimedia show prepared for us,



The chap in the copilot's seat of this 1932 Maserati racer is none other than JANE's Bruce Murray

complete with lots of big-screen visuals, including video footage of the classic Maseratieven from inside the

car while under way. Now there's a good reason to look forward to this month's gathering!

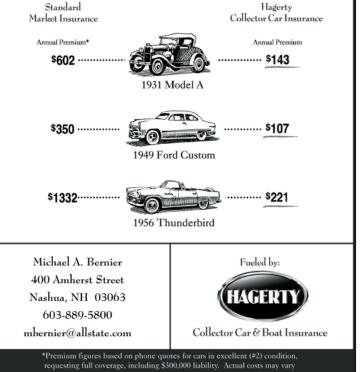
Skip's is easy to find-it's located on Route 110 just south of Exit 34 off I-495 on the right. The address is 116 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford, MA, and the number is 978-256-2631.

JANE monthly meetings allow you to get together with likeminded Jaguar lovers in a low-key setting any time you choose to. Why not come out on the 28th, take in Bruce's Mille Miglia show, have some chow with everybody, and see what it's all about? 爷

Platinum Evening 2007 at the LAAM Saturday, March 17th

Very year, the Larz An-If they were really a good neighbor, derson Auto Museum holds a benefit evening with a formal dinner plus silent and vocal (non-silent?) auctions of automobilia and vacation opportunities. This year's Platinum Evening will be held on Saturday, March 17th. JANE has reserved a table for ten people the past several years, and this year we

already have one table reserved, with another partially filled. It is a fun evening even if you don't bid on anything! We are awaiting details on price, but it has been \$75 per person in the past. If you would like to join us at this fun event, and help our favorite auto museum at the same time, please contact Carl Hanson at 781-275-2707 or chansonjag@aol.com.



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Rellying the JANE Wey!

By Tom Letourneau JANE Co-Rallymaster

JANE will be continuing to run its Rally program in 2007, as a part of our local and national club's Point Program. As one of our club's Rallymasters, I am going to try to put forth my take on what local club Rallies should be. And, even more important, what they should not be, especially at the local club level.

Since it's laborious, timeconsuming, and costly to lay out and run a Rally, I feel that it is important for our membership to understand the direction we are going with Rallies. The goal here is to encourage more members to get into the rallying spirit, so that we can look forward to the good turnouts that we often see at our other club events!

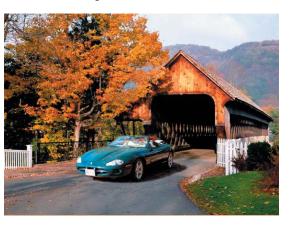
It appears that many people have the wrong perception of what Rallies at the local club level are. This is possibly the result of observing or participating in SCCA types of Rallies, which are highly competitive, with lots of tricky features all designed to test the skills of advanced Rallyists to the utmost. Because SCCA Rallies are designed this way, all contestants regardless of class (Expert to Beginning) must follow the same route sheets, which means the same level of difficulty (confusion) that often results in getting lost and never finishing the rally, which can lead to a feeling of defeat and frustration. In addition, many of these Rallies are often run over extremely demanding back roads, many of which are dirt and can be hard on one's vehicle. They are also run throughout the entire season (mud and snow)

with upwards of eight Rallies being run as a part of the championship trail.

Now let's talk about our kind of Rally! We offer an event that will involve the serious Rallyist but is also a pleasant

tour of back roads and the countryside, hopefully on a lovely day, laid out in such a manner that no one gets lost. As a matter of fact, the Rallymasters on this kind of Rally would feel that, if anyone did get lost, then they'd failed as Rallymasters! The Rally, incorporating some challenges and a cute gimmick here and there, should be nothing more than an enjoyable day out with our fellow car enthusiasts. Everyone has fun, maybe has a minor screw-up, maybe misses a few answers, and then can laugh it all off with the rest of the gang at the Rally's conclusion.

A couple of years ago, fellow JANE and New England Alfa Romeo club member Steve Thomas and I hooked up to run a "Fun TSD Rally" throughout southern New Hampshire as a part of the national Alfa Romeo



Owner's Club convention that was held in Manchester, NH, for which the New England chapter was the host. Steve and I planned what turned out to be the most highlyattended Rally in the history of the Alfa club's annual conventions, with over 90 entrants participating. One of the criteria we were given (and it also holds true for JANE) was that there cannot be any dirt roads of any kind, period! Obviously, with so many of any club's members owning vehicles



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that are either borderline or allout Concours cars, we cannot have them out on roads where damage (chips, scratches, etc.) could occur.

Keeping this in mind, and wanting to be sure that this Rally would be something that the contestants would always remember (and remember it for having enjoyed it!). Steve and I went to work. (His wife, Diana, also helped a lot!) First, we wanted the Rally route to be a drive that was as beautiful as possible. Second, we wanted the Rally route sheets to have a sufficient number of clear and concise route instructions, mileages, and references so that no one would get lost, while also keeping it interesting and somewhat competitive.

Steve and I also decided to add a third element: We wanted the Rally to be a Rally within a Rally, so we decided to include a "Question and Answer Gimmick Factor".

No, not the kinds of gimmicks found in a SCCA "Trap Rally", but rather gimmicks (questions) that required the Rallyists (driver and navigator)—besides following the Rally route and making



calculations to stay on time—to be on the lookout for sites that provided the answers to the questions. Example: As the Rallyists drove by the Blackwater Dam, they were

asked the question, "What is the capacity in pints?" Of course, the sign gave the capacity in gallons! Another question that required observation was, "What is the meaning of the number 87230?" The answer to this was, of course, that it was the Zip Code—backwards—of the town they had just passed through, with the number on the front of the Post Office.

And there were lots of other similar types of questions (30 in all), including the usual ones you can expect when driving by a cemetery such as, "When did Aunt Mary die?" By the way, the most creative answer given by one contestant at the recent JANE Rally was, "Aunt Mary died the moment she took her last breath." Cute, clever, but no cigar!

Our Rallies, at least with Steve and I running them, will more often than not be three events in one, along the lines of what I have tried to describe to everyone in this article. If you just want to come along for the ride, tour through the Rally route, enjoy the scenery while following the route instructions, drive at your own pace, and then share good times at

> the end, so be it! Chances are, you'll be a contender for the "Broken Spoke" award (that is, last place), but who cares!

For others, if you only want to run the route and do the fun gimmick part, answering all of our tricky questions along the way, then have a ball!

Looking For A Few Good Miles!

Doyou enjoy wandering the back roads in your area? Have a special ride that you love to tour in your Jaguar? Know all the intricacies of your local roads? Hey—you're a Jag owner—of course you do!

JANE's Rally Program needs you! We are looking for members to lay out Rally routes around New England. Typically, the routes would be around 80 miles long and try to cover the most interesting and scenic local roads. After the event, we gather at a nice place for a meal, camaraderie, and awards. If the location is far afield, we may want to coordinate a stay in a local motel.

Your level of involvement will vary with what you want to do. We will provide guidance on the route requirements and then work with you to put together the route sheets. We can do the scoring and paperwork, leaving you the fun! You would need to drive the route several times, working out the bugs and making sure the way is clear. Your reward? Hmmmm—how about a handshake, a beer, and the respect of your peers?

If interested, please contact one of JANE's Rallymasters: Steve Thomas – 603-293-4250 – srt@anlytc.com Tom Letourneau – 401-334-3315 – alfaracer1@cox.net

There will be prizes and awards for you also!

Finally, for those of you who are a little bit more competitive, want to earn points in the Jaguar Club National Points Competition, or are just looking to give your Time-Speed-Distance abilities a workout, our Rallies are for you too!

This, then, is the kind of Rally that members have come to understand that JANE runs. I hope I've been able to dispel whatever misconceptions some may have had about being put through the SCCA type of Rally "grind", being made fools of, and possibly getting lost and having a miserable time. This is not, and never will be, the purpose of a local club Rally, especially a JANE one.

Steve and I have done two Rallies together now for the Alfa club and JANE, and we had nearly 100 entrants between the two events. No one has ever gotten permanently lost or failed to finish! And that, fellow JANE members, is all that your Rallymasters are looking for—just to make sure that everyone has a good time!





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seat belts and enjoy

the ride!

The Definitive Brit-Speak Contest Answers (According to Bob Bishop, that is)

Last month, we published the answers to the Brit-Speak contest—the set of correct answers according to Tom Letourneau, whose contest it was, so he got to decide who was right and won the fabulous steering wheel covers. This month, as promised, we're publishing an, uhhh, alternative set of answers submitted by JANE's Bob Bishop of Pembroke, MA. Fasten your seatbelts and enjoy the ride!

Ammeter: Alarm clock. Those who work second or third shift typically use a Pmmeter. A second accepted definition is an electrical measuring device used by a stutterer.

Big End Bearing: The load rating of optional seats for one's Jaguar, typically specified when the owner and/or intended passengers are of the "not quite so dainty" type.

Bonnet: Stylish feminine headwear. Not typically found on females in Jaguars fitted with Big End Bearing seats.

Boot: What one gets in one's posterior after fondling another's four-wheeled mistress.

Bootlid: The cover over the compartment at the back of the car where all of the tools and spare parts are carried when venturing past one's city limits.

Botched: Any bodywork restoration requiring more than several ounces of Bondo.

Bottom: With "rock," the place many owner-restorers consider themselves at various times during the project. **Bush:** Found on the side of the road and commonly used for cover when the distance between rest stops does not coincide with one's bladder capacity.

Cam Follower: Small mallet, which is used to tappet into place (*see Tappet*).

Catch: Any of the following words or phrases in used car classified advertisements: Low mileage; restored; no rust; bargain; no time to use; many new parts; new baby on the way; adult owner; female owner; low monthly payments, will take anything in trade; getting divorced; first \$12K takes it; never been hit; new paint; etc.

Damper: The weather on Show Day, as compared to that of the previous day.

Dash Pots: Commonly found inside the VW Beetle, these daisybearing containers are rarely found in Jaguars.

Dipper: The scoop used to fish the oil drain plug out of the drain pan after burning one's fingers while trying to hold onto it during removal from the engine oil pan.

Drop Arm: An action that gives substantial physical relief after one is finally able to let go of the muffler he has been strenuously holding in place with one arm while laying under the car and futilely fiddling with bolts and hangers with the other hand.

Exhaust: The unintended loud sighs given out by the restorer after a day of lots of work but minimal progress.

Fault Finding: Spousal issue that can be avoided on a monthly basis by retreating to the garage to

"work on the car" instead of staying in the house.

Fuel Filler: Generally the only person with an available balance on his or her credit card. Could be the driver or unlucky passenger. Except in New Jersey, where selfserve stations are illegal. There, legislation requires that the fuel filler be the station attendant.

Fuel Contents Gauge: One's wallet. As a general rule, the lighter the wallet, the more fuel that is residing in the tank. An approved substitute is a calendar, noting that the fuel content is inversely proportional to the number of days beyond payday.

Gearbox: The box under the corner of the work bench with all the left over parts after rebuilding the engine or transmission. Typically made of wood, but oftentimes the Gearbox is an old milk crate.

Gear Change: The few coins handed back by the guy behind the counter after one has handed over many large bills to replace the parts that ended up in the Gearbox.

Grubscrew Set: A pair of modified chopsticks with threaded ends. These allow innovative Brits and other Anglos to discreetly pick up oriental foods with a twist of the wrist, thus avoiding the public humiliation of having to resort to the use of forks in oriental restaurants.

Gudgeon Pin: Anagram of Pidgeon Gun, which is used to handily dispose of feathered creatures that leave droppings on one's freshly-waxed Jaguar. Note that, like many English words, the Americanized version drops unnecessary letters, in this case, "d."

Halfshaft: The condition whereupon the non-steering arm has done its job and one is beginning to believe there is a good chance the thrust bearing will come into play (see Steering Arm; Thrust Bearing).

Handbrake: Generally something hard and/or sharp in the underhood or chassis area that stops the momentum of a hand that is moving due to bolt breakage or tool slippage. Always results in pain, cuts, or bruises and, in some cases, stitches or broken digits.

Header Tank: Beer keg. After emptying, the one who has emptied the keg generally takes a header.

Indicator: Facial expression worn by one working on his Jaguar to suggest to unannounced visitors and spouses whether he is approachable or should be steered clear of. A distant male cousin of Fault Finding.

Interior Light: Typically a light tan or beige. Interior Dark is generally black, but sometimes navy.

Lavshaft: The hard round piece that sticks into you ... when you are working on or in the car. When laying under the car, it can be a tool, bolt, or other part you roll onto. When working under the dash, it is usually the stickshift. (Bet you thought I was going somewhere else with this one.)

Lash: See Fault Finding.

Nave Plate: A wooden block that is knelt upon, ostensibly to protect one's knees from the cold hard cement floor, but is secretly used to ask for divine intervention before turning the ignition or activating a switch that has just been rewired for the umpteenth time.

Near Side: The unnerving position in the middle of the road when one cannot coast one's broken-down Jaguar far enough to the right. (See OTS.)

Off Side: A better position in which to be stopped than Near Side, but still no fun. (Again, see OTS.)

OTS: "Oh, this sux!" An exclamation frequently used when mechanical malfunctions or law enforcement officials force one's Jaguar abruptly to the side of the road. Also commonly used during restoration, when trying to understand the logic of British engineers, or when trying to free stuck fasteners.

Paraffin: Ostentatious rear body styles used by Chevrolet, Cadillac, and Chrysler in the late 50s and early 60s, which Jaguar wisely chose to ignore. The D Type did make use of the unifin treatment, however.

Prop Shaft: Part of the propulsion system of the ill-fated Amphi-Jag. The only known prototype is believed to have vanished during secret trials in Scotland. Supposed eyewitness accounts have it being quickly and severely snatched from below the surface of Loch Ness, but a more realistic explanation is that it simply broke down and sank. This engineering exercise was doomed to failure; everyone knows that cats do not like water.

Quarter Light: The problem one frequently experiences at toll booths requiring exact change.

Retread: Covering the same ground more than once. A frequent occurrence during restoration and repair projects.

Revolution Counter: The unlucky person who has to lie under the car and count how many times the pinion shaft turns while the

brains of the operation rotates the rear tire once, in order to calculate the rear axle ratio of the car that is missing the damn tag on the housing.

Rocker Cover: Formerly, the most common rocker cover was a sheet in the morgue. Now that many aging British rockers are still alive into their 60s, however, rocker covers are rarely needed. In fact, rather than stay undercover, for some unimaginable reason, most of these old boys seem rather Torch: Gas wrench. Sometimes proud to publicly show off their wisp-like bodies.

Sidelight: The light that the drop light insists on sending while you are under the car vainly trying to get it to shine upward.

Silencer: Often used on Pidgeon Guns to avoid attention while keeping the airspace above one's driveway clear.

Sill Panel: The wooden piece at the bottom of the garage window that collects all of the miscellaneous nuts, bolts, and clips that you forgot where they go and are afraid to throw out.

Small End / Little End: A person with this feature does not require the optional Big End Bearing seats and is more likely to be adorned with a Bonnet.

Steering Arm: The right arm on sunny days, so the left arm can hang out the window. The left arm on romantic evenings, so the right arm may rest on a soft shoulder. Logic is reversed for right hand drive Jaguars.

SUMP: Statistically Unreliable Mathematical Projection – The probability that anything repaired on one's Jaguar will work without having to Retread. Like the oil level, SUMPs are generally low.

Tappet: How one makes fine mechanical adjustments, un-

sticks electrical relays, etc. Tools frequently used for these precise operations include screwdriver handles, large hammers, and jack handles.

Thrust Bearing: The back side of the front seat, when used as leverage while having relations in the back seat.

Top Gear: The chipped or cracked metal piece on the top of the pile in the Gearbox.

a tool dangerously close to being used intentionally to put a final fitting end to one's restoration project after a particularly frustrating day in the garage.

Track Rod: Sprint car.

Venturi: Pontiac model of the late 60s and early 70s. Unlike their namesake engine intake component, they do not all s**k.

Wheel Nut: Car guy. Comes in various levels of sanity. Can also be the cause of erratic handling or extreme driving situations: "The only thing wrong with the car is that the nut is loose behind the wheel again."

Windscreen: Repackaged sunscreen sold to those who still believe in windburn. Those who do not realize that one will still get sunburn on cloudy days because of the UV rays will insist that the sun was not out, "but I should have used windscreen." Sold in various WPF ratings.

And, a fitting finale:

Wing: Half of what is required when touring with one's antique Jaguar. The other half is, of course, a prayer.

Tie Breaker:

Spanner: Americanized (i.e., shortened) version of Zeespannerizzeetoolmitwichutitenzeenut, the German word for wrench. 攀

Shaken, Not Stirred



Gentlemen:

A small amendment to Tracey's Bond movies article in the January Cat—there was just one more movie not listed:

In 1967, they made *Casino Royale* and it was a terrible so-called comedy, nothing like the

book at all! (See posters below.) However, there were a few interesting cars in it:

- Supercharged Bentley, black (Bond's car)
- Lotus Formula 3 race car, black (Tremble's car)
- Jaguar E Roadster, white (pursuer's car)
- · Mercedes, black

-Pete Forte



Tracey replies: "Hah! Hello, Pete! I left that out because, technically, it wasn't one of the actual James Bond movies. And also because I watched a tiny bit of that Casino Royale on BBC America, and it was awful! I can't even believe they would do such a thing to Ian Fleming's book."



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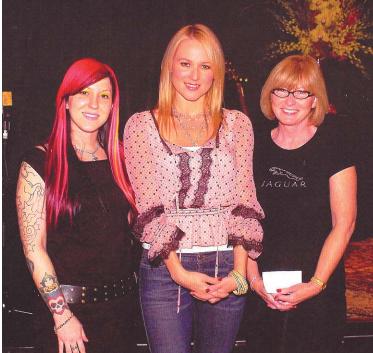
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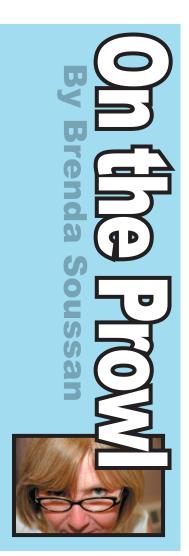
Margaret Caruolo has great news—it's a premie boy! Her 2007 XKR, BRG with caramel interior, arrived a little ahead of schedule! With a heavy heart, Margaret gave Samantha's keys to the foster family until a loving permanent home can be found.

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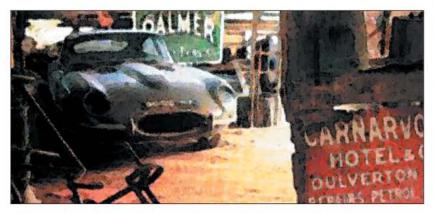
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