

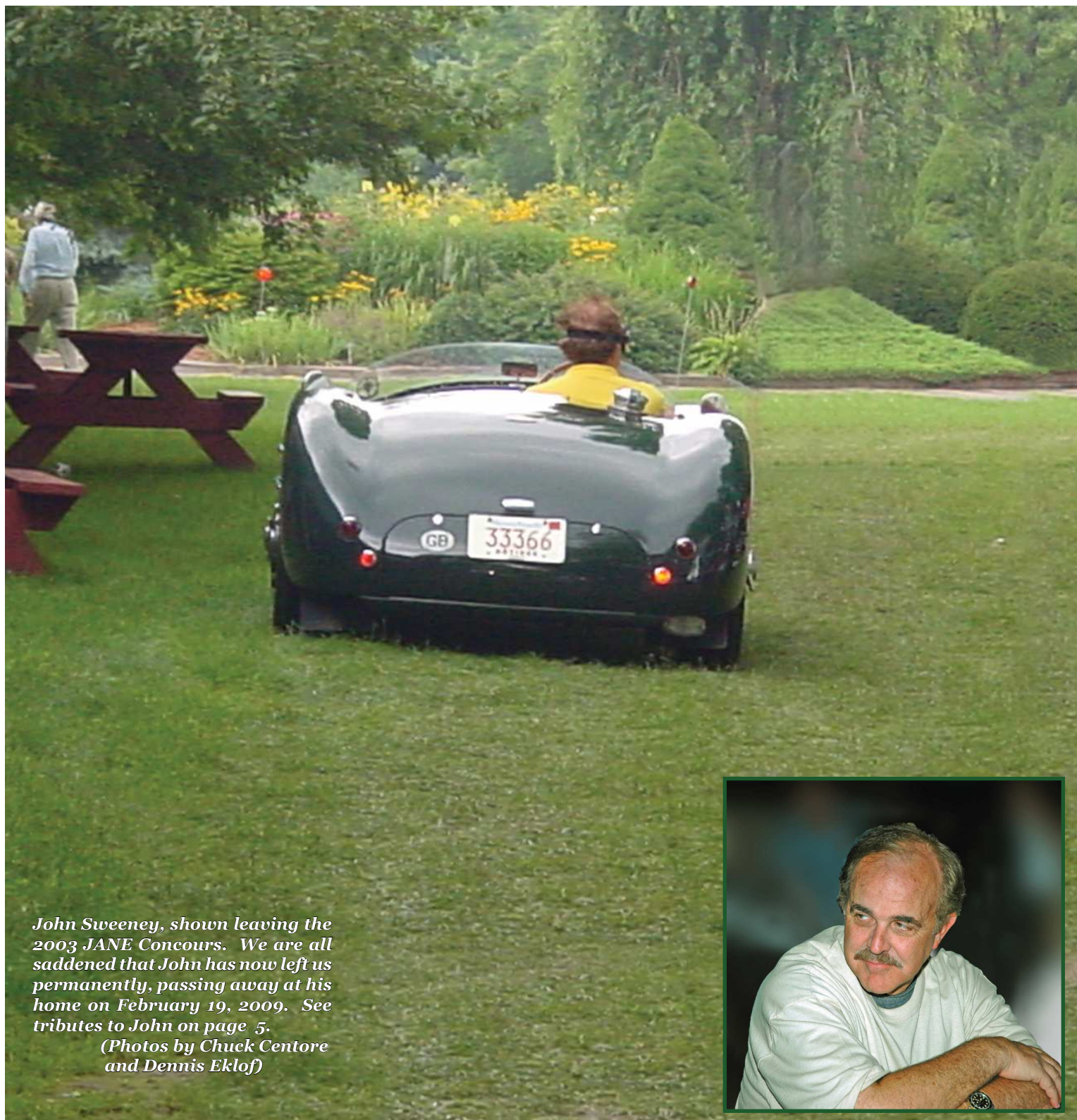
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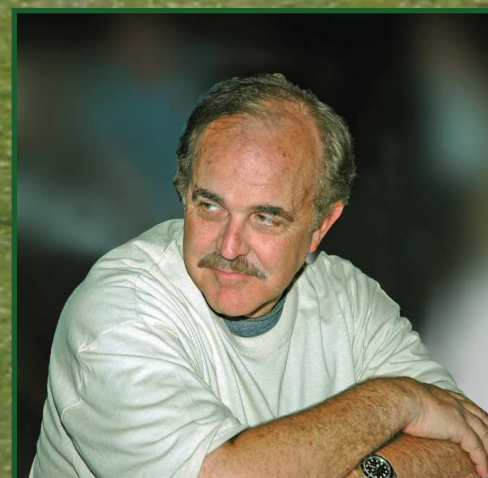
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*John Sweeney, shown leaving the 2003 JANE Concours. We are all saddened that John has now left us permanently, passing away at his home on February 19, 2009. See tributes to John on page 5.*

*(Photos by Chuck Centore and Dennis Eklof)*





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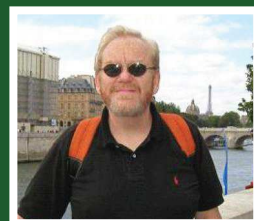
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## Loss of a member . . . new members . . . spring is nearly here!

By Ray O'Brien

It is with genuine sadness that I report on the death of John Sweeney, a longtime member of JANE and a friend to many of us. More details are inside this issue.

I'm happy to say that I had the pleasure of personally meeting four new members at our February meeting: Pablo and Laura Perez from Seabrook, NH, proud owners of a black 1994 XJS convertible; and John Memishian and Elaine Burns from Weston, MA, owners of a 1965 Series 1.5 E-Type OTS that John bought new. The car is currently undergoing a restoration at Bill Bassett's shop in Rhode Island.

I'm still getting lots of positive feedback about our monthly meetings. We start in the bar for some good talk and adult refreshments. Last month there were about 25 people in the bar prior to dinner. Maybe we needed to get a little stoked to hear Carl Hanson's presentation on the history of JANE? Just kidding! Carl did a great job taking us down memory lane. We had 36 members and friends at our February meeting. If you haven't attended one of our monthly meetings yet, come on down -- you'll enjoy it.

There is still time to renew your membership for 2009. You can contact Tom Moses at tmoses@spillcenter.com, or go to our website at [www.j-a-n-e.org](http://www.j-a-n-e.org) and renew online. Adrian Curtis is working on the 2009 Membership Directory to be published soon, so please send changes or additions to Adrian at [ascurtis@metrocast.net](mailto:ascurtis@metrocast.net) or logon to the JANE website, an easy way to update all of your membership information.

The JCNA Annual General Meeting takes place March 19-21 in Denver. Our Board of Directors has selected two members as JANE delegates to the AGM: Aldo Cipriano, Chief Judge for JANE, and Adrian Curtis. Aldo and Adrian will provide us with a report and the highlights of the AGM when they return. Look for their report at the April meeting.

Spring will be here soon, so dust off that Jag and get it ready for all the events we have lined up for spring and summer.

Coming up this month we have our annual Pancake and Maple Syrup Brunch on Saturday, March 21st, and a tour of Tom Larsen's car collection on Saturday, March 28th. Contact Chuck Centore at [cpc@anaconusa.com](mailto:cpc@anaconusa.com) and let him know if you're planning to attend Tom Larsen's tour. Our March meeting will feature a presentation by John and Tom Brady from their annual visit to the 24 Hours of Le Mans. This is a meeting to attend even if it's your first time, as it is always a very entertaining event. As usual, we will be at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA. We start at 7 p.m., the thirstier members start arriving about 6 p.m. Hope to see you there. 🇬🇧

RAY



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# Calendar of Upcoming Events

## From the Editor

### WHEN

### WHAT

### WHERE

#### March

20-21 - Fri-Sat	JCNA Annual General Meeting	Crowne Plaza, Denver, CO
21 - Sat - 10 a.m.	JANE Pancake and Maple Syrup Brunch	Overlook Farm, Rutland, MA
25 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
28 - Sat - 10 a.m.	JANE Tour of Tom Larsen's Car Collection	Weston, MA

#### April

18 - Sat - 10 a.m.	JANE Spring Slalom	Fort Devens, Ayer, MA
22 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
26 - Sun - 10 a.m.	JANE Judges' Training Session	Wagner Jaguar, Boylston, MA

#### May

2 - Sat	JANE Tri-State Rally	Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut
9 - Sat - 10 a.m.	JANE Tour of Pete Bachand's Restoration Shop	Marlborough, MA
19-23 - Tue - Sat	JCNA Challenge Championship	San Antonio, TX
27 - Wed - 6 p.m.	JANE Night on the Lawn at Larz Anderson	LAAM, Brookline, MA
30-31 - Sat - Sun	JANE Magical Mystery Tour	The Destination is the "Mystery"

#### June

07 - Sun - 9 a.m.	LAAM British Car Day	LAAM, Brookline, MA
14 - Sun	JCSNE Concours d'Elegance	Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT
24 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

#### July

19 - Sun	JANE at Myopia Hunt Club Polo Matches	Hamilton, MA
22 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

#### August

14-16 - Fri - Sun	JANE Annual Concours d'Elegance	Sturbridge, MA
23 - Sun	JANE Pot Luck Party and Social Gathering	Groton, MA
26 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

#### September

4-7 - Fri - Mon	Rolex Vintage Festival	Lime Rock, CT
18-20 - Fri - Sun	17th Annual British Invasion	Stowe, VT
20 - Sun	JDCLI Jaguar Drivers Club of Long Island Concours	Centerport (Long Island), NY
23 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

#### October

3-4 - Sat - Sun	Owls Head Foreign Car Show Weekend	Owls Head, ME
11 - Sun	JANE North Shore Tour	Salem, MA
28 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

#### November

18 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
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#### December

06 - Sun - 3 p.m.	JANE AGM and Holiday Party	Vesper Country Club, Tyngsbury, MA
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*Classic and Sports Cars* recently asked a jury of the world's leading designers to pick the best-looking cars ever. Among the beautiful Ferraris and other great cars, two Jaguars placed in the top ten -- the XK120 and the E-Type.

JANE 2009 wall calendars and the window decals are still available from Alan Quinn. Get yours now, as the year is moving on!

And another reminder -- when you go to JANE events, please take your camera and take pictures for the event reports. You may get the perfect shot that no one else got, and it just might appear in *The Coventry Cat*.

#### Correction

I incorrectly identified the car in Ed Avis's "Mirror in the Mist" cover photo for the February *Coventry Cat* as Carl Hanson's XK120. It was actually Ed Avis's own XK120.

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# In Memoriam



**John H. Sweeney**  
**1944-2009**

In mid-February we lost a longtime member of JANE, John Sweeney. John passed away at his home in Frankling, MA, on February 19th, of as yet unknown causes.

Many of us had become friends with John and knew him from the motorsports community. John served in many positions, including on the Board and as Director at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, MA.

My recollections of John include thinking of him as the quintessential eccentric. A non-pretender, John marched to his own drummer. His cars included a white XK120 OTS, a British racing green C-Type replica, and two Daimlers, one a limousine, the other the fabled Green Goddess DHC. I always enjoyed talking to John. He was a font of obscure information on many topics, and his love for anything with a motor always came through. With John and motors, the more noise it made, and the more outrageous it was, the more he loved it.

Many of us remember John thundering along in his C-Type with leather helmet and split racing goggles. He reveled in it. At one very hot British Car Day a few years ago, John pulled up in his C-Type, with its interior of sheet metal and a hint of leather. Sweat ran in rivulets down his face, and as he got out I asked him, "Isn't it hot as hell in there?" He smiled and said, "A little." We both had a good laugh at that remark.

John's body has been cremated and his ashes returned to his family for interment with his parents in Seattle, WA. A memorial service for the celebration of John's life is being planned for late May or early June. The date and details will be announced to the local motorsports community as soon as they are set. 🇺🇸

Ray O'Brien

John Sweeney was a friend of JANE for many years. He was truly one of a kind, and many of us will surely miss him in the years to come.

John was often seen driving his C-Type, regardless of the weather or the season. It was kind of his mark. He enjoyed driving his car and talking about it every chance he got. He had many other cars of which he spoke fondly, but the C-Type was the one most of us remember. If someone did not know John, you could always mention that he was the guy who came to the event in the green C-Type Jaguar. Usually there was a smile and they would instantly know who you were referring to.

I spoke with John at our January JANE board meeting. Then we met again at a movie at the LAAM about auto racing, and the next evening again, at an event as part of a group known as the "Motorheads." John would bring his Jag C-Type to many of these events regardless of the weather. He was a true enthusiast. 🇺🇸

Chuck Centore

John was an avid car and motorcycle collector with a great appreciation of all things related to our mutual hobby. He was well known to many Boston area car enthusiasts even before serving as the Executive Director of the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. His tenure there from 2002 to 2007 greatly broadened his relationships around the northeast and well beyond, as he was a frequent participant in automotive events around the country, including regular attendance at Pebble Beach. Most recently he was instrumental in putting together the fine Concours at Newport, RI.

John's motoring interests ranged from long distance motorcycle jaunts with his Yankee Beemer friends, to touring in his C-Type Jaguar or his XK120, to cruising around in his beautiful Bentley coupe.

Many of us shared an evening with John at the JANE monthly meeting only a month ago, and it is hard to believe he has left us. He will be sorely missed. 🇺🇸

Dennis Eklof

# Upcoming Events

## JANE Monthly Meetings Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA



Longfellow's Wayside Inn

JANE's monthly meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except for November and December). Some of the meetings feature a program of interest to car folks, others are devoted to discussing business matters.

We meet at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA, the oldest operating inn in the country, in business since 1716. It is a historic landmark on the National Register of Historic Places, a place worth coming out to see even if it weren't our JANE meeting place. Arrive a little early for some schmoozing in the Old Bar, the oldest room in the inn (see photos below from our February Monthly Meeting), before moving on to our meeting room for dinner and the program. The next monthly meeting is March 25th, 7 p.m. The address is 72 Wayside Inn Road, Sudbury, MA. Phone 978-443-1776. The Inn's website, in case you want to check it out, is [www.wayside.org](http://www.wayside.org).



L to R: Carl Hanson, Dennis Eklof, Aldo Cipriano, Ed Hall, John Brady, Ray O'Brien, and Chuck Centore swapping stories in the bar before the meeting



L to R: Herb Strachman, Stu Forer, Buzz Hawes, and Tom Moses at an adjoining table

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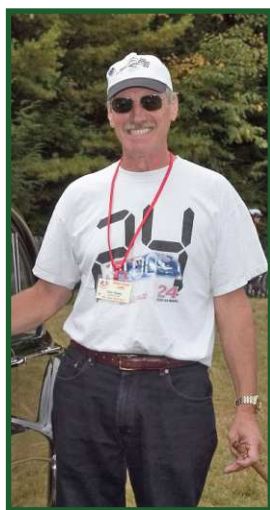
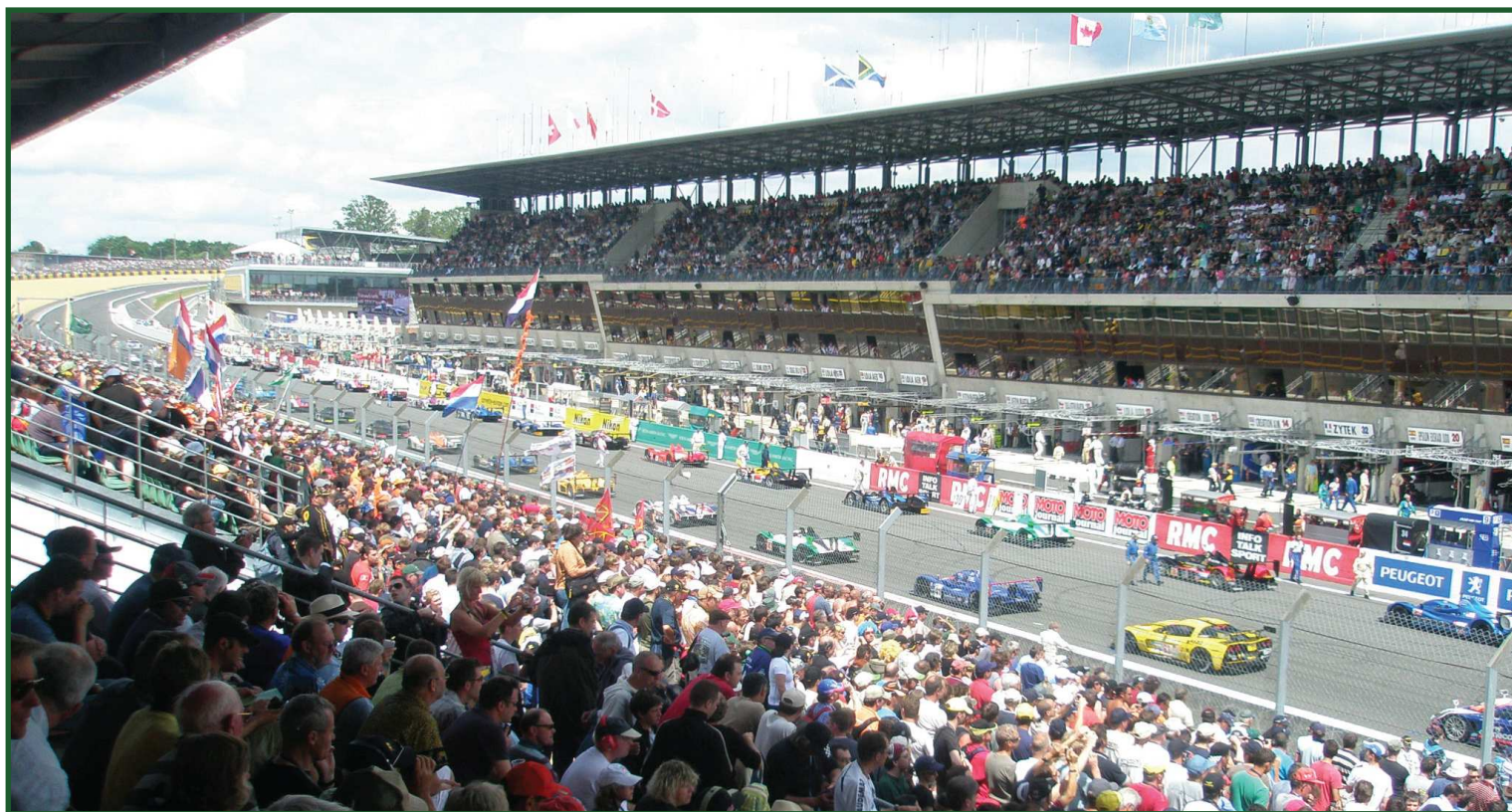
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# Save the March 25th Monthly Meeting Date

## 2008 Le Mans Brady Presentation



Tom

Once again, Tom and John Brady will be doing a presentation on their experience at the 2008 24 Heures du Mans. Come and join the fun and hear about:

- Their ongoing relationship with S F Moss
- The JANE Bag Flag
- Brady Camping Rules
- And of course -- the race

The presentation will be a narrated slide show on the battle between the Audis and Peugeots, and the Legends Race, which included the cars that they saw at their first race in 1990. There will be a Le Mans trivia contest, and the winner will receive a Le Mans/Jaguar-related prize. The presentation should last about an hour.

Get a head start on the race by watching **TRUTH IN 24**, a new documentary film by Audi on the 2008 Le Mans, being shown on ESPN on March 20th at 8 p.m. 🏁



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# Annual Pancake and Maple Syrup Brunch

## Saturday, March 21st



Carl Hanson

Don't forget that this year we are going to a new location for our traditional first outing of the spring, "Pancakes at Overlook Farm" in Rutland, MA. Overlook Farm is the Heifer Project Learning Center, part of Heifer International, a world-class organization with a mission to end hunger in the world by providing domestic animals for needy people in third-world countries. Their website is [www.heifer.org/overlook](http://www.heifer.org/overlook).

We could make only a limited group reservation, and at this point we are **SOLD OUT!** If you are on our reserved list, you are in for a fun time. We will take a scenic tour to the farm in central Massachusetts, watch the maple sugaring process, tour the farm (lots of animals for our kids to see!), and enjoy a hearty pancake breakfast with maple syrup and pork sausage. It's the first day of spring, so hopefully our Jaguars will be out of winter storage and ready to go. But any motor vehicle will be welcome on the tour!

**We plan to meet in the parking lot across from Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA, at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 21st.** In case you haven't been paying attention, the Wayside Inn is our current JANE meeting venue, at 72 Wayside Inn Road in Sudbury, just off U.S. Rt. 20. **Departure time is 10 a.m. sharp!** Our scenic route is about 40 miles to the farm, and we will get there in time for our reserved brunch at 11:30 a.m. Don't worry about getting lost, we will have maps for everybody. Alternatively, you can make your own way to the farm, but please let us know so we don't worry about leaving without you!

If you did not make the cutoff date for the group reservation at Overlook Farm, you are welcome to come along for the drive anyway, but unfortunately there is no guarantee that additional seating will become available for brunch. The Blue Moon Diner is a short ways up the road in Gardner, and there are undoubtedly other restaurants in the area. Admission to the farm activities and breakfast is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 3 years to 10 years; free for children age 2 and under. **If you have any questions about the event, call Carl Hanson at 781-275-2707 or email Carl at [chansonjag@aol.com](mailto:chansonjag@aol.com).** 🇺🇸

# Pancakes at the Farm



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and enjoy a hearty  
pancake breakfast with  
maple syrup and pork  
sausage.*



**SATURDAYS,**  
**March 14 & March 21**  
**2009**  
**9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**



# JANE Tour of Tom Larsen's Car Collection

## Saturday, March 28th

Tom Larsen opens his eclectic car collection to JANE members on March 28th, at 10 a.m. Tom has a collection of very interesting and desirable automobiles, and this is the first in a series of Collector Cars road trips this season for JANE members and friends.

Tom's cars are housed in several garages at his home in Weston. He has a Ford Thunderbird convertible, an early Mustang convertible, and a pair of Model A's, along with a '35 Ford roadster. There's a beautiful Split Window Corvette Stingray and a rare BMW Zo8. His Euro collection is very interesting as well. It includes an Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider racer, a Ferrari Lusso, a Jaguar XK120 OTS, and many more beautiful cars.



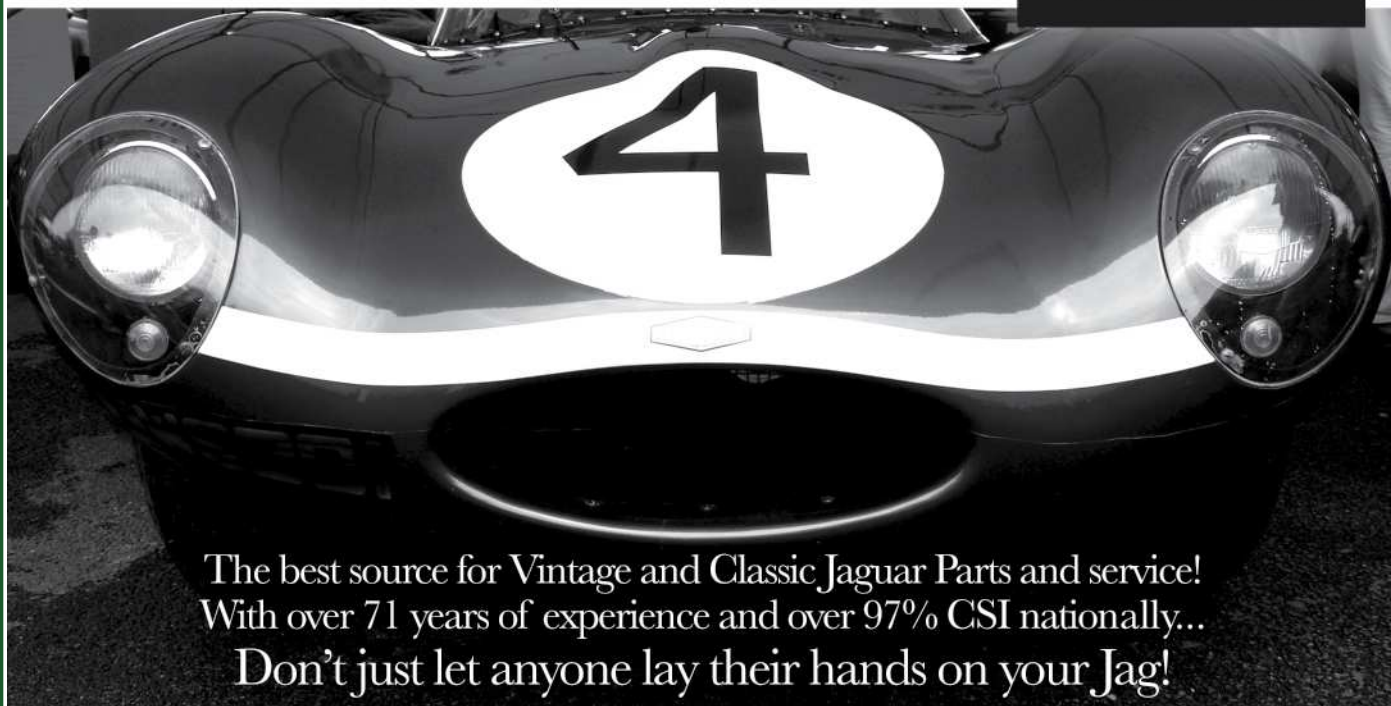
Here's a sneak peek into Tom's garage

So come and share a Saturday morning with us touring Tom's collection. Plan to be there at 10 a.m. Tom has many interesting stories about his cars and is excited about sharing them with JANE members. Tom lives at 44 Robin Road in Weston, MA 02493.

**Directions:** From Rt 128 N&S take Exit 26 to Route 20 West. This exit is a rotary for those coming from the north. Proceed to Rt 20 West. In about ½ mile turn left onto Summer Street. The first street on the right is Robin Road. Tom's home is a little over ¼ mile up on the right. If you get lost or confused, call Chuck Centore at 978-201-9782.

For those interested, after our tour we will be sitting down to an informal late lunch at the Chateau Restaurant in Waltham. 🍷

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# JANE Spring Slalom

## Saturday, April 18th

*Spring Is Nearer than you Think  
It's Almost Time to go Slaloming Again*



Herb Strachman (left) and Jim Roberge (right) on the course in their E-Types at one of the 2008 slaloms



Bill and Tom Parish  
JANE Slalom Co-Chairs

Another reminder that the first slalom of the 2009 campaign will be happening in April this year, April 18th to be specific. There are many ways that this one will be new and different:

- It is earlier than other years – you get to stretch those legs earlier.
- It is a Saturday, not a Sunday – you get to avoid those dreaded Saturday chores.
- It is at a new location - Devens in Ayer, MA – you get to experience a great new locale, lots of space, real outhouses, etc.

Our goal, as always, is to increase participation. We have been contacting other local clubs, so we hope to have an interesting mix of cars. You can do your part by convincing family, friends, and neighbors to come to this fun, low-key event. I am going to try to convince at least one of my daughters to come, so maybe we can have a Teen Division this year! So mark April 18th on your calendars and get those cars running.

As always, we will be running the JCNA-sanctioned course. This can be found at <http://www.jcna.com/library/slalom/course.html>. So check it out and commit it to memory before you arrive to drive! 🏁

### Schedule for April 18th

**7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. - Course layout – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**9:00 a.m. - Registration opens – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**9:30 – 10:00 a.m. – Tech inspection – TECH INSPECTORS NEEDED!**

**10:00 a.m. - Drivers' meeting and course walk-through**

**10:30 a.m. - First car off**

We need volunteers to help with setup, course layout (especially for the second, un-timed practice course), registration (3), scoring (3), tech inspections (4), course workers to pick up cones, etc. (4), and cleanup.

This year JANE will not be providing food, so please bring a picnic lunch. Beverages will be provided.

Please contact Tom Parish at [tparish@carlisle-co.com](mailto:tparish@carlisle-co.com) (978-828-4707)

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### Directions to Devens Autocross Site

From **495 take Exit 30 (Route 2A/110)** and turn toward Ayer.

From either direction, you will make a left turn onto **Route 2A**. You will follow Route 2A all the way to the **Devens airport entrance**.

You will go through a rotary about 5.5 miles from 495. **Continue on 2A**, which is the second exit in the rotary (straight across, just past the McDonald's).

You will then go about 1 mile and be in the center of downtown Ayer. **Route 2A** will take a right turn just past the main business district. There will be a Mobil station on your left at that corner.

Travel about a half mile. A couple of hundred yards after Dunkin Donuts, take a left onto **Bishop Road**.

You will pass a cemetery on your left. **Go through the first gate**.

Two hundred yards after the first gate, **bear right** at the Y intersection. This will take you into the autocross site.



## Judges' Training Session

### Sunday, April 26th



Aldo Cipriano  
Head Judge

The annual Judges' Training Session will be conducted on **Sunday, April 26th, commencing at 10 a.m. at Wagner Jaguar in West Boylston, MA**, conveniently located off Routes 495 and 290. This venue was graciously arranged by Judge Steve Gordon and supports our belief that all sponsoring Jaguar dealers should be kept involved with club events. Next year we may rotate out to Woburn or Exeter Jag, then back to Lee.

The session will consist of a presentation of 2009 rule changes, a written test for Judges' certification, and practicing live judging on members' Jaguars. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

I personally invite all current judges and new candidates to attend. On average, JANE's Concours needs approximately 25 qualified judges on the field each year. 🇺🇸

## Joint JANE and AONE Tri-State 'Spring Forward into Summer' Sports Car Rallye

### Saturday, May 2nd (Rain Date May 9th)



Tom Letourneau  
Rally Master

Time to fire up our beloved Jaguars and Alfas and tour the back roads and byways of New England! After a false start in October, our determined Rally Master, Tom Letourneau, has put together an 'Olde Fashioned' Sports Car Rallye to get the blood flowing for the sports car season. The route wanders through some of the most interesting and challenging roads of western Rhode Island, eastern Connecticut, and central Massachusetts!

The rally is suited for both the novice and the more experienced. It is a TSD (Time Speed Distance) style rally, with lots of easy-to-read and -follow route instructions designed to get us to the end of the rally without getting lost, yet making it competitive and a whole lot a fun! The ending location will be in the Downtown Village section of Putnam, CT, with all of its boutiques, antique shops, etc. There should be some time to explore before we sit down to eat at a great local restaurant.

Tom always has some surprises on the burner. He has put together some custom prizes, and you never quite know what you will find on the route. Tom expects Peter Elsworth, the Automotive Editor of the *Providence Journal*, to accompany us along at least part of the route, so don't be surprised if you or your car turn up in the paper!

**The Rallye will start in the Parking Lot of the Massachusetts State Reservation known as Purgatory Chasm in Sutton, MA. Show up by 8:15 a.m.!** A mandatory Drivers' (and Navigators') Meeting will be held promptly at 8:30. The first car off will be at 9:00 and, in order to keep competitors from catching up and climbing down the backs of fellow competitors, everyone will be sent off in two-minute intervals.

Because of the early start we are going to require preregistration. On May 2nd, we will have the Drivers' Meeting, give you your route sheets, gimmick questions, and send you on your way! At about halfway along the route there will be a stop at a large Convenience Store, where there are provisions for the basic needs of man and steed!

Information on preregistration will be coming shortly. There will be a \$25 fee for each vehicle entered, and the dinner will be Dutch treat.

Hope to see you there! 🇺🇸

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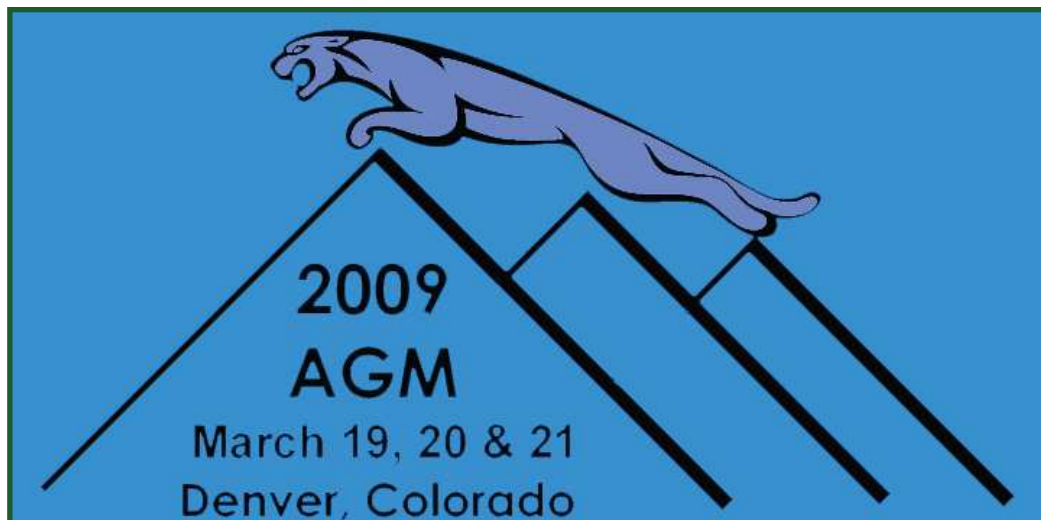
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The JANE rallyers at our 2007 Fall Rallye

# Other Happenings

The JCNA 2009 AGM will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Denver, Colorado. Complete information about the hotel, the schedule, the activities -- a visit to the Cussler Museum (cars) and Wings Over the Rockies (airplanes) -- is now available at <http://www.agm09.com/>.



Aldo Cipriano (left) and Adrian Curtis (right) are JANE's representatives and voting delegates at this year's AGM.



## ***Advanced Driving Safety Skills School*** ***White Mountain Chapter BMW Club*** ***New Hampshire Motor Speedway*** ***Sunday, April 26th, 2009 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.***

Several JANE members participated in this school last year. It's a great way to learn and practice car control with good instruction, and the day concludes with a "slalom," which is right up JANE's alley! For complete details, information on requirements, directions, cost, etc.:

**[www.wmc-bmwcca.org/calendar.html](http://www.wmc-bmwcca.org/calendar.html)**

Registration opens March 1st. If you're interested, sign up early because it fills up! See the May 2008 issue of *The Coventry Cat* for Tracey Levasseur's write-up about JANE's participation at this event last year. 🏁



Here's Adrian Curtis awaiting his turn for one of the driving exercises at the 2008 Advanced Driving Safety Skills School. This year Adrian plans to take his XK120.



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# Event Report

## JANE Valentine's Dinner Sunday, February 15th

JANE's Valentine's Dinner this year was again at Gibbet Hill Grill in Groton, MA. Fortunately, we've had some warming toward spring, and the surrounding hills and meadows were less snow-covered than appears in the picture of the Gibbet Hill Farm below.

Our thanks to Tom Moses, who made all the arrangements. Unfortunately, Tom and Clare were then unable to attend due to the rescheduling of a family event that conflicted with the Valentine's Dinner date. However, we were a group of ten who turned out to enjoy the consistently good food and service at Gibbet Hill, and the company of other JANE Valentine celebrants. If you are not in one of the pictures below, you missed a good time. 🍷



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Clockwise from lower left: Dennis Eklof, Ray O'Brien, Sandra O'Brien, Jim Sambold, Carol MacPhee, Joe MacPhee, Kathy Hall, Ed Hall, Carl Hanson, and Prebble Eklof



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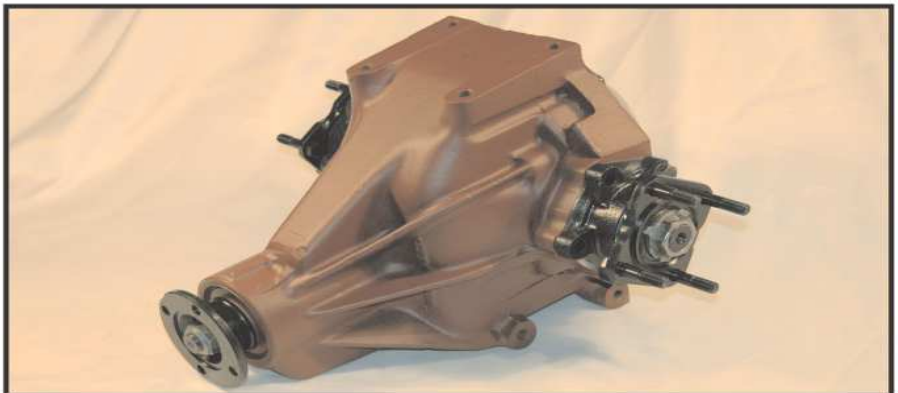


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# No 2008 JANE Drag Night? No Problem

By Mark Cioffi



Mark Cioffi

Since JANE didn't have a Drag Night this past summer, my motorhead neighbor, with his '89 Mustang (with nitrous), dragged me and my XJR along with him to the Dragway. His research



Mark's 2000 XJR, "GOODKTY," in the staging lane

said my car might reach 100 mph, and if it did, I needed a helmet. So he brought one for me.

We go through Techcheck and the kid asks me what I thought the car would do. "I have no idea, never been here." He writes something down, which I'm guessing was a slow time. Then I get up to the staging area, I put the helmet on, the staging guy looks at me, then shouts to his partner

in the other lane, "Look at this fool in the Jag, he's got a helmet on, NO WAY he needs it!"

OK, he's right. But the last thing I need is to bang my helmetless head and damage the few good brain cells I have left.

The light turns green and I floor it, staring straight at the finish line. Past the line, and now to hammer on the brakes. Around the turn back to where my neighbor is tweaking some engine part of his. "Mark, you hit 102!" Unbelievable.

So back to the staging lane for another run,

and the staging guy looks at me, with my helmet on, and then it comes -- a thumbs up!

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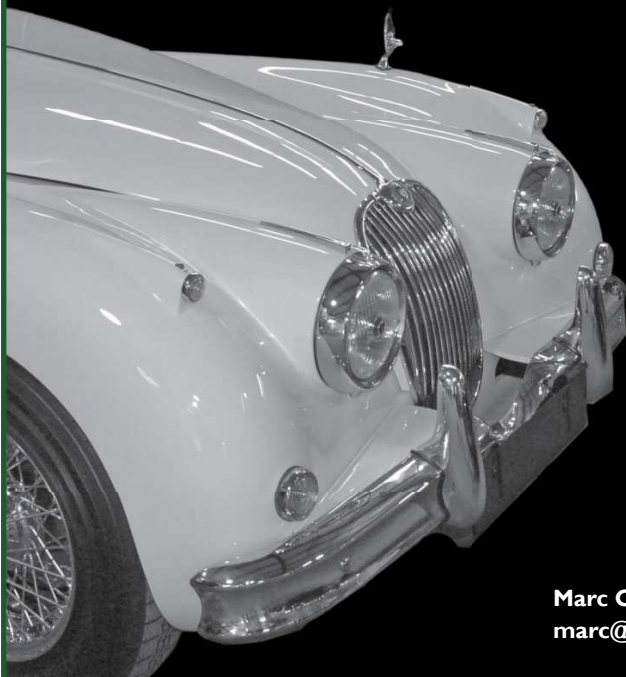
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# News of JANE Members

There's a new cat in the JANE family! Although the dealer is still holding it for her, **Margaret Caruolo** has bought a new 2009 XJR Portfolio. Winston (it already has a name!) is Celestial Black, has Navy Blue seats with Tan trim, all of this on a long wheelbase. Alas, Sir William (Margaret's 2002 XJR-100) may have to go to a new owner to make room for Winston, but look for this beauty at JANE events soon. 🇬🇧

An article about **Tom Letourneau** and his Saab appeared in the February 28 edition of the *Providence Journal*. Obviously, we think a story about Tom's Mk9 would have made for more interesting reading, but Peter Elsworth, Automotive Editor at the *Journal*, is a Saab enthusiast. At least Tom's Jag was acknowledged as sharing garage space with the Saab. 🇬🇧

**Aldo Cipriano** has just recently returned from southern Mexico, The Mayan Riviera, where he says Jaguar statues are everywhere, and the revered cat is called "Balam." 🇬🇧





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# Spotlight on JP Carroll's

## By Adrian Curtis




Adrian Curtis

The business card reads "Auto Wrecking, *Junk Cars Removed*," and auto wreckers they are, as a drive up the long driveway in Lexington shows. John, the owner, describes his business as "squash and aftermarket parts." More to our interest, at the card's bottom, "We Specialize in New & Used Radiators."

Carl Hanson steered me to Carroll's. His XK120 radiator was done there, as was John Brady's. My 120 radiator was dull and dented and had small, pinhole leaks. Dale at JP Carroll's returned it looking like a showpiece: re-cored, leak free, dent free, and gloss-painted black to a beautiful shine. That was last winter. This season my MVII is apart for some work. I've taken its radiator, heater core, and gas tanks to Carroll's for acid dipping, cleaning, painting, and welding as needed. The process is a little different for gas tanks, Dale advises, but right up their alley. If the acid dipping/rust flush causes leaks, he'll do the welding repair and you won't be able to see the difference. My MVII tank is unavailable and repair is the only option. Dale's going to inspect/repair my fuel senders also.

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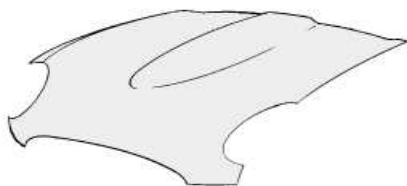
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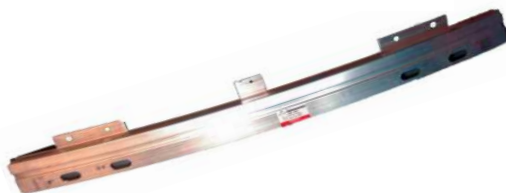
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