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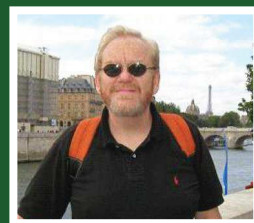
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President's Update May 2009



**JANE is in full swing now . . .
lots of events . . . come on out and join in the fun!**

By Ray O'Brien

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We had our spring slalom on April 18th at Devens Air Base in Ayer, MA, with 26 cars participating, including several new attendees – another great event run by Tom and Bill Parish.

Aldo Cipriano held a Judges' Training Session and test on April 26th at Wagner Jaguar in Boylston, MA – another well-attended event. JANE is pleased to welcome two new judges: Tracey Levasseur and Bruce McEdwards.

On Saturday, May 2nd, we had a joint rallye sponsored by JANE and AONE (Alpha Owners of New England), "The Last Green Valle Rallye." The rallye, sanctioned by JCNA, was a lot of fun, with multiple challenges for drivers and navigators. We wound our way from Purgatory Chasm through Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and finished in Putnam, Connecticut. Thanks have to go to Tom Letourneau and Steve Thomas for the planning and coordination of this event. Yours truly, as driver, and my friend Andy Schell, as navigator, took first place in the rallye for JANE and a first overall, while Dennis and Prebble Eklof took first place in the Q&A section.

A tour of Pete Bachand's Kustom and Restoration Shop is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th, at 10 a.m. Pete will show us his skills at bringing restoration projects to completion. Send me an email at raymondobrien@comcast.net if you plan on attending.

Thirty people have already signed up for "JANE Night on the Lawn" at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, MA. It is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th. This is typically one of our best-attended events of the spring season. Last year we had over 60 people. We are bringing back the same caterer as last year, who will be serving us a fabulous dinner. Remember that this event replaces our regular monthly meeting. All of the details on this event are inside the Cat.

Dennis and Prebble Eklof have put together another "Magical Mystery Tour" -- we finally know where we're starting from, but we don't have a clue where we're going. But we trust Dennis and Prebble, don't we? We'll tour some scenic back roads of New England and wind up at a nice inn for a cocktail party and dinner. Sanda and I are really looking forward to this event the weekend of May 30th.

Wow, we have a lot going on! Join us on some of these events – you'll be glad you did. 🍷

RAY



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

From the Editor

WHEN

WHAT

WHERE

May

2 - Sat - 9 a.m.	JANE "Last Green Valley Rallye"	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 "Where" 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
20 - Sat - 9 a.m.	John Sweeney Memorial Celebration	LAAM, Brookline, MA
24 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

July

12 - 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

2-4 - Fri - Sun	9th Annual British Legends Weekend	East Falmouth, MA
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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A Reporter Wrote . . .

"Bush's reelection team, according to a book, 'determined that Porsche owners tend to be Republican, while Volvo drivers tilt Democratic. Jaguar drivers were considered most likely to vote, and Hyundai drivers least likely.'

"Now some of this makes sense to me. Back when I was restoring my 1967 E-Type some years ago, I was extremely well informed on national politics because I used to watch three hours of evening news as a way of procrastinating so I didn't have to go out to the garage and figure out why the dash lights flickered when the passenger door was slammed. Voting was the natural upshot of all this political exposure.

"I can't tell you why Hyundai drivers don't vote more often. Maybe their dash lights work!"

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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). If you've not been to a meeting in a while, come out and get reacquainted with your fellow JANE members and their Jags.

NOTE: Our next meeting will be "On the Lawn" at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum on Wednesday, May 27th. Check out the details on page 6. We will be back at Longfellow's Wayside Inn on Wednesday, June 24. 🇺🇸

Tour of Pete Bachand's Kustom & Restoration Shop **Saturday, May 9th**



Pete Bachand

The tour of Pete Bachand's "Kustom and Restoration" Shop, in Marlborough, MA, is still on for Saturday, May 9th, at 10 a.m. Pete specializes in restoration, metal fabrication, mechanical, and design work, and we will get a chance to tour his shop and check out his current projects. Pete is a perfectionist, and you can expect to see some fine examples of his work.

Coffee and donuts will be served, and for those who are hungry afterward, we'll have lunch somewhere in the area. **Please let Ray O'Brien know if you plan to attend:**

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JANE Night on the Lawn at Larz Anderson Park

May Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, May 27th



Hosts Ray and Sanda O'Brien

Larz Anderson Park is a beautiful setting for our May meeting. The Larz Anderson Auto Museum is home to "America's oldest car collection." For over 75 years the Larz Anderson Auto Museum has been supporting the collector car community through a variety of educational programs, exhibits, and lectures. The event will start at 6 p.m., but many members arrive early to socialize and get up to date. We will use the same caterer as last year.



The Menu

Appetizers:	Buffalo chicken bites - w/gorgonzola cheese wrapped in puff pastry Scallop crostini - grilled French bread topped w/goat cheese, spinach, scallop, and a balsamic reduction
Entrees:	Marinated steak tips - Marinated grilled shrimp
Sides:	Garden salad - Grilled vegetable platter - Grilled potatoes
Dessert:	Apple crisp w/ice cream

So dust off that Jag and cruise on down to Brookline. The event will be held rain or shine and is sure to be a great time.

Your hosts will be Ray and Sanda O'Brien, and we hope that you will join us for a fun time and a gourmet dinner. Please let us know if you are planning on attending (we have to give a count to the caterer in advance). The cost for members is \$35 per person, with a very reasonable cash bar.

Remember you must preregister and prepay. Send your check no later than May 20th, made out to JANE, to:

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Magical Mystery Tour

Saturday and Sunday, May 30-31



Dennis and Prebble Eklof
MMT Tour Masters

As of May 1, sixteen couples are signed on for the MMT. Also as of May 1, two rooms were still available for our group. If you are not already registered for the event, but would like to be, call us as soon as possible and we'll find out if those rooms are still available.

Saturday, May 30

Departure Location: Johnson's Drive-In, 164 Boston Road (Route 119), Groton, MA 01450.

Route: Follow the "clues" over the approximately 175-mile route along beautiful New England back roads -- beautiful scenery, minimal traffic, all paved roads, no dirt! Route sheets will be handed out at the departure location the morning of departure.

En route: Tour at your own pace. Stop for lunch, to shop, to view the scenery. This is not a TSD rally -- all you need to worry about is not getting lost, and showing up in time for the evening festivities. When you get your route sheets on the morning of departure, you will also be given a sealed envelope of "bail-out instructions" and a map, in case you do get hopelessly lost, but we won't be held accountable for the verbal abuse to which you may be subjected if you show up with an open envelope!

Destination: A beautiful country inn in a picturesque New England area. Only your tour masters know the location, so you'll have to trust us to have selected well, but you must find it by following the route clues!

Upon Arrival: We again have planned a cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Dinner: We will have an excellent dinner in a private dining room at the inn. Following dinner we will have an awards ceremony for the day's tour, including a "bent spoke" award, of course.

Sunday, May 31

Breakfast: At the inn.

Departure: At your leisure and your own route home.

Event Costs

\$330 per couple. This covers room, evening cocktail reception, dinner, and breakfast the next morning, and it includes all taxes and gratuities. Only your bar tab for the cocktail reception and dinner will be applied to your room bill for payment at check-out time.

If you have any questions, contact Dennis and Prebble at dennis.eklof@verizon.net or 978-448-2566.



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*Div _____	*Class _____

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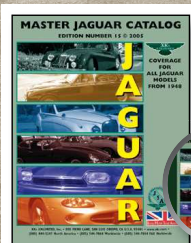
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“The Style and Innovation of the American Automobile” New Exhibit at Larz Anderson Auto Museum

May 7th



L to R: JANE members Ray O'Brien, Carmen Chiungos, Herb Strachman, and Sanda O'Brien at the opening of the new exhibit

The museum will turn its attention to the importance of the American automobile's contribution, both visually and technologically, to the international motoring community. The new exhibit, “The Style and Innovation of the American Automobile,” opens Thursday, May 7th, and will feature a look back at the last 80 years, highlighting some of Detroit's most elegant designs and amazing technological breakthroughs. Cadillac, Nash, Studebaker, Buick, design sketches, period fashion provided by Lasell College, and design concepts will shape a journey through almost a century of style and innovation from some of America's premier automotive manufacturers. 🇺🇸

British Car Day at Larz Anderson Auto Museum

June 7th

As we do every year, JANE plans to reclaim a bit of British land at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. With over 250 cars expected, British Car Day has fast become one of the museum's biggest and best events. Last year, Jaguars dominated, with about 70 on the field, most of them from JANE members. Join the effort to help Jaguar again be the most-represented marque!

For more information about JANE's participation in the event, call or email Dennis Eklof -- 978-448-2566 or dennis.eklof@verizon.net. 🇬🇧

JCSNE Concours d'Elegance

June 14th

JCSNE's 36th annual Concours d'Elegance is scheduled for Sunday, June 14th. It will be held at Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT, a lovely location that really is an orchard.

This is a JCNA-sanctioned Concours, so it's a good opportunity to get your car judged at a lovely, nearby location, while also supporting our JCSNE “neighbors to the south.”



JCSNE is also hosting a Clambake on Saturday evening, June 13th. For more information about the Clambake, the Concours, or anything about their festive weekend, get in touch with Bob Aldridge at 860-482-9849 or via email at thespottedcat@optonline.net. You can also go to JCNA.com and click on Calendar, then NE Region, for more details and an entry form. 🇬🇧

John Sweeney Memorial Celebration

June 20th

The lawn at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum will be the location for a gathering of JANE members and members of other clubs in our area for a Memorial Celebration of John Sweeney's life. This will be held on June 20th from 9 a.m. until around noon. The event is still in the planning stages. More details will be made available in the June issue of *The Coventry Cat* and on JANE's website. But please save the date and plan to join the many friends of John in remembering a life well lived. 🇬🇧

European Union Auto Show - Heritage Museums & Gardens


June 14th

Automobiles and motorcycles from all European nations are invited to the third annual European Union Auto Show held on the rolling lawns of the Lower Events Field at the Heritage Museums & Gardens in Sandwich, MA, on June 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine. In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of Heritage, the show will include a special display of European cars from the year 1969. So if your Jag's a '69, you'll get an extra-special spot!

Participants will compete for various class awards, and spectators can vote for their favorite cars. Dash plaques will be given to the first 100 cars. Show cars will be displayed on various lawns throughout the Heritage grounds. Vehicle registration will be held from 8-10 a.m., and the show begins at 10 a.m. The registration fee is \$15 in advance and \$20 the day

of the show. Judging will be done from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The award ceremony begins at 1:30 p.m. and the event will conclude at 2 p.m.

This family-friendly auto show will also include a special family tour of the antique car collection and children's automotive craft activities. Heritage is home to the J.K. Lilly III Antique Automobile Museum, which showcases the museum's extensive collection of American antique automobiles. And this event will be smack in the middle of the Heritage Gardens' peak rhododendron bloom!

For additional information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/d4p9gg>. To register, download the 2009 Auto Show Brochure at <http://tinyurl.com/cnmcc2>, or contact Michele Wilkins at 508-888-3300 ext. 102 or mwilkins@heritagemuseums.org. 



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Event Reports

JANE Spring Slalom

By Bill and Tom Parish – Photos by Alan Quinn



Bill and Tom Parish
JANE Slalom Co-Chairs

JANE's 2009 slalom season got off to a strong (and early) start, with our first event held Saturday, April 18th, at the old Fort Devens in Ayer. Despite the early date, the weather cooperated, with only a few sprinkles and mostly sunny skies.

Also despite the early date (that no doubt found some Jaguars still in winter storage), we had a great

turnout, with a total of 26 competitors – 14 JANE members and 12 non-JANE participants. That turnout is due in part to the strong assistance of some of our fellow auto club brethren – our event had promotion through the MG Club, Cape Cod British Car Club, and the Alfa Club.

That promotion resulted in a wonderfully eclectic mix of vehicles. We had everything from an eye-catching blue MGA to the spectacular Audi R8 of John Rizzi (I particularly liked the lights, John). We had three (count 'em, three!) Corvairs, and of course our usual gorgeous Jaguars.



John Rizzi in the Audi R8 with "those lights"

Devens provided a great venue -- a fast, open course and lots of room for prep and staging. And the day saw some fast runs. Fastest Jaguar of the day was Ken Haas, with a 42.965 in his modified XJ12C, barely beating out Jim Roberge's 43.398 in his exquisite Series 3 E-Type.



Ken Haas in his modified XJ12C, fastest Jaguar of the day

Bob Totten captured FTD with a 41.138 in his Spitfire. Paul Rikert brought his inimitable Honda Insight and managed a 50.800 in it – beating the three Corvairs (among others) and currently good for fifth

place in Class Z. Ray Duhaime had another good day, running 44.125 to improve on his best time from last year. However, I am pretty sure that his daughter beat his best time during the dollar runs! Bruce McEdwards ran a strong 46.748, good for 3rd place in Class D. And last, but not least, Tom Parish finally beat his brother, Bill, (by 0.2 seconds) with a personal best of 44.935.



Tom Parish (above) was really hustling around the course, and finally beat brother Bill (below) by 0.2 seconds with his personal best time of 44.935



Were Tom Parish and Bob Totten working the timing equipment to get that FTD and 0.2 second lead over brother Bill?

Thanks are due to a number of people: Bob Totten for helping set up; Diane Appleton, Stephanie Parish, and Prebble Eklof for helping with the timing and scoring. And thanks also to the gods for keeping the timing equipment working all day.

Fun was had by all, and by holding our event so early we have the pleasure of seeing JANE members atop many of the classes for 2009 (there has been only one other event so far).

What we need now is help in finding a venue for the fall slalom. Nashoba Valley has decided to discontinue their cooperation, and there are no more open dates at Devens. If you have any ideas for a venue, please get in touch with either Tom Parish (978-828-4707, tparish@carlisle-co.com, or Bill Parish (978-486-4830, wdparish@verizon.net).



Jim Roberge (left) and Dennis Eklof (right) on the course in their E-Types



The Timing Tent was a popular place



Here's Alan Quinn's son Gabriel behind the wheel.
Only a few more years . . .

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Judges' Training Session ***By Aldo Cipriano***



Aldo Cipriano
Head Judge

Our annual Judges' Training Session was held on Sunday, April 26, at Wagner Jaguar in Boylston, MA. Fifteen judges have now been certified and entered onto the national JCNA roster. We welcome our new judges, Bruce McEdwards and Tracey Levasseur, who received their official judges' shirts at the event.

The "rigorous" session commenced at 10 a.m. with a rules presentation and exam. This was followed by score sheet training and practice judging at Wagner Jaguar's expansive parking lot in 80-degree heat. Practice judging was done on Bob Doyle's rare, 5-speed S-Type, the Prez's E-Type OTS, Bruce McEdwards' '65 E-Type OTS, and Steve Gordon's ruby red XK150 FHC.

Judge Levasseur got the long distance travel award, traversing from Maine.

My special thanks to all who attended, and especially Henry at Wagner Jaguar for all his help and accommodations to make the session enjoyable for all. Thanks also to Judge Steve Gordon for the arrangements with Wagner Jag. 🇬🇧

The Last Green Valley Rallye

By Prebble Eklof

The day dawned cool and damp, but improved right along, and ended up as a perfect spring day for The Last Green Valley Rallye. Eighteen cars were entered from JANE and AONE (Alfa Owners of New England).



Here are some of the cars awaiting their turn to roll up to the start line
Photo by Carl Hanson

The cars left at timed intervals from Purgatory Chasm State Park in Sutton, MA. Leg 2 of the route was a "challenge" -- everyone took the same penalty and then pressed on. Eventually we all arrived at the final checkpoint, in Putnam, Connecticut, by which time the weather had cleared, the sun was warm, and we assembled at an outdoor sidewalk cafe in Putnam for a late lunch and the awards presentations, and to swap stories about the rallye.

Many thanks to our Rallye Master, Tom Letourneau, for putting together a route through some lovely scenery along beautiful country back roads. He even set up a checkpoint and a quick tour at the old Thompson Speedway in Connecticut.



George and Janet Jones arriving at the old Thompson Speedway checkpoint, manned by Adrian Curtis
Photo by Tom Letourneau

Tom's main assistant, checkpoint worker, and photographer was John DeWaele, of AONE. John was stationed at a scenic overlook early along the route to take pictures of each car as its driver and navigator took a quick break.

Adrian and Sue Curtis and Steve and Diana Thomas worked the checkpoints and gave us encouragement as we arrived, each of us wondering if we were running "late."



Some of the cars at one of the checkpoints
Photo by Steve Thomas

With both JANE and AONE running the rallye, Tom awarded a first place for the JANE group and first place for AONE. Our own president, Ray O'Brien, who was the first car off in the morning, took first place among the JANE entrants, with his friend Andy Schell as his navigator. Ray and Andy also took first place overall.



Tom Letourneau (R) presenting JANE 1st Place award to driver Ray O'Brien (Middle) and navigator Andy Schell - Photo by Steve Thomas

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At the scenic overlook: (Left) Don and Molly Foster - 1965 Jaguar S-Type. (Right) Stacey Lancaster and Jim Sambold - 1987 Jaguar XJ6
Photos by John DeWaele



Stu Forer, driving his Mazda Miata, was JANE's 2nd Place finisher,
and he did it with no navigator!
Photo by John DeWaele

JANE Vintage Racing



JANE members Mike Kaleel (XK120) and Tom Larsen (Alfa Spider) at the vintage races at Lime Rock the first weekend in May.
Photo by Brenda Soussan

Cool Coull Car is Almost Ready to Roll

By Jim Coull



At some future JANE event a new E-Type will emerge, after a very protracted gestation period of restoration. The process has been ugly in many ways and rewarding in many others, but over all it was a labor of love for a great automobile marque. This is the story of that restoration, which I hope is of interest.

Let me start by saying I have always wanted an E-Type roadster, ever since the distant days of the early 1960s when a BRG roadster went

by me at a red light in Pittsburgh shortly after I had returned from a stint with the U.S. Army in Germany. At the time, I was driving a 1957 Mercedes 190SL, but the Jag stole my heart and I was hooked. Given the requirements of my job, Crin and I raising and educating four children, and moving a few times in the process, the E-Type became a dream for the future.



The 1957 Mercedes 190SL that I was driving when the E-Type went by and stole my heart



The 1954 MGTF that came along after the Mercedes

During the seventies I came across a 1954 MGTF that was on the market for a very reasonable price, and I decided to take the plunge and buy it. For the next five years I worked on the car, in the process of a frame-up restoration. In the end I had a very fine example of 1930s British automotive engineering and a fun car to drive. The TF showed very well, and we took home some trophies from the MG meets we entered. However, my itch was not satisfied, and after driving the MG for 22 years I decided to go for the gold and get a Series 1, 4.2 E-Type OTS. At the time, my finances seemed secure, and the money from the sale of the TF would hopefully cover the initial cost of the Jag.

For five months I avidly followed the ads in Hemmings, and in May 2004 I came across an E-Type that had been taken apart and a restoration started, that included a rebuilt engine, transmission, and IRS unit. The car was located in upstate New York, and the price seemed right, so I made the move and put a deposit on it. Then Crin and I headed off to Watertown to see what I was going to buy. The rebuilt items looked great, but the rest of the car was a "basket case" in every sense of the word. The body was a rusted shell full of holes and pits. The balance of the car was found in boxes and wooden crates, none of which could be inventoried or identified. I was assured that all necessary bits and pieces were there, and that if any were missing, they would be replaced without question. On that basis the deal was done, and we left with an engine, an IRS unit, and a transmission securely tied down in the back of my pickup. The rest of the parts were to be packed and shipped, and the body parts would be held until I could find a destination for them. We then spent a great overnight in a luxurious resort at Alexandria Bay on the St Lawrence River and headed home the next day.

I called a number of shops that were listed in Hemmings, and finally decided on Dan Mooney at Classic Jaguar in Austin, Texas. Dan had agreed to do the restoration to whatever level I chose, and we settled on a rolling chassis with upgrades, including a five-speed transmission and other goodies that he felt would improve the performance of the car. He sent me a list of the parts that I needed to send him, and the real fun began.

First of all, I did not take the car apart, so the boxes I received from New York were an adventure into the unknown. There was no master list or inventory, just dirty and greasy car parts about which I knew nothing. Some were easily identified (steering wheel, light bowls, overflow tank, and wiper motor with linkage, etc), but most were a total mystery (vacuum tank, brake servo, brake and clutch reservoirs, heat shields, etc.). It then dawned on me that I was undertaking a project that was much more complicated than the MGTF on a car about which I knew very little.

Fortunately, Classic Jaguar did not need the miscellaneous parts right away, as they had much to do to get the body ready for priming and painting. In August 2005 I went to the JANE Concours at Sturbridge with my camera and the intention of getting pictures of the innards of every similar E-Type I could find. The closest was a Primrose roadster belonging to Dennis and Prebble Eklof, and it became the most photographed car in my collection, both at the Concours and many times thereafter. Between

Dennis and Prebble's car, hours and hours looking at service manuals and catalogs, EBay auctions, visits to Brian Morton, the Internet, and Dr. Haddock's Restoration Guide, the mystery began to dissolve.

Due to some unfortunate circumstances with bad primer from a national paint supplier, Classic Jaguar had to put my car and others on hold while they disassembled and completely redid two cars whose paint had failed after they were delivered to their owners. For the better part of a year my car sat in Austin while I worked on restoring or replacing the items that I needed, some of which were sent to Classic Jaguar for installation. Finally, in late March 2007, my rolling chassis was delivered to my home. Later that year I invested in a four-post lift for my garage, as I remember the problems with the assembly of the MGTF without one.

Boy did I give myself some work! Even with the lift, there are areas of this car that are almost impossible to reach. But with the counsel and advice of the folks at Classic Jaguar, Brian Morton, and Dennis Eklof, the car started to come together. I am now in the final stages and hope to be driving it to JANE events in the very near future.



Here I am, working with Dennis Eklof on the wiring. "Now, let's see, is this the purple wire with yellow tracer, or is it red with an orange tracer?"

In the process of this effort, I dealt with a whole range of suppliers and contractors, some of whom were superb and others not so good. First, I can highly recommend Classic Jaguar, who makes a living restoring our favorite cars. Their website has the complete story of the work they

performed on my car, from the receipt of the body until it was returned to me. (Go to their website, as listed below, click on Team CJ Workshops, click on CJ Workshop Archives, and fourth down in the middle column is my car.) John Farrell is one of the best suppliers I have ever dealt with. He will do all sorts of things for you, including locating hard-to-find parts, cad plating parts you send him, and giving advice when asked. I can also highly recommend Roger McPadden in Ayer, MA, for interior and upholstery work; and finally, Brian Morton at Jaguar Service for his help and his knowledge of Jaguar cars. He is getting mine ready for the road.

I must also thank Dennis Eklof, Tom Moses, my sons, Jamie and Andy, and of course my wife, Crin, who all helped and supported me at one stage or the other in getting this project completed. 🇺🇸

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From S-Type to XF - Both Fine Jaguars

By Tom and Mary Finan

We lived in England from the summer of 1977 to the summer of 1980 and were bitten by the "Jaguar Bug." After returning to New Jersey we had to put our Jaguar desires aside, as we had two sons to put through college.

Now fast forward to 1995, when we retired to Cape Cod, Massachusetts. One February Sunday in 2002 Tom said to Mary, "After church we are going on an adventure." After church, Mary was, naturally, inquisitive, so Tom told her, "We are going to Woburn, MA, to buy you a Jaguar for your 65th birthday – note I am saying we are buying, not just looking." (Woburn is a two-hour drive from Cape Cod.) As they say, the rest is history. We purchased a 2002 Jaguar S-Type, color Topaz, and joined the Jaguar Association of New England (JANE). In August 2002 we entered it in the JANE Concours d'Elegance, winning first in class.



Our first Jaguar, the 2002 S-Type

The S-Type was Mary's every day car and a delight to own and drive. But late in 2007 we started to read of the upcoming introduction of the Jaguar XF – the "Jaguar Bug" had bitten again. We contacted a dealer in Norwood, MA, again two hours away, and expressed an interest in seeing the XF when they had one available. On Valentine's Day 2008 an XF was on loan from Jaguar HQ in Mahwah. We went to see it – and ordered one as a celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. Indigo Blue – same color as the one they had on display.

Now, what do we do with the S-Type? We put a For Sale sign on it and parked it in an area where there was a lot of traffic. While working in our garden on a Sunday afternoon, the phone rang. A lovely couple from New Hampshire were weekendending on Cape Cod, spotted the car, loved it, bought it – we know it went to a loving and caring home.

Now we waited and waited and waited for our XF to arrive, as we wanted to have it for the JANE on the Lawn at LAAM event on the evening of May 28th. Tom contacted the dealer around midday, and while on the phone with him, a car carrier arrived with our XF. We scrambled up to Norwood, took delivery, and made it to the event.

In August we entered the XF in the Champion Class, and for the first time in the 36-year history of the JANE Concours d'Elegance, a 100-point perfect score was awarded to a vehicle – our XF.



Our 100-point XF at the 2008 JANE Concours d'Elegance

Our XF is a delight to own and drive. We have survived winter and enjoyed the "winter" mode setting on the XF – it is a wonderful snow car. Now it is spring and we are looking forward to the next JANE Concours in August 2009. 🇬🇧



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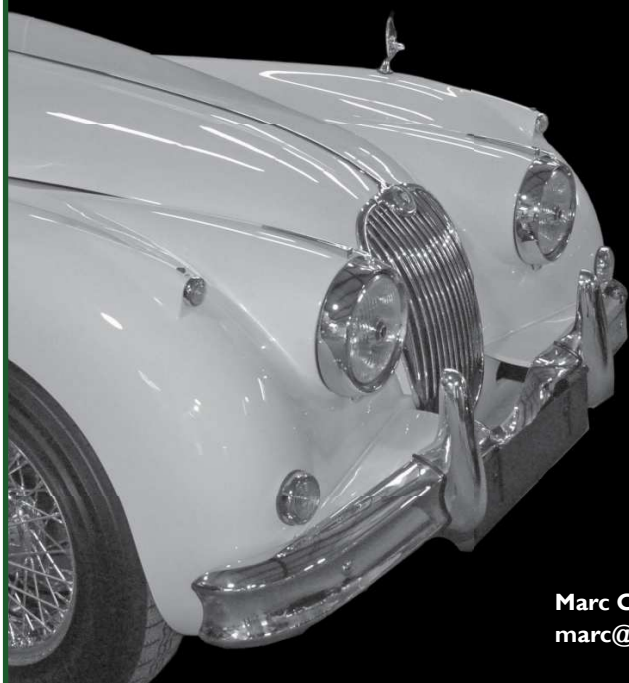
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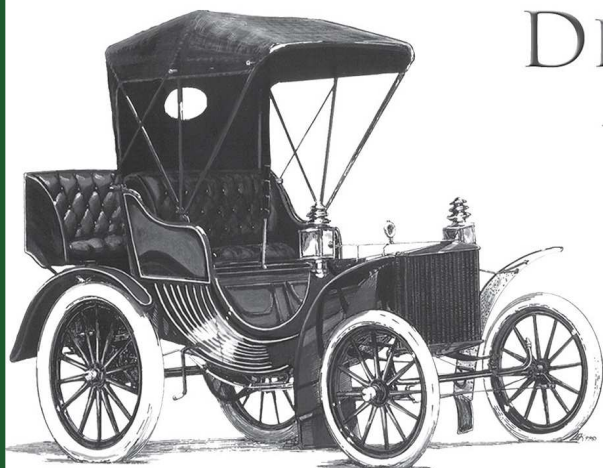
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