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*Harry Parkinson's 1948 Mark IV DHC
has come home.*

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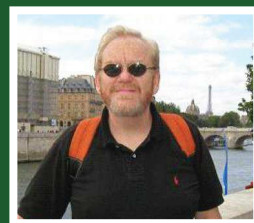
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Harry Parkinson's Mark IV DHC ... JANE will welcome a new president

By Ray O'Brien

Hard to believe that my reign as president is about to conclude. By the time many of you read this, we will have had our elections for new club officers and directors for 2010. Special thanks to Chuck Centore, who once again took care of the organization and direction of the Nominating Committee. I want to personally thank Chuck for all of his hard work; Chuck has done this important work for JANE many times over the years, and has worked tirelessly for JANE on many other projects.

On November 14th, a very rainy Saturday, we were all introduced to the late Harry Parkinson's Mark IV DHC. Harry had spent a lot of time on obtaining the correct parts and getting this car restored. It's a very impressive and beautiful Jaguar, finished in Olde English White, with a red leather interior. The car came over from England last August and the Parkinsons were very happy to show it to the large group from JANE.

The elections take place at the AGM and Holiday Party on Sunday, December 6th, graciously hosted once again by Avis Mello at the Vesper Country Club in Tyngsboro, MA. Cocktails are at 3 p.m., followed by our Annual General Meeting, dinner, and the world famous Yankee Swap.

Just a reminder, if you haven't done so already ... send in your membership renewal for 2010. Either mail in the form you received, with a check, or go to: <http://www.j-a-n-e.org> and renew on the JANE website.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors and the entire membership for your support over the past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed the role of President. Additional thanks have to go to all of you who sponsored, organized, or volunteered at a JANE event. We can all take pride in knowing that we are one of the largest clubs in JCNA and one of the most active.

Have a safe and happy holiday season. Hope to see you at the AGM or at another JANE event.

After the Holiday Party and AGM, our next regular monthly meeting is Wednesday, January 27th, at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA, www.wayside.org.

RAY



Thank you, Ray, for a good two years as JANE President. And thank you, Sanda, for your gracious support of JANE during Ray's tenure.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

WHEN

WHAT

WHERE

December

06 - Sun - 3 p.m. JANE Annual General Meeting and Holiday Party Vesper Country Club,
Tyngsboro, MA

2010

January

27 - Wed - 7 p.m. JANE Monthly Meeting Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

February

24 - Wed - 7 p.m. JANE Monthly Meeting Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

March

24 - Wed - 7 p.m. JANE Monthly Meeting Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
26-27 - Fri.-Sat. JCNA 2010 Annual General Meeting Indianapolis, IN

April

28 - Wed - 7 p.m. JANE Monthly Meeting Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

May

26 - Wed - 6 p.m. JANE on the Lawn at Larz Anderson Auto Museum Brookline, MA

June

06 - Sun - 9 a.m. British Car Day at Larz Anderson Auto Museum Brookline, MA
23 - Wed - 7 p.m. JANE Monthly Meeting Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

July

11 - Sun - 1 p.m. JANE at Myopia Polo Matches Hamilton, MA
28 - Wed - 7 p.m. JANE Monthly Meeting Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
31 - Sat JANE Jaguar Festival and Concours d'Elegance Sturbridge, MA

EVENT PLANNING FOR 2010

GOT AN IDEA FOR A JANE EVENT?

If you've never organized a JANE event, please consider getting involved and planning some activity for the club for this coming year. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate or expensive to do. We have our beautiful cars, so it doesn't take much else to make for a nice outing.

Maybe you know of an interesting place for the group to tour to, just a day's event? Brunch? Lunch? A picnic? Ice cream? A lobster fest? A wine tasting? Check out someone's nice car collection? A Poker Run along some scenic route? A historical place in our area to visit? Something with a holiday theme . . . Easter, Independence Day, Halloween?

Carl Hanson is JANE's VP-Events and is looking for suggestions!

If there's something of interest to you that we've not been doing, but you think others might enjoy, please let Carl know. Better yet, volunteer to organize it yourself, and let's get it on the Events Calendar. 🍷

From the Editor

Have Camera? Take Pictures!



Use your camera! Take pictures of your cars. Take pictures at JANE events. Send them to me for *The Coventry Cat* so others can enjoy them.

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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). Our December "Annual General Meeting" will be held in conjunction with our Holiday Party on Sunday, December 6. Then in January we will be back to our usual fourth Wednesday schedule, and that meeting will be on Wednesday, January 27, at Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury.

The Wayside Inn is a beautiful, historic place. Our meetings are lively and fun, and they begin at 7 p.m. Most attendees come a little early, though, to visit with everyone in the Old Bar before dinner and the meeting. 🍷

JANE Annual General Meeting and Holiday Party **Sunday, December 6th**



Our Holiday Party
Hostess, Avis Mello

The deadline for responding to attend our Holiday Party was November 29, so you should already have made your reservation. Don't forget -- it's on Sunday, December 6th, at Vesper Country Club, located near Route 3 in Tyngsboro, MA. Avis Mello is hosting this event for JANE, as she has done the last few years. It will be a lovely party.

If coming to the party is a long enough trip for you that you would want to stay overnight, the Stonehedge Inn is right across the street from Vesper Country Club. stonehedgeinnandspa.com, 978-649-4400. 🍷

Event Schedule

Sunday, December 6, 2009

Vesper Country Club
185 Pawtucket Boulevard
Tyngsboro, MA

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Cocktails and Annual Business Meeting (Cash Bar)

6:00 p.m. Dinner

After dinner we will have our entertaining Yankee Swap.

Bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$25.00+ to play the game.

Silly hats are encouraged, but denim clothing may not be worn in the country club.

Directions

From the North: Take Route 3 South to Exit 35. Take a right off the ramp and travel for 1 mile to lights at the Tyngsboro Bridge. Go over the bridge and take a right at the end of the bridge onto Route 113 East. Vesper is 2 miles down on the right.

From the South: Take Route 3 North to Exit 34. Take Westford Road toward Tyngsboro. Take a left on 3A. Take a right onto Route 113 East over the Tyngsboro Bridge. After the bridge, take a right onto 113 East. Vesper is 2 miles down on the right.

Remember -- NO DENIM

Other Happenings

2010 JCNA Annual General Meeting March 26th-27th - Indianapolis, IN

We car folks probably immediately think Indianapolis Motor Speedway when we hear Indianapolis, Indiana. Indianapolis is also the site of the 2010 JCNA Annual General Meeting, hosted by the Jaguar Association of Greater Indiana. Plans are still being made by the AGM Committee. Additional information will be included in the next few issues of *The Coventry Cat* as soon as it's available.



2009 JCNA Award Nominations from Hazel Beck, JCNA Special Awards Chair

The deadline is approaching for the 2009 JCNA Award nominations – specifically, the **Andrew Whyte Service Award** and **Dealer of the Year**. The deadline to submit nominations for both awards is December 31, 2009.

The **Andrew Whyte Service Award** is an opportunity to recognize a JCNA club member (including Members-At-Large) for service and contributions made at the club or regional levels. Nominees will have served in the following ways:

- Holding office(s)
- Working specific jobs at club events
- Regular, documented attendance at club functions (i.e., general meetings, board and planning meetings, events)
- Club membership promotion/growth
- Working to improve communication with nearby clubs and JCNA
- Exhibiting leadership at local level
- Exhibiting non-partisan leadership at regional levels and above
- Organizing meetings and events
- Unique personal contribution other than above

The **Dealer of the Year Award** is the opportunity to recognize your neighborhood Jaguar dealership. This award was created to honor a special Jaguar dealer. The award is not solely based on the amount of money the dealer donates to its local club, but on how active the dealer is in its local club and how the dealer has made a difference to its local club. Any authorized dealer of Jaguar cars may qualify for this award, and there is no minimum qualifying time period required for the length of time the Jaguar dealer has been in existence. The following types of service qualify a nominee:

- Time donated to local club(s)
- Participation in local club's meetings, concours, and activities
- Money donations provided to local club(s)
- Assisting with club membership promotion/growth

Please submit your nominations to me by December 31, 2009, using the forms that can be downloaded from the Library page on jcna.com.

Nominations may be submitted via email at hazelbeck@att.net, fax at 808.334.1191, or via mail. My mailing address is:

Hazel Beck
P.O.Box 3012
Kailua Kona, HI 96745-3012

Please note: my zip code is incorrect on both forms.

The Special Awards Committee is looking forward to a busy January, sifting through your nominations. Thank you in advance for bringing these outstanding individuals to our attention!

Enjoy life's drive!

Hazel Beck

JCNA Special Awards Chair

Renew Your JANE Membership for 2010

If you haven't renewed your JANE membership for 2010, please visit the JANE website at www.j-a-n-e.org:

- From the Home Page, scroll down, click the **Member Pages** menu button on the bottom left.
- From the Login screen, enter your User code and Password and click the **Submit** button.
- From your personal JANE home page, choose the **Renew** button on the left.
- Pay your dues online using PayPal, \$60 per year with printed *Coventry Cat* and \$50 per year with electronic *Coventry Cat*.
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We had 58 events in 2009, and we have great events planned for 2010! For event details go to the JANE website at www.j-a-n-e.org and choose Calendar.

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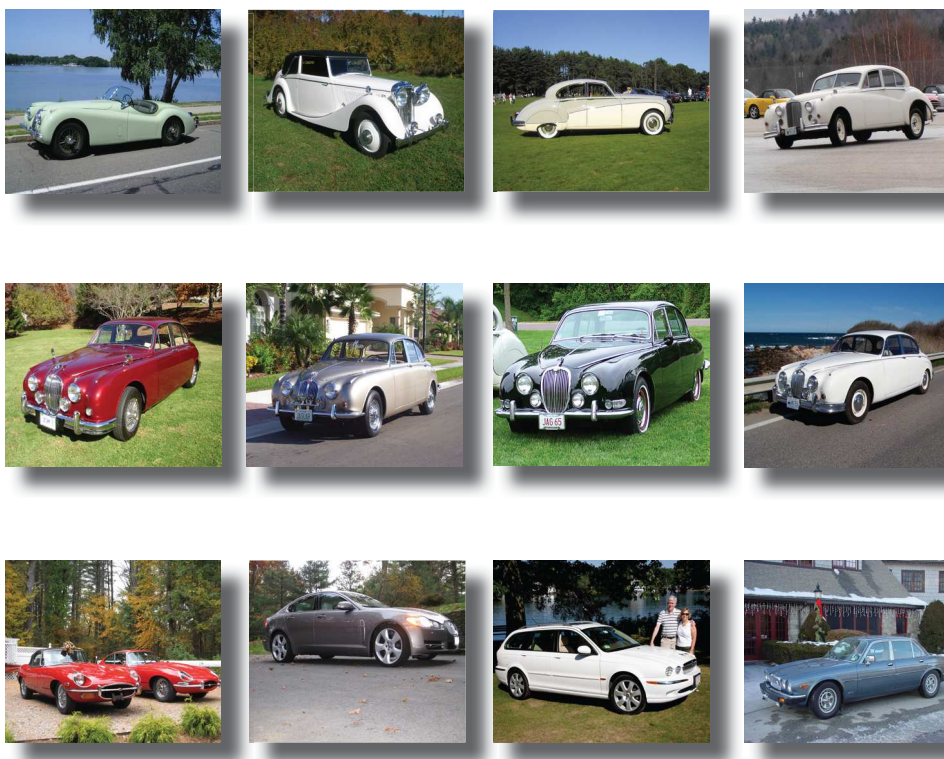
JANE 2010 Jaguar Wall Calendar

The JANE 2010 Jaguar Wall Calendars are now available! The calendar is a sizable 11" x 17" when opened. Each month features a color photo of a Jaguar (or Jaguars) belonging to your fellow club members. We've selected high-quality photos with a lot of variety—take a look at the thumbnails. You'll want to keep this calendar even after 2010 has wound to a close! This year we've had the calendars spiral bound rather than saddle stitched so they'll lay open flat against the wall.

Your calendar will arrive shrinkwrapped and with a cardboard insert to protect it in transit. Get several—for your home, garage office, even your friends and family! They will make beautiful gifts that last all year. They're reasonably priced the same as last year: \$15 each, 2 for \$28, or 3 for \$40, including shipping. Order your calendars today in time for the holidays!



The 2010 Calendar cover, featuring the Jaguar leaper



Thumbnails of the twelve photos, one per month -- All JANE Jaguars!

The 2010 calendars will be available for purchase at the JANE Holiday Party and AGM on December 6. But we did print fewer calendars this year, so orders should be sent in as early as possible to make sure you get your copies.

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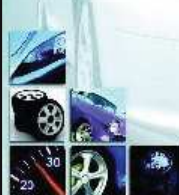
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Event Reports

Harry's Car Returns ... a Celebration and a Memorial

By Carl Hanson

Photos by Chuck Centore, Dennis Eklof, and Sing Hanson



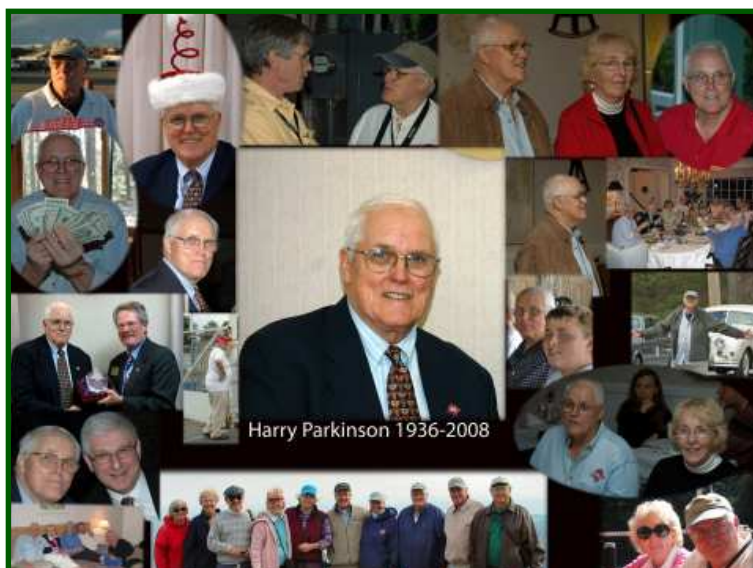
JANE members surround Harry's car with Marilyn, Hank, Evan, and Paige.

Saturday, November 14th, dawned wet and dreary...the remnants of tropical storm Ida blasting our Northeast coastline with several inches of rain and gusty winds. But hardy folks in this part of the country, especially the tough old members of Jaguar Association of New England, do not let foul weather interrupt important gatherings to honor one of our most revered members and his car. Harry Parkinson himself would have been proud that so many of us gathered at Contemporary Chrysler Dodge in Milford, NH, to celebrate the return home of his pride and joy, his Olde English White 1948 Mark IV Drop Head Coupe. It was said that some folks actually witnessed Harry in attendance, with his usual smile in place. No surprise to us that he was there; he loved this club. And he loved his old Jaguars.

Yes, Harry was with us. So were other members of his family ... his wife, Marilyn; son Hank; grandson, Evan; granddaughter, Paige; sister, Dorothy Smith; and niece, Martha Blackmore. All of us were his family

when we gathered in celebration and memorial. Dealership owner David Hammer, the son-in-law of JANE member Avis Mello, hosted us in his showroom with Harry's beautifully restored Jaguar as the centerpiece, flanked by Avis's vintage Chrysler Woody station wagon and a hot new Dodge Charger. This was truly an event for car lovers. Refreshments aplenty were provided by JANE, including a ceremonial carafe and glass of red wine in memory of Harry's traditional drink at JANE meetings.

A brief history ... Harry acquired two restorable Mark IVs from some-



one in New Jersey, one a saloon and one a drop head coupe. Both were in poor, but salvageable condition. Harry focused his attention on the DHC, sending it to a nearby body shop for metal work and painting, and the engine to a machine shop in Greenfield, MA. Several trips to England to purchase parts at large autojumbles held at Beulieu and Coventry provided diversion while awaiting completion of the restoration process. On one significant event, Harry took Hank and Evan along to the vendors in England and to visit his ancestral namesake village, Everton ... and they visited a reputable restorer specializing in Mark IV Jaguars, David Davenport in Sandy, England, about an hour northwest of London. Back home in his garage, he and Hank tried to find time enough to complete the Mark IV restoration, but the project bogged down. Hank suggested that they bite the bullet and send the car over to England to have Davenport complete the restoration. That is exactly what they did ... and two and a half years later, in August 2009, it came home transformed into a

magnificent classic. Unfortunately, our dear friend did not live to drive the finished restoration. Harry passed away in July 2008.

Harry's 1948 Mark IV Jaguar Drop Head Coupe is absolutely stunning in classic Olde English White with black tonneau soft top, red leather, and walnut interior. The old 3.4 liter push-rod engine comes to life immediately at the touch of the starter button. Hardly a sound emanates from the dual exhausts. Wire wheels are covered completely by wheel disks. Ironically, in those days it was considered stylish to cover the spokes in contrast to later preferences to expose the wires. The huge steering wheel is required to handle the "Armstrong Power Steering" and the large bias ply tube-type tyres. Once on the road, however, the car is a treat to drive. Flick the turn signal switch and the trafficator arm sticks out from the side of the vehicle ... a disconcerting sight to modern day drivers.

Yes, Harry, your car is home. And it is magnificent! 🇬🇧



Harry's son Hank drove the car to the dealership for the reception, but Marilyn looks as if she could drive it anywhere.



Harry's grandchildren, Evan and Paige Parkinson.



Patt Centore and Sue Curtis



Marilyn with Liz Herrick







Ed Hall, John Brady, Don Holden, Carl Hanson, and Ray O'Brien doing a little reminiscing at the event



Left: Chuck Centore sits in Harry's car and declares it a winner.

Lower left: Every inch of the car was inspected, even the under side!



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ALL IN COLOR,
WITH THE EVENT REPORT
ON THE JANE WEBSITE
AT
WWW.J-A-N-E.ORG.




Top: Prebble Eklof set up the refreshments table.



Right: In loving memory of Harry and our many carafes of wine shared at meetings at Skip's, one more glass ... for the good times!

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In Search of Jaguars

By Keith Carlson

John Brady and a few other members noticed that I was drinking only ginger ale at our last monthly meeting, both in the tap room and then at dinner. This of course brought questions -- and concern! They learned the reason was that I was just a few days off two weeks in an eight-hour-later time zone, therefore still awakening at five and falling asleep early in the evenings. Here are a few photos showing what Kathy and I saw on safari in Tanzania.

This was a long-anticipated follow-up to a safari we had done in Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Zambia back in '01 (and during which we and four friends were floating in individual houseboats on the Zambesi River on "9/11," but that's another story).

We found differences in that on the earlier trip, the Land Rovers could go offroad and drive right up to lions feeding on their kill, or park at watering holes where 50 or 60 elephants would come up and surround them. In Tanzania, ecological protection keeps the vehicles on the roads, so our sighting of black rhinos, for instance, was kept to a distance. On the other hand, we found the scale and beauty of the Ngorongoro caldera and the Serengeti plain to be far better than any scenery on the other trip. Several days on the Serengeti put us in the midst of the migration, with the guide estimating that the view of 15-20 miles in every direction took in 10,000 wildebeests and several thousand zebras. **Lions and leopards and cheetahs, but of course no Jaguars. That'll have to wait 'till our return to Argentina or Mexico!** 🇺🇸



Top left: Very close up of a lion.

Top right: Lions sharing a wildebeest.

Middle left: No cats here!

Middle right: Leopard with a gazelle. Apparently, leopards like to eat high off the ground.

Right: Cheetah.

Jaguars Down Under

By Tracey Levasseur

If you find yourself visiting Australia and you end up in Melbourne, there's a car collection open to the public that you won't want to miss.

The Fox Classic Car Collection, located in Batman's Hill precinct of Melbourne's new Docklands revitalization project (www.docklands.com.au), comprises about 50 vehicles owned by Lindsay Fox, a trucking businessman. The vehicles are housed in Queen's Warehouse, a renovated factory which offers a stunning backdrop of brick walls, wood floors, and large windows. Visitors can walk freely around the collection, literally walking up to and in between cars.

The collection is made up of Bentley, Ferrari, Porsche, Mercedes, and of course Jaguar. Many are significant limited production models such as the Enzo Ferrari, one of only 400 produced. Others are considered some of the most beautifully designed cars: the Jaguar E-type and the Mercedes 300SL Gullwing.

For more information on the Fox Classic Car Collection visit the website: www.foxcollection.org.au. 



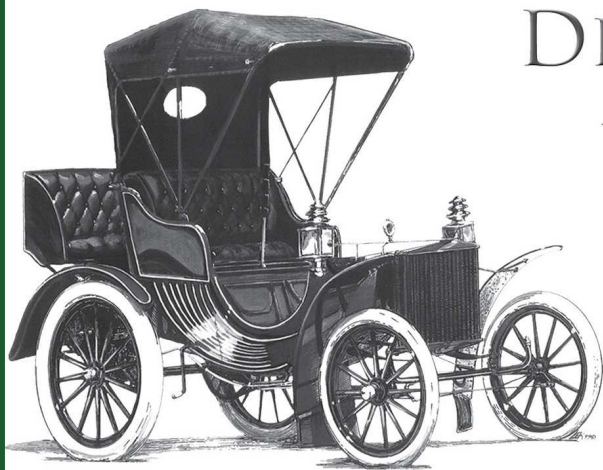
Three magnificent E-Types are strategically placed in front of their own windows so the light can reflect off those supple curves.



A beautiful line-up of early Jaguars, which includes (right to left), a Mark V, an XK120, XK140, XK150 FHC, XK150 OTS, and a Mark 2.



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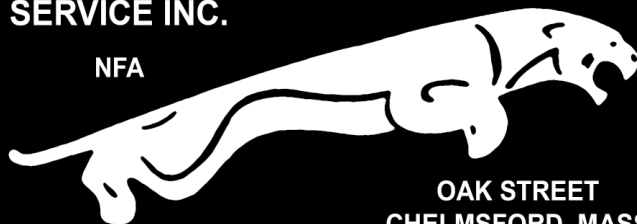
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