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JANE Members at Larz Anderson Auto Museum's Winter Party
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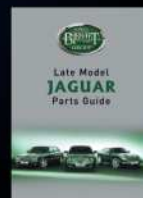
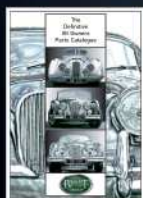


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President's Update - February 2011

Tell Me Again Why I Live in New England?

By Dennis Eklof

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As I am writing this, the snow is falling, there are eight-foot snowbanks around my driveway, and I am in the process of postponing our January meeting for the second time due to weather. Our three fun cars, the Vanden Plas, the E-Type, and the Brunton Stalker are all securely closed in the garage, and it does not look like I will have them out until well into the spring. Those of you who have been to our house know that we live on top of quite a hill, and without four-wheel drive I doubt the driveway will be navigable again until March or April. Most of my driving time of late has been from the seat of our Kubota tractor, blowing snow. We are now to the point where it will no longer blow the

snow high enough to get it over the piles that are already there.

Tell me again ... why do we live in New England?

Actually, in a perverse way it's kind of interesting for it to keep on snowing. It's like being on the losing end of a truly blowout sports game -- it isn't really a very good game to watch, but there is always the morbid curiosity of seeing just how bad it can get! Tunneling to your mailbox anyone?

We did manage to squeeze in a couple of automotive events last week. On Thursday JANE member and majordomo of the Motorsports Marketing Resources (MMR) website, Peter Bourassa, put on a panel discussion of what to see and do if you venture out to California for the Pebble Beach Concours and all of the surrounding events. Peter assembled people with a cross-section of interests ranging from the Concours, through the auctions, and including the big Laguna Seca vintage race weekend. There were some nice photos and slide shows and a lot of good information for those who plan a trip to Pebble Beach in the future.

The second event was the annual Winter Party held by the Lars Anderson Auto Museum for their members. I think half the people there were from JANE. You can see our group photo on the cover of the *Coventry Cat*. It was a very festive evening with good music (except the duet Ray O'Brien and I did), good food, good company, and new car friends to be made. If you did not attend this time, plan on it for next year. It is always sometime toward the middle to end of January.

Other than that, there is not too much on the automotive scene around here on which to report -- unless you are interested in NASCAR racing, with the 500 coming up on February 20.

Of course, we do have some JANE events coming up. First up is our annual Valentine's Dinner gathering, which this year will be at Bullfinchs Restaurant in Sudbury, MA, at 5 p.m. on February 13th.

Then our February Meeting is coming up on Thursday, February 24th. Unfortunately, for those who have not already reserved their spot, the event is sold out. While the British Consulate is an interesting venue for a meeting, they are limited on capacity, and with the combined numbers of the Boston Area MG Car Club and JANE, it is already overloaded.

Finally, in February we will have a Tech Session with free lift time at Upton Foreign Motors on Saturday, February 26th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will focus on later model Jaguars.

Our March meeting will be back at the usual place, the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA, and will feature our traditional Le Mans presentation by Tom and John Brady. I am particularly looking forward to it this year, as I am planning to go to the race with Tom and John this June.

Well, there is not much else to say this month, and I hear the snowdrifts calling my name. ❄️

Dennis

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February

13 - Sun - 6 pm	JANE Valentine's Dinner	Bullfinches, Sudbury, MA
24 - Thu - 6:30 pm	JANE/BAMG Car Club Joint Meeting	British Consulate, Cambridge MA
26 - Sat - 9 am	Tech Session for Newer Jags (1980s and newer)	Upton Foreign Motors, Upton, MA

March

23 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
25-27 - Weekend	JCNA AGM	Richmond, VA

April

24 - Sun - 10 am	JANE Judges' Training Session	Jaguar of Exeter, Exeter, NH
27 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

May

14 - Sat	Rogue's Mis-Adventure Rally	
21-22 Weekend	Magical Mystery Tour	(The destination is the mystery.)
25 - Wed - 6 pm	JANE on the Lawn at Larz Anderson Auto Museum	LAAM, Brookline, MA

June

12 - Sun	JCSNE Concours	Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT
22 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
26 - Sun	British Car Day at Larz Anderson Auto Museum	LAAM, Brookline, MA

July

17 or 24 - Sun	JANE at Myopia Polo Match	Hamilton, MA
27 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

August

12-14 Weekend	JANE Jaguar Festival and Concours d'Elegance	Sturbridge, MA
24 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

September

16-18 Weekend	JANE at 21st British Invasion	Stowe, Vermont
28 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

October

26 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
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November


16 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
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December

4 - Sun - 3 pm	JANE AGM and Holiday Party	
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From the Editor

We are in our slow time of the year, with few events on which to report, so I hope the "guys" will indulge me with the page of JANE Recipes in this issue of the *Cat*. More car-related articles and events to come soon!

And as we move along into busier times, don't forget to take photos at our events and submit them for the Event Reports in the *Coventry Cat* and on the JANE website. 

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Upcoming Events

JANE Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings? The photo below (Dennis Eklof clearing snow on his Kubota ... no, Jaguar doesn't make a tractor), pretty much tells the story of January in New England this year, and why our January Monthly Meeting had to be postponed twice because of snow storms. As the February Cat goes to press, we are still working toward our third date, February 3rd, for our January meeting.

Our February meeting will be at the British Consulate in Cambridge, MA. It's a joint meeting with the Boston Area MG Car Club, with a program by Wayne Carini. The meeting is **SOLD OUT**, but for those of you who are confirmed for the event, note that it will be on Thursday, February 24th, not our usual fourth Wednesday of the month. See full details of the meeting on page 6.

In March we will be back to our usual date and meeting location, March 23rd, at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury. John and Tom Brady will be giving us their annual presentation on last year's 24 Hours of Le Mans. 🇬🇧



JANE Valentine's Dinner

Bullfinchs Restaurant, Sudbury, MA - Sunday, February 13

For 30 years, the Richardsons have been ensuring a fine dining experience at Bullfinchs Restaurant on Route 20 in the beautiful historic town of Sudbury. Bullfinchs prides itself in cooking with the very best ingredients from the most reliable and highest quality purveyors. Their beautiful bar features a "Dancing Bear Martini."

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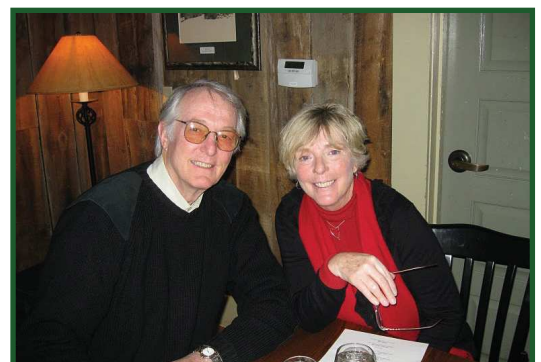
JANE agrees with Bullfinchs' motto that "Nothing encourages friendship more than shared good food, wine, and conversation." Join JANE for cocktails at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m., 730 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, MA 01776. **RSVP: Tom Moses, 978-580-7416, tmoses@spillcenter.com.** 🇬🇧



Our entire group at last year's Valentine's Dinner



Jim and Crin Coull at last year's Valentine's Dinner. They will celebrate their 54th anniversary three days after this Valentine's Day!



Ed and Kathy Hall at last year's Valentine's Dinner



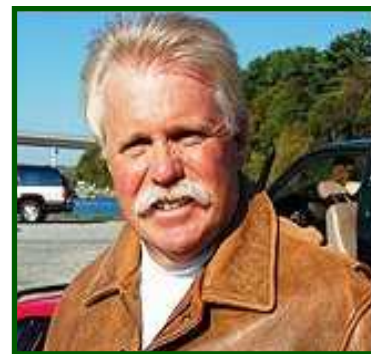
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The British Consulate-General of Boston
hosts JANE and BAMG for

***Chasing Classic Cars* with Wayne Carini**

Thursday, February 24, 2011

S O L D O U T



On Thursday, February 24, 2011, there will be a joint meeting of the **Jaguar Association of New England (JANE)** and the **Boston Area MG Club (BAMG)** with food, drinks, and **Wayne Carini** from the Discovery Channel's *Chasing Classic Cars* TV series. We will be hosted by the British Consulate-General at their beautiful facility at 1 Broadway, in Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA. TV celebrity Wayne Carini will give a presentation with clips on Jaguars and MGs from his *Chasing Classic Cars* TV series. Wayne will trailer in his world-famous 1934 MG PA Airline Coupe for our inspection.

In his popular TV episodes Wayne Carini scours the countryside for classic automobiles that have been forgotten. He is continuously hunting for autos that have lain dormant in barns and warehouses. He purchases the treasured finds from their current owners and returns to his shop in Connecticut, where each car is restored to its original specs and then sold at auction. Wayne is a renowned expert restorer of classic Jaguars and MGs.

Cocktails, appetizers, and dinner are **\$25** paid in advance, and **\$10 discounted parking** is available under the British Consulate Office.



DATE: Thursday, February 24, 2011

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: The British Consulate
1 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142

FOOD: Appetizers, cocktails, and a sumptuous dinner buffet

COST: Only \$25, and a reduced rate of \$10 for parking



Kurt and Linda Steele, Office of the British Consulate-General, are our Consulate Event hosts. Kurt is the President of BAMG and a JANE member.

For security purposes at the Consulate, an RSVP is required. Make sure you are confirmed with Marjorie Cahn at 617-285-6564.



Wayne Carini's famous 1934 MG PA Airline Coupe from the *Chasing Classic Cars* TV series will be on display for our inspection.

JANE Tech Session (for 1980s and Newer Jags)

Upton Foreign Motors, Upton, MA - Saturday, February 26



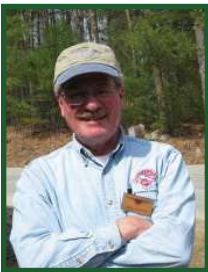
JANE member Dana Schwehr is hosting a Jaguar Tech Session for newer Jags at his facility in Upton, MA, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, February 26. The address is 138 Milford Street, Route 140, Upton, MA 01568.

Dana is a Certified Gold Jaguar Service Technician with 20 years of experience, and his Upton Foreign Motors facility will be open to JANE members and their guests. Members who bring their newer Jags (1980s+ XJS, XK, XJ, X-Type, S-Type, XF) will have their cars put on the lift for a free safety/maintenance inspection. You will gain a unique perspective from the underside of your car. Whether or not you do your own work, this perspective will be valuable. Dana will provide his expertise in letting you know how to get your car running at optimal performance levels. He will also cover preparation for winter storage and what to do when you take your car out of storage in the spring.

We will have coffee and donuts in the morning and lunch for \$5. Note that if there is inclement weather, we will schedule a rain/snow backup date.

RSVP to Tom Moses, 978-580-7416, tmoses@spillcenter.com. 🚗

JANE Maple Syrup Tour



“A sap run is the sweet good-bye of winter....” ~ John Burroughs, Signs and Seasons, 1886

JANE members are definitely ready to say good-bye to this winter, and we will celebrate its departure and the arrival of spring and our driving season with our annual Maple Syrup Tour. Carl Hanson is still working with the folks at Parker's Maple Barn to schedule our Maple Syrup Brunch for sometime in March or early April. And we will map out a nice scenic tour to get there. Stay tuned for more information on this event in the March Cat and on the website. 🍷



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Saturday, August 13, 2011 - Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA



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JANE Jaguar Festival and Concours Committee

SAVE THE DATE . . . August 13
But make it a weekend, August 12-14!

We will be at our same location ... Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA.

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Let them know that you are with the Jaguar event so you get the discount room rate.

The special rate must be booked by July 21st, but it's not too early to do it now.

The flyers have already been mailed. All the information you should need is there,
including the registration form.

REGISTER EARLY!

Our JANE Jaguar Festival and Concours Committee is already busy planning the event.
Watch the *Coventry Cat* and the JANE website over the next few months for more information.

If you have any questions that are not answered in the flyer,
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2011 JCNA Annual General Meeting



The Jaguar Club of Virginia will host JCNA's 53rd Annual General Meeting. It will be held in Richmond, Virginia, March 25-27, 2011, at The Virginia Crossing Resort, a Colonial Style resort nestled in a park setting. Norman Dewis, one of the last E-Type test drivers, will be the special guest speaker. Now retired, Dewis travels the world as an unofficial ambassador for Jaguar.


A special post-AGM event, XKExperience, is being planned for Sunday, following the official close of the AGM, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the debut of the E-Type. They anticipate this being the largest gathering of E-Types on the East Coast.



XKExperience

50 Year E-Type Anniversary and World Convention * Richmond VA, USA * March 25-27 2011

Chuck Centore and Dave Randall are JANE's voting delegates for this AGM. However, any member of JANE is welcome to attend the AGM, and several members have already made their plans to go. It's a nice way to meet Jaguar owners from some of the other Jaguar clubs around the country and find out what other clubs are doing. And at the rate we're going, it may still be winter in New England, so a southern getaway may be a good thing!

There's already a lot of information about the meeting and attractions in the Richmond area on the **JCNA website: www.jcna.com**. 



Dave Randall and Chuck Centore, JANE's voting delegates at the 2011 JCNA AGM



The Virginia Crossing Resort, venue for the 2011 JCNA AGM in Richmond, Virginia

Member News

Do you remember a few months ago when SNG Barratt ran their 2010 photography competition and we were all encouraged to enter unique pictures of our Jaguars? Well, they had a fantastic response from Jaguar owners and enthusiasts and were inundated with wonderful images spanning a wide range of models and ages of cars from all over the globe. And JANE's own John Feng took Third Prize in the competition. John won with this photo of his newly-acquired 1954 XK120 (which also appeared in the January 2011 *Coventry Cat*). SNG liked the urban angular setting of the image, with juxtaposition between the colored pavement squares and smooth curves of the car. 📷



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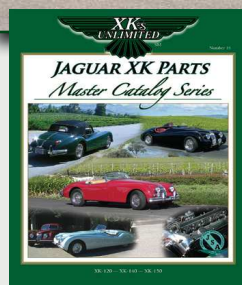
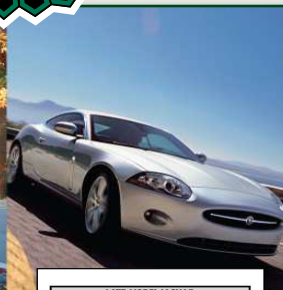
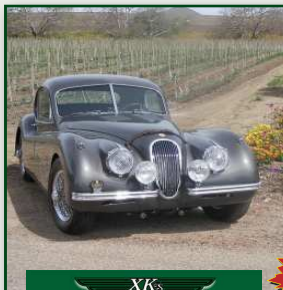
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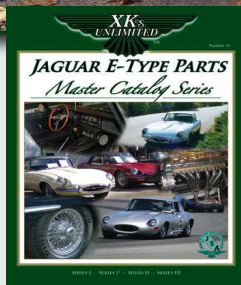
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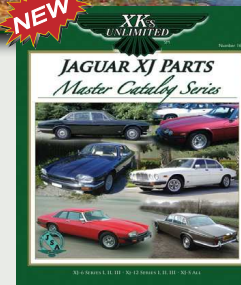
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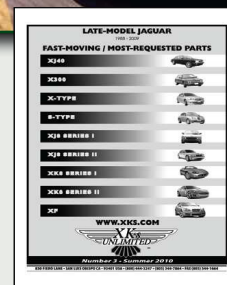
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JANE at Larz Anderson Auto Museum's Winter Party

By Prebble Eklof - Photos by Dennis Eklof



It's no understatement to say that it is winter in New England ... so there are no "car shots" to show from this event. But there was a nice JANE turnout for the Larz Anderson Auto Museum's Winter Party on Friday, January 28th. We all enjoyed cocktails, dinner, and dancing, and we got our "car fix" from the Museum's current exhibit, *Curve Appeal: Style and Elegance in Automobile Design*, featuring cars from the American and European schools of Streamlining.



Several JANE members participated in the Blackjack Tournament provided by Casino Productions, and we were all entertained by Royal Sorell, who is quite an artist with balloon creations. And as they did last year, JANE's current president, Dennis Eklof, and past president, Ray O'Brien, just about closed the party down with their karaoke performance of "Margaritaville." A good time was had by all. 🎵



Kathy McGirr (left) and Sanda O'Brien (center), with Ray O'Brien wearing the fancy head gear ... or is that a party decoration in the background?

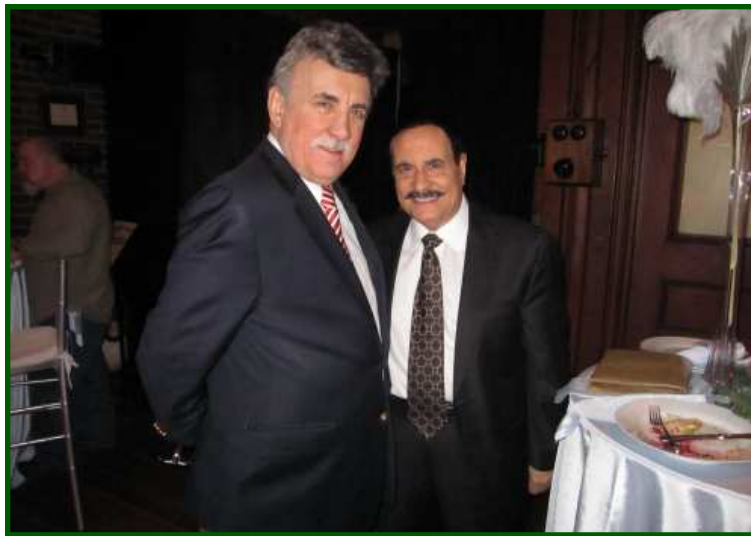


Rod Gilbert, Aldo Cipriano, and Keith Carlson sharing a good laugh.



Left: Peter Bourassa was one of the first through the dinner buffet.

Right: John and Carmen Chiungos enjoying dinner.



Michael Gaetano, British Invasion Event Coordinator, and Dean Saluti, JANE's VP Events. Cooking up some interesting events for later in the year?



Royal Sorell, the Balloon-gineer who entertained us with his amazing creations throughout the evening.



Tom Larsen and Nancy Monaghan. Nancy was happy to finally be out of her foot cast and into shoes again!



Dennis Eklof and Ray O'Brien doing their karaoke "Margaritaville."

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My First Race ... My Car ... My Driver

By Sandy Cotterman



I was starting to wonder if there were going to be many more *firsts* in my life. With fantastic life experiences already behind me, I knew “grandchildren,” still in the distant future, since my daughter isn’t even married, would probably be one of my last *firsts* to enjoy.

Enter ... *the world of motorsports*. As the flags waved for the start of the 2011 race season, I was front and center at the 49th Rolex 24 at Daytona. Vroom-vroom, my eyes glued to number 07 ... **my car** for my very first sports car race!

Keep in mind that it was only 18 months ago that I acquired my very first convertible, ever, so what I called the *car world*, now more properly defined as *motorsports*, has been one *first* after another. My 2011 calendar is chock-full of fun and adventure, all *firsts*, and through the eyes of a newbie to motorsports.

But back to the 24 ... thanks to JANE member Peter Bourassa, I wasn’t let loose on this adventure totally on my own. With a “letter of introduction” via email, I had the name of a driver and another female motorsports enthusiast, both enough to give me the confidence to jump in my sports car and head across the state to the Daytona International Speedway.

The actual 24 started on Saturday, but I was too excited to wait. I arrived Thursday morning to soak in the preliminary events. Thank goodness. It took me a day to figure out that my fancy pass actually got me behind the glass windows of the car garages and that I didn’t have to park outside the track and take the tram. I could drive up, close and personal, and park by the entrance to the FanZone! I also picked up a tip! There’s something called the GRAND-AM trailer inside the Garage area, and just outside the trailer doors are labeled folders for every piece of technical information you need to *feel* intelligent. I picked up the entry lists, starting grids, and even a schedule of minute-to-minute activities. With the basic logistics behind me, I was off and running!

Once past the guards and behind the tall wired fences in the Garage area, I blended in. I looked like every other wide-eyed fan ... well, not every, since most were male. This new *sport* was already looking pretty good! Thanks to the guys in my Jaguar Club (JANE), I knew how to peer under the hood of a car and *listen* to sports car dialect. I quickly picked up the four classes to this weekend’s events and when each raced. The GS and ST’s took the track on Friday, after qualifying for position, to claim the first race on the newly-surfaced Daytona track, the 2.5-hour GRAND-AM Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge Race. Pretty impressive for me, since I’m into *firsts*. I decided to watch, standing against the fence at one of the early corners on the 3.56-mile road course. A great choice, as it gave me a chance to see all the flags waving up and down, and I was even closer to the garages, where the early wrecks were towed. I was right by all the action!

What struck me early on was the same thing I discovered during my adventures to Concours and car shows during the past 18 months. The people are so nice and so helpful. I was trying hard to soak in the volumes of information these men were so willing to share. I loved it, and was grateful for their answers to my questions.

I spent a fair amount of time in a sort of “Where’s Waldo” hunt, for those old enough to remember that character. My search was for the driver I was to meet, and who had so kindly emailed me to say “come by and let’s shake hands” ... he was already **my driver**, and we hadn’t even met. What I had done, which was rather unusual for me, was to Google

him before leaving Clearwater. The Guardian Angel of Motorsports ... there it was on my computer screen. I had heard about this non-profit organization from Peter, but this was too magical. **My driver** was one of the co-founders, along with three of the other drivers of car 07. I was quickly bonding to a driver I hadn’t even met! What I now had was a focus. I went around to over 80 garages looking for the Guardian Angel of Motorsports logo, and there it was on several cars, 07 and 65 in the GT class, 28 and 82 in ST, and forgive me for not jotting them down, but I know several others as well. Now I had four cars to watch. And that I did ... eyes glued. Thank goodness their colors stood out. Leave it to a woman to match up a car with its color!

My car, 07, was an orange Camaro, and first chance, I walked over looking for **my driver**. Of course, it wouldn’t be until walking into the restaurant Friday evening for one of those thrills of a lifetime, that I would meet him. Just as exciting, I met Katie, the wife of the owner of the Banner Motorsports car. I mentioned **my driver’s** name, and of course Peter’s as well, and bingo, it was like I was family. From that moment on, the owner of the car, the mechanics, and even the major sponsor, CoolTV, were

so kind and welcoming ... to me, a stranger. These wonderful people made my *first* sports car race so special, so engaging, and so much fun!

During my quest for the Guardian Angel of Motorsports logo, I spied car 82, a BMW 330ci, in the ST class, and got the nerve to strike up a conversation with a real live race car driver, a *first*. Amy Ambrose, a female motorsports enthusiast who actually drives her Porsche on the track at Monticello, had emailed me the names Dan Watkins and David Quinlan, also co-founders of Guardian Angel of Motorsports. Right before me was Dan, and with my “referral” status in place, Dan gave me my first lesson on the distinction between the classes. I actually contained my excitement and refrained from asking for his autograph. I found myself seated next to him at dinner that evening, so an exchange of contact information was a bit more age appropriate. That same evening, I met David and another female motorsports enthusiast with more of the technical knowledge, Adrienne. Besides learning about the track, flags, classes, and what it takes to be a driver, I was quickly learning that I don’t own a race car! Although a first place winner in British car shows, my XKR and XK8 are drivers rather than racers, like the Porsches and Ferraris everyone seemed to own. Thank goodness I figured that out on Friday! On Saturday, my fancy pass to the Champion’s Club also afforded me the opportunity to drive my car around the track for two laps. Since I also learned that the curves were almost vertical, I probably would have slid down the sides.



What was I thinking!

I walked into Caribbean Jack's Friday evening, 7 p.m. sharp, to attend a special dinner, and asked for the Bruce Ledoux party. Right before me, inches away, a kind and gentle man looked at me and said, "I'm Bruce" ... I said, "I'm Sandy" ... he offered me his arm and escorted me into the private room, and there I was, with **my driver**. Seconds later I met Linda, his beautiful and equally kind and gracious wife. From that moment on, I couldn't get enough of the Ledoux's and car 07 and the adventure they were all experiencing at the 24. That magical moment never ended. Saturday midday, I waltzed into the Champion's Club, with that fancy pass, and watched all the drivers pour into the courtyard beyond the windows. I asked the Club attendants if I could walk outside to watch, then could hardly contain myself when they said yes! And who should be there ... Linda, who so graciously motioned for me to sit with her and Bruce! It didn't matter that Patrick Dempsey (below, leaving the stands following team introductions) was in the same row, Bruce Ledoux was **my driver**.

So there I was, a newbie to motorsports and the race car world, sitting among the drivers listening to the GrandAm Official give race instructions. At that moment a lot came together. Wow, this is quite a sport! These drivers have to be pretty intelligent to put everything together, not to mention skillful. This didn't come as a total surprise, as Bruce, Dan, and David are extremely bright, successful businessmen. I listened to the cautions given to the drivers. I also got a primer on the rules, the role of the pace car during periods of caution, and the logistics for making pit stops. I even learned that each car was allotted 30 pairs of tires for the event. Or at least I think that's what I heard. It seemed a lot to me, but oversized golf carts carrying tires were everywhere throughout the race. During conversation with **my driver** I learned about the driver rotation during the 24. It seems that fuel capacity really dictates the stretch of time each driver is on the track. With four drivers rotating every hour or so, they have time to rest up before going out again. Since **my driver**, Bruce, was up second, I was back and forth to the fence of the pits, watching the preparation rituals. The drivers actually suit up hours beforehand and the helmet goes on last, but with a significant amount of time for them to get used to it. He looked like an astronaut!

Well into the race, I watched 07 zoom in front of me and then turn the curve, packed like a sardine among two other cars. A jolt went through my body. I turned my head to look for 07 behind me. I was on the top deck of the Champion's Building and could quickly run around the entire roof to watch the cars weave around the track. I didn't see a bright orange car. Instantly, my head jerked to the TV monitor above, and there it was ... **my car** all crunched up. I thought I was going to cry, but didn't think that was something race fans did. I jumped out of my seat and flew down to the pits. Empty. I waited. Finally a single mechanic with the CoolTV.com logo on his shirt appeared, and I motioned for him to come over. He said they were in the Garage. Off I ran. And there before me was **my**



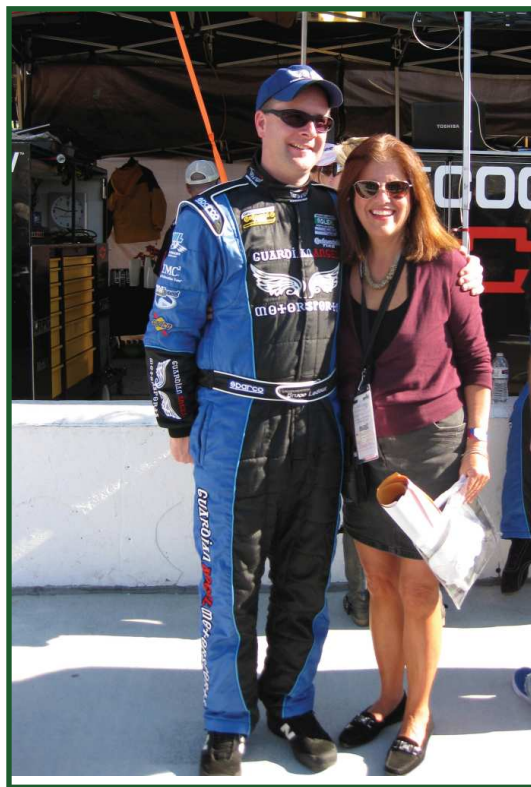
car. I asked about the driver ... he was fine; the car ... "mostly cosmetic," was the reply. I found that hard to believe.

What unfolded over the next few minutes was what I'll define as **car surgery**. I had already learned that each mechanic has a very specific skill set and responsibility on his car. To see them in action was amazing, especially with no fewer than 30 gawking fans around the car as the mechanics and owner blow torched, unscrewed, re-screwed, and duct taped the car back together. I always knew duct tape was fantastic, but it has risen to a new level of respect. I had watched a repair job on another car earlier in the race, so I knew what to expect when the car was ready to roll back on the track. The mechanics push it out of the garage and give it a shove, and zoom zoom, it races down the Garage strip among hundreds of fans just inches away, back onto the track. It's amazing no one gets run over!

Back to the "how nice everyone is." While having dinner in the Champion's Club, a lovely woman and her grandson, sister, and other assorted relatives sat down at my table. I learned that her husband owned the GAINSCO car, number 99, one of the Daytona Prototype cars being driven by Jon Fogarty, Alex Gurney, and Jimmie Johnson. I felt I could add 99 to my favorites since it wasn't a GT. By the time we finished chatting, I heard 99 had pulled into first, then later that evening I saw her again, and apparently they had brake line problems and the car had dropped to around 23rd. I guess sports car racing is like all sports. My daughter is a swimmer, so I've attended and timed my share of meets. It takes only a split second for things to change!

At the end of the weekend, I walked away with a **first** I never imagined. I'm learning that each motorsport activity brings with it a different sense of adventure. Although the adrenaline rush was different when I walked into the Boston Car Show last fall and saw all the shiny new Ferraris and Aston Martins, it was still there. The Daytona 24 was definitely a thrill, and great training for my next race car adventure, in June ... Le Mans. I want to thank everyone in advance, especially Peter Bourassa, who will add to my learning and excitement of motorsports.

Zoom zoom ... off I go! 🏁



Here I am with **my driver** ... Bruce Ledoux

Mechanics Glossary

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive car parts not far from the object we are trying to hit.

MECHANIC'S KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on boxes containing convertible tops or tonneau covers.

ELECTRIC HAND DRILL: Normally used for spinning steel Pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age, but it also works great for drilling roll bar mounting holes in the floor of a sports car just above the brake line that goes to the rear axle.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETELENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting those stale garage cigarettes you keep hidden in the back of the Whitworth socket drawer (What wife would think to look in there?) because you can never remember to buy lighter fluid for the Zippo lighter you got from the PX at Fort Campbell.

ZIPPO LIGHTER: See oxyacetylene torch.

WHITWORTH SOCKETS: Once used for working on older British cars and motorcycles, they are now used mainly for hiding six-month old Salems from the sort of person who would throw them away for no good reason.

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, splattering it against the Rolling Stones poster over the bench grinder.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans rust off old bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprint whorls and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "Django Reinhardt".

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an E-Type to the ground after you have repositioned the torsion bars to lower the nose, trapping the jack handle firmly under the front bonnet.

EIGHT-FOOT LONG DOUGLAS FIR 2X4: Used for levering a car upward off a hydraulic jack.

TWEEZERS: A tool for removing wood splinters.

PHONE: Tool for calling your neighbor Chris to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.

SNAP-ON GASKET SCRAPER: Theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading mayonnaise; used mainly for getting dog-doo off your boot.

E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR: A tool that snaps off in bolt holes and is ten times harder than any known drill bit.

TIMING LIGHT: A stroboscopic instrument for illuminating grease buildup on crankshaft pulleys.

TWO-TON HYDRAULIC ENGINE HOIST: A handy tool for testing the tensile strength of ground straps and hydraulic clutch lines you may have forgotten to disconnect.

CRAFTSMAN 1/2 x 16-INCH SCREWDRIVER: A large motor mount prying tool that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end without the handle.

BATTERY ELECTROLYTE TESTER: A handy tool for transferring sulfuric acid from car battery to the inside of your toolbox after determining that your battery is dead as a doornail, just as you thought.

AVIATION METAL SNIPS: See hacksaw.

TROUBLE LIGHT: The mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin," which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105-mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splash oil on your shirt; can also be used, as the name implies, to round off Phillips screw heads.

BALL JOINT REMOVER: (aka a Pickle Fork): Ingenious device designed to totally destroy delicate front suspension parts while spreading heavy grease on everything within sight. Also helpful in locating other expensive parts (see HAMMER).

COMPRESSION TESTER: Device for measuring precisely how much you overpaid for the "rebuilt" Jaguar you just bought off eBay.

AIR COMPRESSOR: A machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a Chicago Pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty suspension bolts last tightened 40 years ago by someone in Browns Lane, Coventry, and rounds them off.

CELL PHONE: The single most important hand tool you can take on a trip in your Jaguar.

CREDIT CARD: See CELL PHONE.

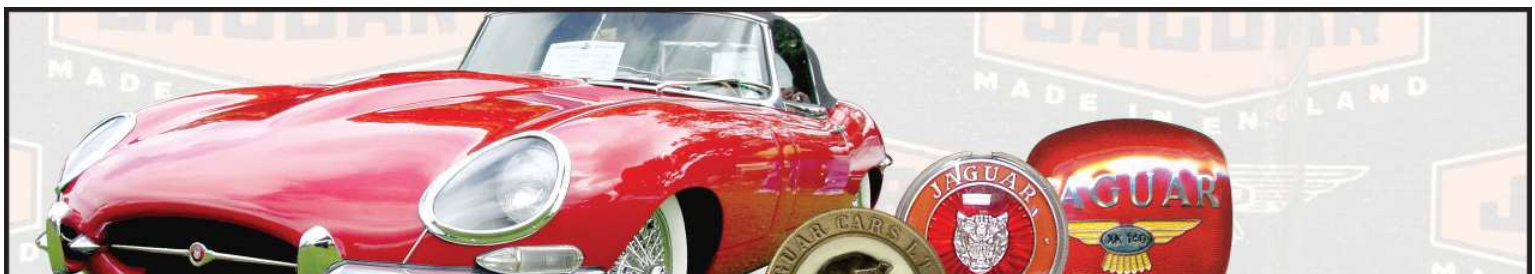
PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

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JANE Members' Recipes

At our 2010 Potluck Picnic, Lawn and Pool Party, several JANE members suggested sharing the recipes for some of the wonderful food that was brought that day. Here's Susan Casey's recipe for Sharp Cheddar Cheese Spread with Strawberry Jam Topping and Anne-Marie Forer's recipe for Super Simple Chicago Chicken.. 🍷



Sharp Cheddar Cheese Spread with Strawberry Jam Topping

- 1 pound extra-sharp cheddar cheese shredded (seriously sharp or hunter)
(Note: If using pre-shredded cheese, the final mixture may be drier)
- 1 cup pecans chopped
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- ½ small sweet onion finely chopped/grated (2 TBS.)
- 1 large garlic clove minced
- 1 cup strawberry jam

- Mix the onion, garlic, and mayo and set aside.
- Separately mix the cheese and pecans thoroughly; add the mayo mix.
- Spread on a platter and refrigerate overnight.
- Top w/jam when ready to serve – garnish with a few whole pecans.
- Serve with a plain cracker like Ritz or Townhouse.

To be fancy, mold the cheese spread and when ready to serve, pour the jam in the middle of the mold.

Super Simple Chicago Chicken

- 1 envelope onion soup mix
 - can whole cranberry sauce
 - 1 to 1 ½ cups French dressing
- Chicken legs, thighs, breasts, with or without skin

- Mix the onion soup, cranberries, and dressing together.
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- Pour sauce over chicken.
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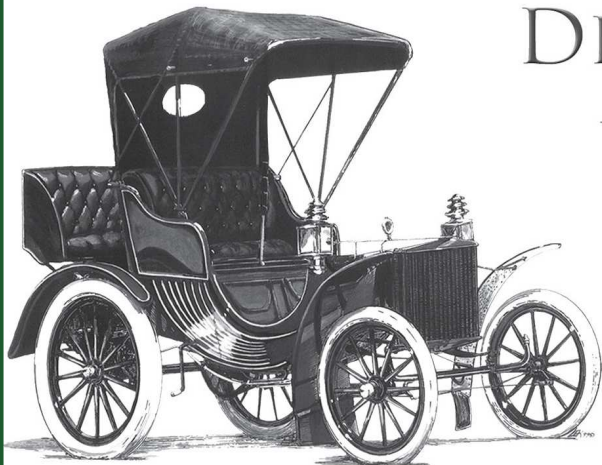


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1969 E-Type Series 2 - This is a nice, driveable E-Type, purchased by the present owner 15 years ago. Mileage is 58,603. The car is very original and could be considered a "driver." To make it show-quality it would need a repaint, interior carpets, seat covers, and some weather stripping. The engine has been fitted with triple Webers, but the original dual Strombergs have been retained. Location: Bedford, MA. Price: Appraised at \$39,500. Ad placed by CHanson. Phone: 781-275-2707, E-Mail: chansonjag@aol.com. (8/08)



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