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Scenes from JANE at Myopia Polo

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Top: JANE President, Dennis Eklof, about to present the JANE Jaguar Cup to the winning team

Lower Left: Tom Larsen and Nancy Monaghan arriving in their XK120 -- People's Choice Winner

Lower Right: Jennifer Taylor's 2nd Place Hat Winner. Jaguar history was on this hat -- you had to see it!

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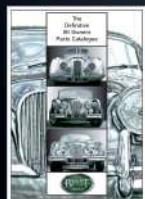


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President's Update - August 2011

Summer Jaguar Fun Continues

By Dennis Eklof



Well, another month of summer has gone by and it was a little less packed with JANE activities than June was. But the events we did have were terrific!

We started off the month with the weather-delayed Third Annual Brush Hill Classic at the home of Keith Carlson and Kathy McGirr. As we have come to expect at this event, it was a wonderful relaxed afternoon of good food, libations, and most importantly, camaraderie with like-minded JANE members. If you haven't attended this event yet, watch for it on next year's JANE calendar. Hopefully there will be a Brush Hill Classic IV! Thank you Keith and Kathy!

The second event of the month was also a Third Annual, in this case the Third Annual JANE at the Myopia Polo Matches. As with the Brush Hill Classic, we were blessed with absolutely perfect weather and a great turnout of JANE members. We parked our cars along the edge of the polo field, set up our picnics, paraded around socializing with other JANE members, had a fancy ladies' hat contest (won by Phyllis Powell), a People's Choice award (won by Tom Larsen and Nancy Monaghan with their spectacular light green XK120 OTS), watched a very competitive polo match, and got to line up our Jaguars on the field and present the winning team with their trophies. What a great day!

Many thanks to Aldo Cipriano, who knocked himself out arranging this great event, and to our dealer friends Wagner Motors and Jaguar Exeter, who helped with sponsorship, brought some beautiful new Jaguars to the field, and joined us in having a fine afternoon.

Our July monthly meeting was mostly about the upcoming Concours, which in less than two weeks away. We got a rundown on how it is shaping up from one of the Concours committee members, Jim Coull (the other two committee members are Ed Avis and Mike Axford). We showed an excellent video that was created by Mike and Patty Axford following the 2008 Concours.


Remember, it's not too late to enter your Jaguar in the JANE Concours and to join us for a weekend of fun in Sturbridge. It takes a lot of volunteers to make this event run smoothly. Looking for a job at the Concours? You'll have a good time and collect many kudos for helping out. You can always contact any of the Concours committee members at any time. See page 5 for more information on activities for the weekend.

Next up on the agenda for August is a Saturday afternoon barbecue at SNG Barratt's in Manchester, NH. This is the second or third time our friend Tony Lee has invited JANE members for an afternoon cookout, and the prior events have been great fun. Come check it out and bring your shopping list of those various parts you've been meaning to pick up.

The day after the SNG Barratt event will be the annual Pot Luck Picnic and Pool Party at our home in Groton, MA. We'll gather about 1:30 p.m., park the Jags on the lawn, swim, eat, drink, and schmooze until whenever. We hope to see lots of JANE members there. If you are a relatively new or inactive member, please join us. We have a great outdoors place for kids, so bring them along for the fun.

And of course, there is our usual monthly meeting at the Wayside Inn on August 24th. No program yet, but I'm working on it.

I mentioned earlier that it was a bit slower month in July compared to June, but I did sneak in another fine event, this one organized by the Alfa Owners of New England. They put on an autocross at the old Thompson Speedway in northern Connecticut, and it was a blast! The course was pretty long and wide open compared to the JCNA slalom arrangement. I think the AONE course was over 0.7 miles in length, and it was quick and challenging. Really fast lap times were in the low 70-second range compared to the JCNA runs of 40 seconds. I had an absolute ball with the Stalker and for a while had FTD, but it didn't hold. I think I ended up second or third fastest. For all of you slalom fans out there, what would you think of having only one JCNA slalom per year and replacing the other slalom with an autocross like the one described here? Or maybe we could have three competition events a year. What do you think?

See you at the Concours. 

Dennis

Calendar of Upcoming Events

August

07 - Sun - 9 am	JCSNE Slalom	Hartford, CT
12-14 Weekend	JANE Jaguar Festival and Concours d'Elegance	Sturbridge, MA
24 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
27 - Sat-9-2:30 pm	JANE SNG Barratt Visit and BBQ	Manchester, NH
28 - Sun - 1:30 pm*	JANE Potluck Picnic, Lawn and Pool Party	Groton, MA

September

02-05 Weekend	Lime Rock Historic Festival Presented by Jaguar	Lime Rock, CT
16-18 Weekend	21st British Invasion	Stowe, VT
28 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

October

02 - Sun - 8:30 am	JANE Fall Slalom	Devens (Moore Airfield), Ayer, MA
07-09 Weekend	Cape Cod British Legends Weekend	Falmouth, MA
08-09 Weekend	Foreign Auto Festival and Antique Aeroplane Show	Owls Head, ME
16 - Sun - 9 am	JCSNE Slalom	Hartford, CT
26 - Wed - 7 pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

November

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

04 - Sun - 3 pm	JANE AGM and Holiday Party	Vesper CC, Tyngsboro, MA
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*** Please note change of date. Originally announced for August 21st, but changed to August 28th.**

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From the Editor



What a grandsummer this has been for JANE.

Those of us who were at Myopia Polo in July are still talking

about what a special event that was. And now we have our signature JANE Jaguar Festival and Concours this month, along with several other fun events into the fall. Don't miss out on these special times together. Put them on your calendars and plan to be an active member of JANE. 

Debbie



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Upcoming Events

JANE Monthly Meetings



Longfellow's Wayside Inn

Most of our monthly meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA. Our meetings are very well attended, and it helps the Wayside Inn restaurant staff to accommodate our large group if they know in advance at least approximately how many to plan for. Our August meeting will be on Wednesday, the 24th. Please let Dennis Eklof know no later than Monday, August 22nd, if you plan to attend. Our dinner meetings begin at 7 p.m., but do plan to come early to stroll the beautiful grounds at the historic Wayside Inn, or to visit with friends in The Old Tavern before dinner. 🍷

JANE 2011 Jaguar Festival / Concours

August 12-14 - Sturbridge, MA



JANE Jaguar Festival and Concours Committee

Okay, there's not much more to say about this year's Jaguar Festival and Concours except that if you're not registered yet, you should be! Don't miss out on this annual opportunity to show off your Jaguar and to enjoy great camaraderie with other JANE members at our biggest event of the year. The fun gets underway on Friday evening with a pizza party at the JANE Hospitality Suite and a lot of catching up with friends you may not have seen much since last year's Concours. There will be food and drink and car-related videos all weekend in the Hospitality Suite, hosted this year by Gordon Taylor and Betsy Taylor-Kennedy. Saturday will be a full day of fun on the show field, with cars being photographed, positioned, prepped, and then judged. There will be a raffle and a silent auction for good stuff, and then the awards ceremony and dinner under the tent Saturday evening. Stay around until Sunday morning for the "Poker Run."

If you still haven't registered, it's not too late. Get an entry form from one of your previous issues of the *Coventry Cat*, or get it from the JANE website, or call or email Ed Avis, who will get one to you pronto.

Don't wait any longer - if you're still not registered, do it NOW!

Make your room reservations directly with the Sturbridge Host Hotel at 508-347-7393. If you're still not booked, you've missed the cutoff date for the JANE Concours discount, but come anyway.

If you have any questions about the event contact one of the Committee members below:

Ed Avis: ed@avisfamily.com -- 207-737-8258
Mike Axford: svx97@charter.net -- 978-448-8107
Jim Coull: coullman75@verizon.net -- 978-486-8900

Raffle and Silent Auction Items Still Needed!

Please consider donating items for the Raffle and Silent Auction at the JANE Jaguar Festival and Concours. Gift certificates? Photos? Books? Jewelry? Jaguar Accessories? Wine Gift Baskets? Home Accessories? Anything you might like, someone else might like, too!
Call or email Jim and Crin Coull: 978-486-8900 or coullman75@verizon.net.

Can you bring food items or share car-related DVDs for the Hospitality Suite?

Call or email Gordon Taylor and Betsy Taylor-Kennedy:
978-779-5213 or tryfan@taylor-kennedy.com

JANE SNG Barratt Visit and BBQ **Saturday, August 27th**

Tony Lee, SNG Barratt Group General Manager, will host a JANE gathering and BBQ at his shop in Manchester, NH, on Saturday, August 27th, from 9 a.m. until about 2:30 p.m. Tony and his staff plan to have a tent and a grassy area where members can display their cars, and their sales counter will be open for those who would like to make purchases. Lunch will be served under the tent around noon. JANE members get a 10% discount on most items at SNG Barratt, and they will also be running other special offers that day.

SNG Barratt is a major sponsor and supporter of JANE, generously donating prizes to our Concours and our AGM. After over 30 years supplying classic Jaguar spares, SNG Barratt has risen to become the largest independent specialist in the world, with overseas branches in the USA, France, and Holland, in addition to the UK head office in Bridgnorth, Shropshire. As part of this event, you will be able to meet the SNG USA team and "pick their brains" on Jaguar-related topics.

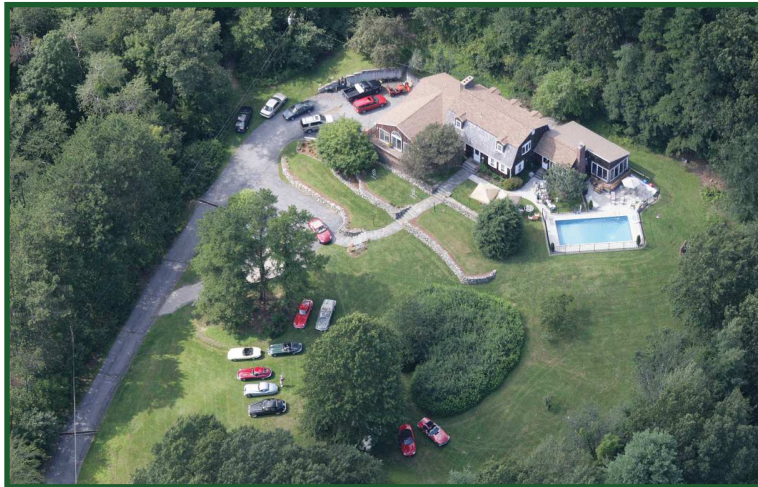
Francisco Silva is organizing this event. SNG will need to know how much BBQ to provide, so please let Francisco know by Monday, August 22nd, if you plan to attend. **Email Francisco at silvatulla@verizon.net, or call him at 781-862-0505.** 🇬🇧



JANE Potluck Picnic, Lawn and Pool Party **Sunday, August 28th**

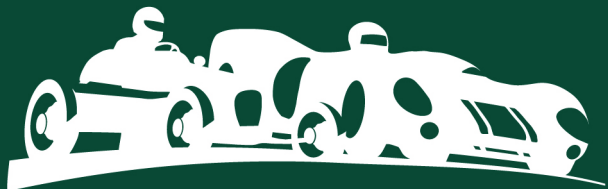
Dennis and Prebble Eklof will again host a JANE social gathering at their home in Groton, MA, on Sunday, August 28th. There's plenty of space on the lawn for parking and tire kicking. So bring your Jags. The pool will be open, so bring your swimsuits. Bring a contribution to the food and drink if you can.

Let's gather around 1:30 p.m., and we'll go until there's no food or drink left, or everyone wears out and goes home. Any questions? **Contact Dennis or Prebble at 978-448-2566 or by email at prebble.eklof@verizon.net.** And let us know what food item or drink you plan to bring, so we have the wonderful variety we've had in the past. 🇬🇧



JANE at Lime Rock **Labor Day Weekend, September 2nd-5th**

LIME ROCK PARK HISTORIC FESTIVAL 29




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The East Coast vintage highlight of 2011 will be Lime Rock Park's Historic Festival 29 ... presented by Jaguar! Expect a big presence from Jaguar as it celebrates the 50th anniversary of the E-Type and the 60th of Jaguar's first win at Le Mans. This year's Lime Rock Park Festival salutes the owners and collectors of the cars that helped make racing history. Jaguar team owner Bob Tullius, of Group 44 fame, will be at the Festival most of the weekend. Special stand-alone, Jaguar-only race groups are scheduled for Saturday and Monday of the race weekend. And several JANE members will be racing on Saturday and Monday -- Michael Kaleel, Tom Larsen (in his Alfa), Gary Hagopian, and Matt Hagopian.

The honored collector at this year's event will be Philadelphia neurosurgeon Dr. Frederick Simeone, who has a fantastic stable of beautiful, significant cars ready for the "Sunday in the Park" Concours.

The final event in Jaguar North America's E-Type Challenge Series will also take place at Lime Rock during the Historic Festival. The first of the three events was at Road America in July. The second event will be at the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion in August. From these three races, winners of The Spirit of Jaguar and Drivers Choice Awards will be selected. The Spirit of Jaguar Award will honor a series participant whose on-track performance and entry best celebrate the legacy of the Jaguar E-Type over its 50 years of

existence and most embodies the spirit of the Jaguar E-Type. All participating drivers in the Jaguar North America E-Type Challenge will be eligible to select the Driver's Choice Award recipient.

Lime Rock Park, in the Berkshires of northwestern Connecticut, is a beautiful setting for these events. And with the emphasis on Jaguar this time around, it seems like the perfect year for a JANE presence for the weekend to see the Jaguar marque honored. 

JANE at British Invasion **Stowe, Vermont - Weekend of September 16-18th**

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September 16-18, 2011

Here it is August already and not too soon be begin gearing up for British Invasion. British Invasion is one of the Top 10 events in Vermont, and the largest all-British car show on the East Coast. Participants are primarily from the U.S. and Canada, with usually over 650 cars on the field. It's a fun event -- driving tours, a street party with Beatles Band, Concours, British Pub, British Market Place and Auto Jumble, British Car Corral, the British Classic Motor Car Show, with voting by the registrants (People's Choice), and a tailgate competition.

There's always a nice turnout of JANE members there for the weekend. In last year's Concours judged competition, Bruce Murray was JANE's only entry and he was a winner. In the Classic Motor Car Show, the following JANE members were People's Choice winners: Carl and Sing Hanson, John and Don Brady, Ken Loring, Tom Brady and Theresa Gassner, Christopher Vlachos, Rod Hathaway and Linda Tuzzio, George and Carolyn Parker, Aldo and Debra Cipriano, Jim and Crin Coull, Sandy Cotterman, and Dave and Becky Randall. Other JANE members entered the Tailgate competition. Jennifer Taylor and Lauren MacCarthy were winners in the Most Humorous category, and Marc and Susan Myette won the Most Creative category.

There's a lot of information about the weekend event at www.britishinvasion.com. Check it out and make your plans to join this fabulous autumn event in one of the prettiest areas of New England. 



JANE Jaguars at last year's street party

Other Happenings



**Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**The Nick, Route 28, Wolfeboro, NH
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www.BCNH.org for Registration

For More information call 603-437-8931

JCSNE Slalom

Jaguar Club of Southern New England has two JCNA-sanctioned slaloms scheduled, and the first one is coming up soon, on August 7th. Like JANE's slaloms, you do not have to have a Jaguar to run, you may enter any type of car. Instructors will be available for novices. They will have five timed runs per entrant, plus the ever-popular dollar runs after the official runs.



Sunday, August 7

**Hartford, CT - Intersection of I 84 and I 91
Registration and Tech Inspection 9 to 9:30 a.m.
Drivers' meeting at 9:30 a.m.
First car off at 9:45 a.m.
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SlalomChair@JCSNE.org**



**Foreign Auto Festival and Antique Aeroplane Show
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Recently the American LeMans (ALMS) Northeast Grand Prix ran at Lime Rock Park. Here, at speed, is one of two XKR's competing in the GT class against the likes of Porsche, Ferrari, and BMW.

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Our congratulations to Mike, who said "it was a great day, nice to have my family attend, and the experience will be everlasting!" 🇬🇧



Sing and Carl Hanson look happy and relaxed at the event celebrating Carl's retirement

Carl Hanson retired from HMMH on June 30th.

Carl worked for almost 50 years in the field of noise and vibration, and for nearly 30 years was with HMMH, where he was Senior Vice President and a co-founder of the firm. As a result of his many years of experience, Carl was called upon by the National Academy of Engineering to serve as a member of the Committee on Technology for a Quieter America to study and recommend engineering controls for noise reduction in the U.S. He has been a licensed professional engineer in four states, a Fellow of the Institute of Noise Control Engineering, and has served as an active participant on committees of the Transportation Research Board, the American Railway and Maintenance-of-Way Association, and the international committee organizing the International Workshop on Railway Noise.

Carl and Sing have travel plans for late summer, and after their return, Carl should have a lot of time to devote to this new phase in life, one that includes working with his hands -- restoring his 1949 Ford truck, keeping his XK120 and his Triumph running, nurturing his vineyard to make better wines, and maybe plucking on the banjo again! 🇬🇧



Rod Gilbert has already introduced his 8-month-old granddaughter, Willa Gilbert Raptellis, to the world of Jaguar! Here's Willa with Granddad Rod at the wheel of Rod's award-winning E-Type, looking as if she knows exactly how it's done and where she's going! 🇬🇧



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Event Reports

JANE "Brush Hill Classic"

By Prebble Eklof - Photos by John Romano



This event needs very few words ... the photos tell the story. Keith Carlson and Kathy McGirr generously offered their home and beautiful lawn for a social gathering of JANE members on July 10th. It was a classic, balmy New England summer day. We couldn't have designed it

any better. Along with plenty food and drink, there was an assemblage of lovely Jags to enjoy, and good friends to spend the afternoon with. Many thanks to Keith and Kathy for providing us with this opportunity to get together. 🇬🇧



A relaxing afternoon on the lawn surrounded by the Jags



Old friends! Carl Hanson's and Tom Larsen's XK120's parked side by side



The cars may have been in as much conversation with each other as their owners were above



Jennifer Taylor's 2000 S-Type in company with John Brady's XK120 and Tom Brady's Mark IX



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JANE Jaguar Cup at Myopia Polo ... An Event That Continues to Soar

By Aldo Cipriano – Photos by John Romano



Aldo Cipriano

The third annual JANE Jaguar Cup at Myopia Polo has now concluded, with several new club members attending as well as other Jag owners committed to join us at JANE. As event coordinator, I will tell you, the attendance number soared this year to more than twice as many attendees as in 2010, and almost twice as many Jaguars. With oppressive heat all week, my hopes and fears rested on a changing weather report, which started with rain in the early morning, but surrendered to cool breezes and clear skies by match time. The event conditions were heaven-sent.

The match itself was one of the best I had seen in years, with the teams tying late in the sixth, and last, chukka. The performance on the field was rivaled only by the outstanding ladies of JANE, with many stunning Ascot-style English hats, and a well-concerted field of classic and contemporary Jags. From Tom Larsen's and Nancy Monaghan's XK120, Bill and Phyllis Powell's XK140, and Rod Gilbert's '62 E-Type, up through the new XJs and XFs displayed by Exeter Jaguar of New Hampshire and Wagner of Boylston, and other club members' cars, the field was replete with the outstanding designs of Jaguar motor cars.

A judging committee vote by two ladies from Myopia and our friend Michelle Dickson, of the Rolls Royce Club, bestowed first prize in the Hat Derby upon Phyllis Powell. Second prize for a hat with lots of Jag history went to Jennifer Taylor. And third prize went to Diana Colebain, a new club member. All winners received full bottles of Veuve Clicquot, French Champagne. Every lady in attendance wearing a hat received a split of Perrier Jouet Champagne. Nothing but the best for elegant JANE ladies!

The People's Choice Award went to Tom Larsen and Nancy Monaghan with their original, 1954 XK120. The polo players also had a preference for that car, together with Rod Gilbert's E-Type and the Powells' XK140. For the second year, they kept asking when the manufacturer would gift an outstanding XJ as a prize. If Myopia and JANE can get Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, to play next year, then maybe the Queen can bestow a new "Royal Household Jag" on the winning team as a gift!

The display of the new XJ Saloons and the XFs under the new Myopia tent pavilion, together with Tom and Nancy's XK120, was a great sight to behold for the Jaguar market. Field and radio announcements touted

the refinement of the new Jags that looked every bit at home on a polo field as the 1959 XK150 did in New York for the advertising of the time.

Get ready for next year's event, planned for a full field of classic and contemporary Jaguars on both sides of the field, with more awards and elegant fun for all. Maybe even a commemorative JANE/Myopia polo shirt in appropriate colors can be had. This year's Prez, Dennis Eklof, gave an interview

on cable to *Northshore Magazine* and presented the JANE Jaguar Cup. Dennis may be autographing this year's *Polo Magazine* at a future JANE event now that he is a North Shore star!

My deep appreciation to all who attended and enjoyed the event. Special thanks to Steve Willett, Treasurer of Myopia, for his hospitality and proven assurance that the Myopia Club would take care of anything we needed. Also, thanks to Dan Sears and Rory Torrey, of Myopia, for coordinating the success on the field and behind the scenes.

Special thanks to Brenda Soussan for coordinating the People's Choice Award and to John Romano for the official event photographs. Also, thanks to Dean Saluti for behind-the-scenes event guidance with new-found friends at Myopia.

And a final sincere expression of gratitude to Dan Algarin of Jaguar/Land Rover Motors, Gary Kinsell of JCNA, Kelly Seyler of Exeter Jaguar, and Henry "K" of Wagner Jag for their support sponsorships and faith that Jag enthusiasts, the manufacturer, the dealers, and Jaguar clubs can work together to honor the marque and introduce people to what Sir William Lyons' Jaguar concept is all about.

Watch for the July 2012 Jaguar Cup date in January! People ask why I created this event. I love horses, I love the idyllic setting of Myopia, and by experience, I believe that horse polo is one of the most exciting and elegant participant or spectator sports available. Car clubs are supposed to be fun and stress-free ... I simply brought the two together. 🐾



The JANE Jaguar Cup that is presented to the winning team



Jaguar Exeter of New Hampshire and Jaguar Wagner Motors of Boylston displayed new XJs and XFs under the pavilion





Two of the elaborate picnics laid out along our line-up of Jaguars



Lots of relaxing and picnicking and schmoozing before the polo match begins



The polo ponies and riders in action



Here we are flipping divots between chukkas



Top: All the JANE ladies wore festive hats.



Left: Aldo Cipriano presents a bottle of champagne to Phyllis Powell, who was voted first place in the hat contest.



Right: Diana Colebain was the third place winner in the hat contest. Diana and her husband were not members, but Diana said they should probably now join for sure!

Jennifer Taylor was second in the hat contest. See the photo of her hat on the cover of this issue of the *Cat*.



Top: Our Jaguars lined up on the polo field just prior to the presentation of the JANE Jaguar Cup to the winning team.



Left: Tom Larsen and Nancy Monaghan accept the award for People's Choice for their beautiful XK120, pictured on the cover of this issue of the *Cat*.

Right: JANE President, Dennis Eklof, appears to be having "the last word" with the "Polo Pony of the Day."



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Ethanol and the Older Vehicle

By Tracey Levasseur



Tracey Levasseur

It's the clean burning, renewable fuel touted to benefit the U.S. economy, help the environment, and wean us of our dependence on fossil fuels. You'd be hard pressed to find a gas station that doesn't display an "E10 Enriched" sticker on the pumps. But is ethanol really good for our vehicles, especially the older and vintage models that many of us own and in some cases drive daily?

Recently, the legislative commission of the Historic Vehicle Association (HVA)

posted on its website (www.historicvehicle.org) that it presented to Congress a report by the Department for Transport from the UK detailing scientific research pointing toward the negative impact ethanol has on older vehicles. The report, though quite long and technical, explains the chemical properties of ethanol and how it reacts in the presence of other materials ... those materials common in most vehicles. The Department for Transport did this research to document the negative impact of introducing higher levels of ethanol into the UK gas supply. They currently have 5% (E5), and their government proposal was to increase that to 10% (E10), the blend currently used in most U.S. gas. HVA used this report in its fight to stop legislators from backing bills put forth by the EPA for funding that would increase ethanol from 10 to 15% (E15).

Some might at first be happy increasing ethanol in U.S. gas from 10 to 15%. Less gas means less pollution and less dependence on troubled foreign countries to supply it to us. Well, that may not be entirely true. Any alternative energy that can be acquired in our own country will certainly keep us from not only having to buy it from other countries, but also from drilling it out of our own land. However, ethanol, when approached scientifically, could actually be as harmful not only to the environment but to vehicles in general, not just those considered "historic."

The complete combustion of ethanol forms water and carbon dioxide (CO₂). Fossil fuels have been blamed for the increase of CO₂ in the atmosphere contributing to the Greenhouse Effect. So burning ethanol in part or exclusively in vehicles will not reduce the increase in CO₂. Also, one has to look at ethanol's entire lifecycle, its journey from seed to tailpipe, to see that it's not necessarily the miracle energy source it's touted to be. U.S. ethanol is derived from corn, which must be grown, harvested, fermented, processed, and delivered to refineries. Demand rises on corn because it is also a food staple, so more land and resources are needed to produce it. The fermentation process requires a lot of heat, which is currently produced from energy sources other than ethanol. And because of its chemical properties, ethanol cannot travel through any type of pipelines, so has to be transported by vehicles (most of which run on energy sources other than ethanol).

Stepping back from the environmental issues, one must look at the points HVA brought before Congress regarding ethanol's negative effects on older vehicles. As mentioned before, ethanol cannot be transported via pipelines. This is due to its molecular structure, which is quite small (smaller than gas molecules), contains polar hydroxyl groups, and has a higher conductivity alone and when blended with gas. Ethanol's polar hydroxyl group causes elastomers (the plastic and pliable bits in a car's engine and fuel system) to lose their structural integrity. When blended with gas, smaller ethanol molecules can penetrate the elastomers, causing them to swell and soften, eventually weakening them. This solvent property can strip away sealants, protective platings, and other binding agents, not only causing pipelines to spring leaks, but allowing elastomer debris to float around in vehicle fuel systems, blocking filters and eventually causing mechanical failure.

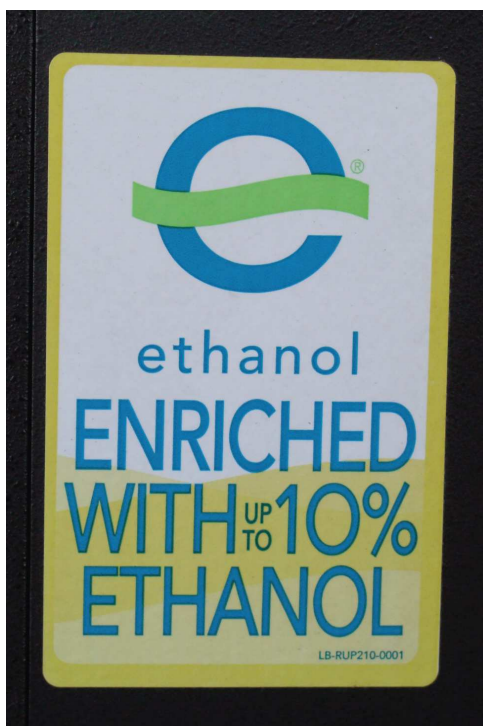
The Department for Transport report cites another negative property of ethanol, called galvanic corrosion. This involves an electrochemical process in which one metal corrodes preferentially when in electrical contact with a different type of metal and both are immersed in an electrically conductive liquid. Ethanol is a much better conductor than hydrocarbons. So when steel and aluminum are in contact in a bath of ethanol (as they are in many vehicles), they will corrode faster than in pure fuel.

Oxygen is normally added to pure gas to reduce carbon monoxide and unburned fuel from polluting the environment. This is known as reformulated gas. Reformulated gas contains about 2% oxygen by weight. This is not usually a problem in vehicles, especially those more modern vehicles with electronic fuel injection and oxygen (O₂) sensors that can monitor the air/fuel mixture and compensate for fluctuations. But older, carbureted, and early fuel injected vehicles cannot adjust the air/fuel mix as easily and will run lean. Ethanol is about 35% oxygen by weight, so when running E10 in older vehicles it causes them to run hotter, eventually prematurely wearing mechanical parts.

This *enleanment*, as it's called, also reduces fuel economy, even in vehicles equipped with fuel injection and O₂ sensors.

Ethanol has the potential to prematurely vaporize in older vehicles not equipped with cool down systems and pressurized fuel systems. That is, the hot engine is turned off, but there is no auxiliary fan to gradually cool it down. The unburned ethanol sitting in the fuel system may evaporate. This can cause vapor lock, stalling, or other hot start problems in the older vehicle.

The UK's Department for Transport concluded many of its findings using their gas, which is only 5% ethanol. With the U.S. currently using E10, it's no wonder HVA is so concerned with stopping the additional funding to increase to E15. Today's E10, in cars not specifically designed for running on ethanol, can weaken plastic parts, strip off protective sealants and plating, and cause the engine to run hotter. Any and all of these can and will make many older vehicles undrivable. Increasing to E15 will only hasten the negative impact on those vehicles, eventually filling the junk yards, thus negatively impacting the environment as well. 🇺🇸



GR8 PL8s – Vanity Plates on our Jags

By Bruce Whitmore



Bruce Whitmore

The idea for this article occurred to me at the Maple Sugar Tour this year, one of our first spring events. I met new members Greg and Lisa Hauber of Wilbraham, Massachusetts, and was admiring Lisa's beautiful XK8 convertible and her vanity plate, **PURRRR**. Thus began my quest to find more vanity plates. Who says new members can't influence the club?



Some plates are Jag-related, others are just reflections of the owners' pride and affection for their cars.

I'm told that even though he no longer owns one of these, Dave Randall still owns the vanity plate **XK 120**. Brenda Soussan's XJS convertible in Desert Rose metallic with chrome wheels looks the part of a gem with **MYJEWL** (my jewel) as her tag. "Dr. Dean," or "the Colonel" (whichever you prefer), our VP of Events, Dean Saluti, has a 1965 S-Type Saloon that languished in the Mexican desert for 20 years. It was rescued and partially restored by its second owner. Then Dean got it and finished it. Currently it's showing just over 40,000 original miles and wears **JAG 65**. At this year's British Car Day at Lars Anderson I saw a Canadian market 1987 Series III Vanden Plas V12 wearing **RULE 1**, its owner listed as C. Rule. Anyone know who this is?

Who can forget Margaret Caruolo and her Rhode Island plate **CLOUD**, which has adorned several of her Jags but is now affixed to her latest acquisition, a 2011 XKR 175, one of two in our club! If I remember correctly, **CLOUD** refers to the ride, and how it makes her feel, like being on Cloud 9. Rod Gilbert has an early, very early, low-numbered Series 1 XKE ... or E-Type if you prefer ... originally a "flat floor," but the first owner had the later floor pans installed because he needed more room for his big feet to work the pedals. Rod's Massachusetts plate is **XKE 62**.

Jennifer Taylor has a beautiful red 2000 S-Type 4-liter sedan wearing Massachusetts plates **GROWLR**, or Growler, the quasi-official name of the growling Jaguar face, or head, which adorns the newer Jags in place of the leaper hood ornament.

Jo Iandoli, daughter of past President Mike Iandoli, has her black beauty, a 1994 XJS convertible, wearing Massachusetts plates **PANTHR**, or Panther. The genus and species of the big cat is *panthera onca*. Here's another trivia fact -- 20 to 25 percent of Jaguars born in the wild are all black! However, if you catch them in just the right light, you can still make out their spots ... makes one wonder are black panthers a misnomer, and really black Jaguars instead?

Controversy rages over this next one, and it seems to be split right down the line according to gender ... the men from Mars, women from Venus thing. Our current President, Dennis Eklof, and First Lady, Prebble, have the Massachusetts vanity plate **JAGVDP** on their 2001 silver Vanden Plas, named Victoria. The Eklofs are known for naming their cars. Their two Jags, appropriately enough, are named after Britain's queens -- Elizabeth, the E-Type, and Victoria, the Vanden Plas. The Jag part is obvious, but there is a differing of opinion concerning the VDP part. The men see VDP as the semi-official, or at least accepted abbreviation for Vanden Plas, even though Vanden Plas is two words and not three. The ladies immediately see it as their initials, Victoria, Dennis, Prebble ... cute! I lost \$20 to my daughter on that bet!



The next one is clever -- how to get around a rule and get what you want at the same time, but first a little background. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with its illustrious Registry of Motor Vehicles, sees fit to allow only six characters on its license plates; other states offer seven. In the case of a vanity plate, letters come first, then numbers, and you can't intersperse them! But the Registry can issue regular plates with numbers first, then letters, and even mix them together. Go figure! So for example: **XJS 89** is OK, but **89 XJS** isn't; and something like this, **MY65MG** is verboten. So how did John Feng get the "matching" vanity plate for his XK 120 M roadster? John being the resourceful guy that he is used all letters, and if you look quickly it sure looks like **XK120M**, but it is actually **XKIZOM**. Most people hadn't noticed.

Ed Leand, from Rhode Island, showed up at Lars Anderson's all British car meet with his Proteus C-Type replica. With all-Jaguar running gear underneath, it's hard to distinguish from the real thing; his Rhode Island plate is **C-TYPE**, of course. New Hampshire plates **XJ8** adorn the beautiful 2001 XJ8 of Dave Costa, who keeps it spotlessly clean and shiny, thanks to his detailing crew at his business, Nashua Car Wash, where they specialize in high end cars. Jags, of course, are their specialty, so give Dave a call next time you need your car cleaned or detailed.

Our Maine members have some clever plates, too. J.R. Phillips, of Bath, Maine, has had a few plates on his 1966 S-Type Saloon. His first plate was **S TYPE** Antique. In Maine antique cars don't need to have the annual inspection like regular cars, but as in most states, the Antique plates are restrictive in use. His car was off the road for a while being repaired and made more road-worthy. It would now pass state inspection, and being more reliable, J.R. wanted to use it more often. So the Antique plates went away and he got the vanity plate **LEAPER**, the term for the iconic hood ornament on our cars.



Tracey Levasseur, one of our judges and a frequent contributor to the *Coventry Cat*, has a couple of good plates as well. Tracey has the Maine plate **POSH CAT** on her XK8. It was originally on her Series III XJ6. How many of you remember the British detective/spy show from the 60's and 70's starring Dianna Rigg and Patrick MacNee as Emma Peel and John Steed in *The Avengers*? Tracey has **AVENGERS** on her 340 (Mk II) sedan.



Dennis Casey, from Rindge, New Hampshire, has had three different vanity plates on his 1986 Series III XJ6, named Chloe. Dennis's first plate was **JAG-U-R**. New Hampshire allows seven characters, dots, dashes, plus signs, all sorts of things. Dennis was having some work done to Chloe and she was off the road for a while. When he went to re-register the Jag, the plate had expired and was reassigned to someone else, so Dennis got **JAGNAG**. But after a while he wanted something close to his first plate, so he then got **JAGU-R**, which is still his current plate.



So there's our first installment. We hope more of you will write in with your vanity plates for your Jags ... keep those cards and letters coming. Has anyone seen **JAGUAR** from any of our six-state New England region?

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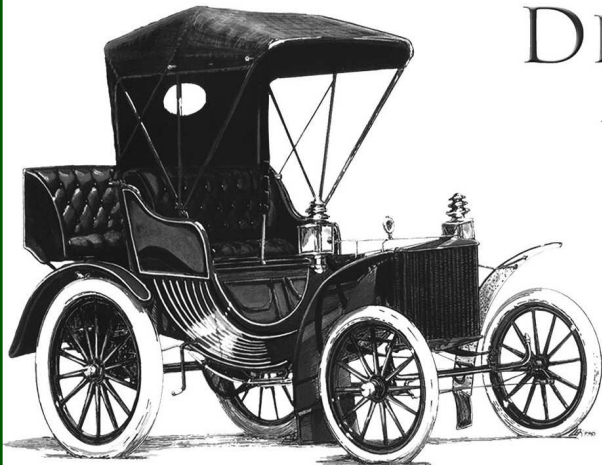
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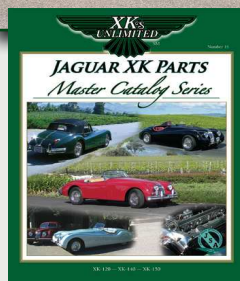
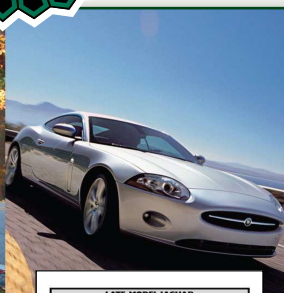
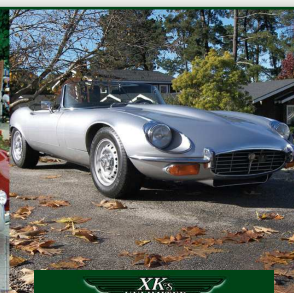
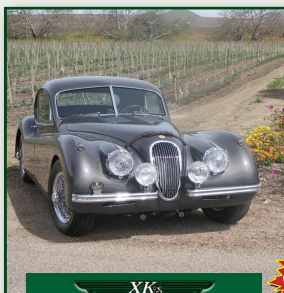
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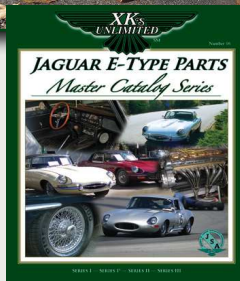
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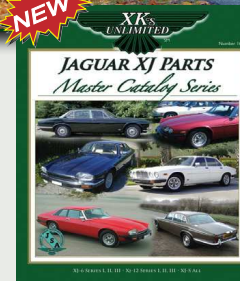
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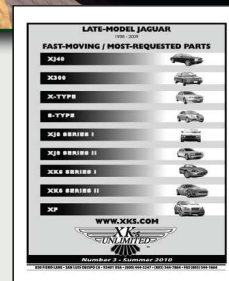
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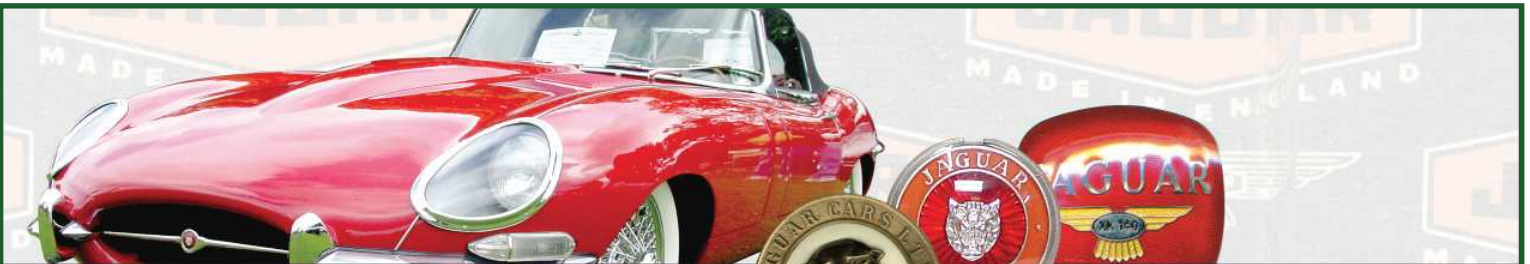


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