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of the

Jaguar Association
of New England



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It Doesn't Get Any Better...

August 2007

Another terrific JANE event has concluded, and I am still glowing from the driving tour to Paris Hill, Maine, on Saturday, July 21st. We were treated with a delightful event arranged and hosted by Ed and Cheryl Avis. The weather was perfect, the lunch in a garden setting was delicious, the tailgate party on the town common was fun, and the Bob Bahre Automobile Collection was awesome. It doesn't get any better than this!

Or does it? Our 35th Annual Concours is coming up on the weekend of August 11th. Get ready for what is looking like another world-class event. Mike Kaleel and Brenda Soussan and their Concours Committee have been working day and night to prepare for another great weekend! If you haven't registered yet, I urge you to do so soon. I say "weekend" because it is more than just a concours—consider the fact that we have Movie Night, with a Jaguar-themed movie in the hospitality suite on Friday night; the Jaguar car show (some judged, some on display) on Saturday; a raffle and silent auction; the awards ceremony and banquet/dance party on Saturday night; and a Fun Rally on Sunday. So bring your Jaguar and show it, meet other JANE members, get tips on your restoration project, bid on items in the silent auction, win prizes—all as part of our premier event of the year! And don't be shy about coming up and introducing yourself to me and any of the Board Members and Officers of the club. Tell us what you think and what events you would like to see. Volunteer to

help! Join in the fun of being an active member of one of the best car clubs around.

The August meeting on Wednesday, the 22nd, at Skip's Restaurant in Chelmsford is a social meeting, where we'll have fun doing a post-mortem on the Concours, including a comprehensive photo montage of the event, plus getting some ideas for next year's show. We may have some other visual presentations as well, such as some stunning Jaguar scenes from "Top Gear". Come and meet other members of JANE in an informal setting! Bring out your Jags!

Finally, August has what is becoming a club-favorite event: JANE Drag Night at New England Dragway in Epping, NH, on the evening of Friday, the 24th. It's an unbelievable sight to see Jaguars, old and new, accelerating down the strip in a legal, safe manner. Not just to see—do it yourself and learn why drag racing is such a popular sport.

Hope you're enjoying the wonderful summer in New England! We are truly blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the country! 🇺🇸

Carl

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JANE Calender of Upcoming Events

DATE - DAY	ACTIVITY OR EVENT	LOCATION
August		
5 - Sun	Tutto Italiano: Italian Car Day	Larz Anderson Auto Museum
10-12 Fri-Sun	JANE Annual Concours - see Page 8	Sturbridge, MA
16 - Thurs	Ice Cream and Cruise Night at Kimball Farm - see Page 6	Westford, MA
22 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting - see below	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
24 - Fri 5pm	JANE's Friday Night at the Drags - see Page 5	New England Dragway, Epping, NH
September		
Aug 31 - Sep 3 - Fri-Mon	British Car Corral at the Lime Rock Vintage Festival - see Page 6	Lime Rock Park Race Track
9 - Sun	JANE Autumn Slalom - see Page 7	Westford, MA
14-16 Fri-Sun	15th Annual British Invasion - see Page 6	Stowe, VT
26 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
28-30 Fri-Sun	7th Annual British Legends Weekend	Falmouth, MA
October		
5-6 Fri-Sat	VSCCA Vintage Races	Lime Rock Park
6-7 Sat-Sun	Owls Head Foreign Car Day in Maine	Owls Head Transportation Museum
7 - Sun	JANE Tour to Chauncey Creek Lobster Pier	Kittery, ME
13 - Sat	JANE Fall Foliage Tour / TSD Rally	Lakes Region, NH
24 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
November		
10 Sat	Lars Anderson Auto Museum "Platinum Dinner"	Lars Anderson Auto Museum
14 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
December		
2 - Sun 3pm	JANE Event - AGM and Holiday Party	TBD

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Rehash the Concours at the JANE Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, August 22nd

The JANE August Monthly Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, the 22nd, starting at 7:00pm at Skip's Restaurant in Chelmsford, MA, will be one of our social types of gatherings (that is, not a full business meeting). It will provide us with an opportunity to go over the features of our

JANE Annual Concours, which will have transpired a week and a half earlier, and we can get some ideas for how we can make future events even better. We'll be presenting a compilation of photos from the Concours, and there may be some other visual goodies on tap too. And it's summer—bring

your Jag for some tire-kicking in the parking lot before and after!

Skip's is easy to find—it's located on Route 110 just south of Exit 34 off I-495 on the right. The address is 116 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford, MA, and the number is 978-256-2631.

JANE monthly meetings allow

you to get together with like-minded Jaguar lovers in a low-key setting any time you choose to.

Why not come out on the 22nd, participate in a short-form club meeting, hash over the Concours, and grab a bite with your Jaguar friends? 🐾

JANE's Friday Night at the Drags

Friday, August 24th

The 2007 JANE Friday Night at the Drags has been announced by our club dragmasters Mike Kaleel and Brenda Soussan. A lane has been reserved strictly for us at the New England Dragway in Epping, NH, on the evening of Friday, August 24th. For those who missed the JANE Drag Night in 2006, a ton of fun was had by all who participated, and by doing it in August we will avoid the cold that detracted from last year's October outing.

While this is a JANE-sponsored event, you need not be a member of the club to participate. All you need is an interest in the sport and a Jaguar. The Dragway gives us a dedicated lane for the exclusive use of our club, and we invite all Jaguar owners to come out to show us their lead feet and pride in their Cats. Our club's last drag event had cars ranging from antique Jags to late-model supercharged rides that all reached amazing speeds.

Last year, the Dragway also reserved a staging area for our club that was directly across from the drag lineup, and we're expecting the same again. We will be using a handicap starting system to equalize competition in certain categories. This system is designed to enable vehicles of varying performance potentials to compete on an equal basis.

Here's how it works: Each car and driver is given two trial runs to assess their potential, as measured by their elapsed time over the quarter mile. Based on these

trial runs, each driver specifies his base elapsed time (the Dial). For any two cars competing against each other, their respective Dials are compared, and the car with the largest Dial (the slowest car) is given a handicap head start equal to the difference of the two Dials. By using this system, virtually any two vehicles can be paired in a competitive drag race.

Here's an example: If car A has a Dial of 16.00 seconds and the corresponding figure for car B is 14.50 seconds, car A will get a 1.5-second head start. If both vehicles cover the quarter mile in exactly their own Dial, the win goes to the driver with the best reaction time to the starting lights, because the elapsed time is measured from when each car crosses the starting line, not when the lights go green.

So why not pick a Dial that will give you a big head start? Simple:



If your elapsed time is below your Dial (called "breaking out"), you are disqualified. If you pick a high Dial for your car and get a head start, you would be forced to wait for the other driver anyway to avoid disqualification.

Gates open at 5 pm, with races starting at 6 pm. JANE will have a secured area at the track where we can gather and discuss (sometimes heatedly) who will



drag whom, and where we will be able to regroup after each run and grab a snack. Brenda and Mike will provide refreshments at the gathering area. After the races, everyone's invited to join in a casual meal at a nearby restaurant to be determined.

Here's a summary of some of the more important rules to follow:

- No slicks allowed—street tires required (DOT approved racing tires acceptable).
- No bald tires allowed.
- Open exhaust not allowed.
- Co-driver allowed in all vehicles running 14.00 seconds or slower.
- Seat belts are required.
- Overflow can for radiator.
- Battery hold-down bracket.
- Vehicles must be street-legal and able to pass state safety inspection.
- Nitrous oxide permitted and must be installed according to the provisions outlined in the current IHRA Rule Book.
- Factory (OEM) installed computers allowed, but no laptop computers are allowed while in competition.

- Valid state driver's license required. Learner's permits are not acceptable.
- Helmets (Snell 90 or newer) required for all vehicles running 13.99 or quicker.
- Drivers and co-drivers are required to wear long pants, a shirt, socks, and shoes.

In order for the races to start quickly after we arrive at the track, we will need your car's model and year before you arrive so the track can start setting up the handicap system. Please give this info and address any questions to Brenda or Mike and let them know of your intentions to race as early as possible. Brenda can be reached at ideacounselo@earthlink.net or 617-953-1457, Mike at mkaleel@kaleelcompany.com or 617-557-4375. 🍀

Directions

New England Dragway is located just off Route 101's Exit 8 in Epping. The address is 280 Exeter Road, Epping, NH, and the phone is 603-679-8001. Here are the general directions to the racetrack:

- **From I-95:** Take Exit 2 in New Hampshire. Follow Route 101 West to Exit 8. Turn right at the end of the ramp and you're there.
- **From I-93:** Take Exit 7 in New Hampshire. Follow Route 101 East to Exit 8. Turn left and it's straight ahead.
- **From I-495:** Take Exit 51-B to Route 125 North. Get on Route 101 East to Exit 8. Turn left and it's straight ahead.

MORE EVENTS →

JANE Cruise Night at Kimball Farm Ice Cream

Thursday, August 16th

JANE is planning a club visit to the weekly Thursday Cruise Night at Kimball Farm Ice Cream in Westford, MA, on Thursday, August 16th, at 5 pm sharp. For those not familiar with the Kimball Farm “Ultimate Cruise Event”, it typically draws 300 to 350 cars of all sorts to the large grass field across from their restaurant. In addition to the cars, it features a live band, mini golf, paddle boats, a barbecue,

and of course Kimball’s ice cream, which is renowned far and wide for its great quality (as well as their generous portions).

The band playing on August 16th will be Alan & the Alligators. From a recent review: “Alan & his Gator guys draw heavy influence in their originals from the ‘70s and ‘80s. You know—back when music was happy!”

In order to get a place where we can all park together at this

popular event, we will need to get there early—5 pm at the latest. Cars and their occupants enter free; all others over 12 years old pay \$3 each.

Kimball’s is located at 400 Littleton Road (Route 110), Westford, MA, 978-486-3891. Chuck and Patt Centore are sponsoring this event, and you can contact Chuck at CPC@anacondausa.com or 978-369-5206 for more details or with any questions.

This weekly event has truly become an auto enthusiast happening of major proportions, and it will be a great opportunity to bring out your Jag and hang out with other Jag owners and lots of other car enthusiasts. So mark your calendar, get the camera ready, and bring a date—it’s going to be a real blast! 🎉

British Car Corral at the Lime Rock Vintage Festival

Labor Day Weekend

Once again, there will be a British Car Corral at the 25th annual Vintage Festival at Lime Rock Race Track in northwestern Connecticut on Labor Day Weekend. The British Car Corral attracts dozens of British cars of all marques.

The Vintage Festival itself is a four-day celebration of antique and vintage sports cars that includes trial laps on Friday, qualifying races on Saturday, a world-class concours on Sunday, and the vintage races of ten classes of cars on Monday. For the past five

years, the Vintage Festival has been organized by Steve Earle and sponsored by BMW and Rolex.

There is no extra charge for participating in the Corral. Advance tickets are available for \$13.50 on 8/31, \$31.50 on 9/1, \$18.00 9/2, and \$31.50 on 9/3. These rates are discounted from the regular pricing, and to get them you must visit the Lime Rock website at www.limerock.com or call 800.RACE.LRP. If you go to the Lime Rock site, click on “Tickets”, look on the left for the “Affiliate Ticket Sales” but-

ton, and then enter “250” for the Affiliate ID and “BC2007” for the Affiliate Password. These will get you the discounted pricing.

JANE has quite a few members who will be entering the concours and the races. If you’re planning on attending and would like to have dinner together with other JANE members on Sunday night after the concours, contact Brenda Soussan at ideacounselo@earthlink.net or 617-953-1457 and she’ll keep you informed about the time and restaurant to meet at. She’ll also

be bringing the JANE flag to fly in the pits, or, if you’re going to be in the Corral, contact her and you can pick it up from her in the paddock.

If you’re planning to stay overnight, you’ll need to find your own lodging, which will become very scarce very soon.

For more info on the Lime Rock Vintage Weekend, visit www.limerock.com/content/events-rolex-vintage. This is always a terrific, well-attended event—be sure to get your tickets soon! 🎉

The British Invasion in Stowe, Vermont

September 14th-16th

If you’re seeking to discover how many British cars can simultaneously gather in one place, look no further than the annual British Invasion in Stowe, VT, on the weekend of September 14th-16th. Last year, over 640 cars were entered! And JANE had a total of thirteen winners at this event! This year, we will have

our club tent set up on the field in the Jaguar section. In the tent will be refreshments, club regalia available to purchase, membership forms, club photo albums, all of our great friends, and a place to find some shade from the sun or shelter from the rain (whichever the case may be). The club has made reservations at Ye Olde Pub

for dinner at 6:30 pm on Friday, the 14th. Some JANE members stayed here last year, and you might want to reserve soon:

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Phone: 802-253-4811
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There’ll be more info in next month’s *Coventry Cat*, but in the meantime make sure to add this must-do event to your calendar! 🎉

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The JANE Autumn Slalom

Sunday, September 9th

It's time once again to put our Jaguars through the cones at Nashoba! At season mid-point, JANE holds several national class 1st and 2nd places, and we hope to improve our 2007 tally as the clubs around the country compete.

But the main thing is to come out and have some fun with your Jag! We'll provide instruction, helmets, and lunch, and we'll safety-tech your car when you arrive. After that, we'll walk and demo the course. Then, each driver gets five timed runs paced throughout the day. Slaloms are a blast—a great

way to enjoy your car! To get a flavor, check out the report in the June issue of the *Cat*. We promise to have a wide array of entries in September, and I do mean wide!



(We'll have some Alfa Romeo folks running with us again, perhaps some people from the Triumph club, and we've even had interest

from the New England Lincoln[!] owners club—bring 'em on!).

Plan to arrive before 9 am for Tech Inspection and sign-in. The flag drops at 10. Lunch this fall will be provided by Ray Duhaime—it's not to be missed! Finally, we'll wrap up by 2.

The cost for JANE members is still \$20, and \$25 for non-members. We'll be running rain or shine! If we have another "50-year event", call me first at 603-293-4938. But don't worry—we've had a great string of excellent slalom weather!

My duty-shift as Slalom Chair is over after 2007, and Nashoba's

continued use is in doubt due to a price increase. A good turn-out in September will help us decide what JANE can afford and where we want to go from here. Thanks for your support!

—Adrian Curtis

Directions

The Nashoba Valley Ski Area is located on Powers Road in Westford, MA, and is well-marked and very easy to find.

- **Boston or Rt. 95/128:** Take Rt. 2 West to Concord Circle, then West on Rt. 2A/119 about 6 miles to Powers Road (on your right)
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- **North Shore:** Take Rt. 128 South to Rt. 3 North to Rt. 495 South, Exit 32.
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Late News on the JANE 35th Annual Concours

Friday through Sunday, August 10th-12th

Attention all you Jago-
aphiles! Still haven't signed
up for our 35th Annual Concours
yet? Well, in addition to all of
the other great attractions we've
described in previous issues, here
are a few more late-breaking
highlights that are certain to whet
your appetite:

- Don't miss the chance to have your beauty be voted the very first People's Choice! We have acquired a fabulous crystal for this award that will look great anywhere in your home or garage.
- We've been given many great goodie bag items, so you'll be sure to go home with some nifty mementos.
- We've obtained Jay Leno's autograph on a photo of him standing in front of one of his

classics. Brenda contacted him back in June and we received it this week. You could win it in the auction!

- At a recent Red Sox game that Mike and Brenda attended at Fenway Park, they managed to get Freddie Lynn to sign a baseball for the club that will also be auctioned!
- Several Jaguar iPods that retail for \$350 each were donated. Imagine bringing one of these babies home when we pull your \$1 winning raffle ticket from the hat!
- The hotel will be setting up a snack bar on the field to make getting a bite for lunch very easy.
- At the awards ceremony, which will be held under the tent, there will be a cash bar set up

with complimentary appetizers. All entrants and volunteers will be provided with free drink vouchers that they can use at the cocktail hour.

- Complimentary beer and wine will be served with dinner.

And if complimentary beer and wine aren't enough:

- We are pleased to announce that Bernie Yurt will be our special guest at the 35th Annual Concours this year. He is the founder of NEXKA in 1968, which eventually became JANE in 1986. Bernie has an original 1954 XK120 OTS that he plans to bring, but, more importantly, he will be giving us a short talk on the history of JANE during our awards banquet. He and his wife, Janet, will be around for us to meet, and we'll all be treated

to stories of the early days of the club. Please come and make them welcome!

We're all very excited to be a part of this fun event, and are hoping you will make every effort to attend and support it this year. Michael and Brenda would like to thank in advance all the club members who have given their time to make this Concours the finest event of the year. Everyone's efforts will be evident in all the small details that make the difference. And a big "Thank You" to our wonderful sponsors—their generosity has enabled Michael and Brenda to pull out all the stops! They'll appreciate any input that participants would like to share so that they may continue to improve the Concours in the years to come. 🍀

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Jaguar Exeter now has a new name, a new attitude, and a new philosophy. They cordially invite all JANE members (and potential members) to visit their newly renovated facility and drive a pre-owned or new Jaguar. New and exciting events are planned for all who are associated with the name of Jaguar (visit jaguarexeter.com for a schedule). Jaguar Exeter along with Jaguar Cars is committed to delivering a superior automobile accompanied by superior service and benefits.

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The Dent Ambulance is a mobile automobile dent removal service located in Worcester, MA, and services the surrounding areas. They look forward to helping as many attendees as possible on the morning of the Concours, and will also be available Friday, August 10th, at the Sturbridge Host Hotel by advance appointment. If you live in the Worcester area and have need of their service, call them and they will come to your location. They'll make your Jaguar concours ready!

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Division* _____ Class _____ For Sale _____

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All entrants who stay for the awards ceremony will receive a JANE 35th Anniversary Concours plaque with a photo of your car taken on the field the day of the event.

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I hereby agree to enter the above described Jaguar in the JANE 35th Annual Concours d'Elegance. In consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate, and other valuable consideration, and intending to be legally bound, I agree to release the Jaguar Clubs of North America, Inc., JANE, and the Concours d'Elegance Committee from any and all liability for injuries, damage, or loss arising from my entry and attendance at the Concours.

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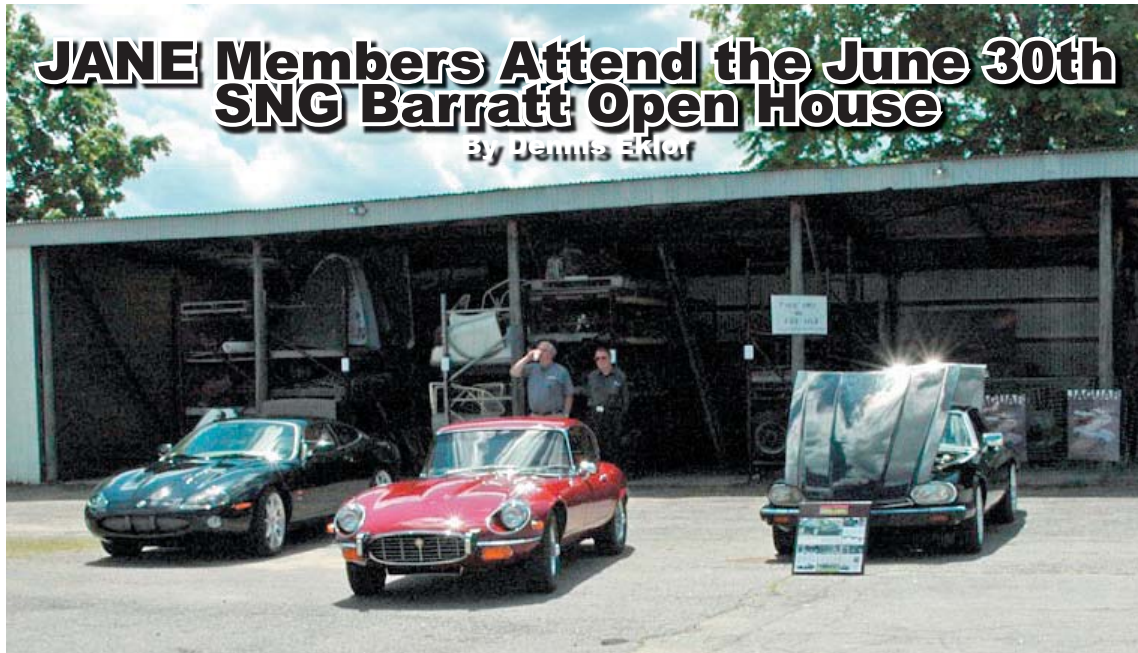
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JANE Members Attend the June 30th SNG Barratt Open House

By Dennis Eklor



Some very nice Jaguars showed up - on the left is Ray O'Brien's 2004 XKR and on the right is Dean Cusano's XJS

It was an absolutely gorgeous day for the event, and JANE members made a good showing at the SNG Barratt open house. There were great cars, ter-



This Jag-powered Allard Palm Beach is said to be the last Allard made

rific barbecue, and some fantastic bargains to be had—what else could you ask for on a lazy June Saturday?

The folks at SNG Barratt really outdid themselves with this event. The barbecue was excellent and plentiful with chicken, ribs, burgers, and hot dogs, all complemented by many good side dishes.

More important than the barbecue were the parts that were available. Barratt had opened a huge array of used parts to be



Very late 1967 E Type (note the open headlights) parked next to the Allard

picked through and haggled over. There were two large buildings brimming with bin after bin of parts to be had. In the end, it was flea-market-style negotiation between the buyers and SNG Barratt's sales staff over pricing, and it appeared that everyone was happy with the results.

The Bradys were by far the biggest purchasers. Both Tom and John loaded their cars with goodies to take home. Tom said that the \$500 he spent on many rare Mark parts was a real bargain and only a fraction of what the parts



L-R, tents set up for car care products, the raffle table, and shaded picnic area

were worth. Your JANE webmaster scored a new-old-stock exact replacement for the failing 40-year-old



The Bradys made a real haul - each bought about \$500 worth of used parts

side mirror on his E Type along with a pair of excellent (though in need of polishing) cam covers—all for \$25!

Following the event, several of us stopped over at John and Carmen Chiungos's and enjoyed the rest of the afternoon lounging under their trees. What a great day!

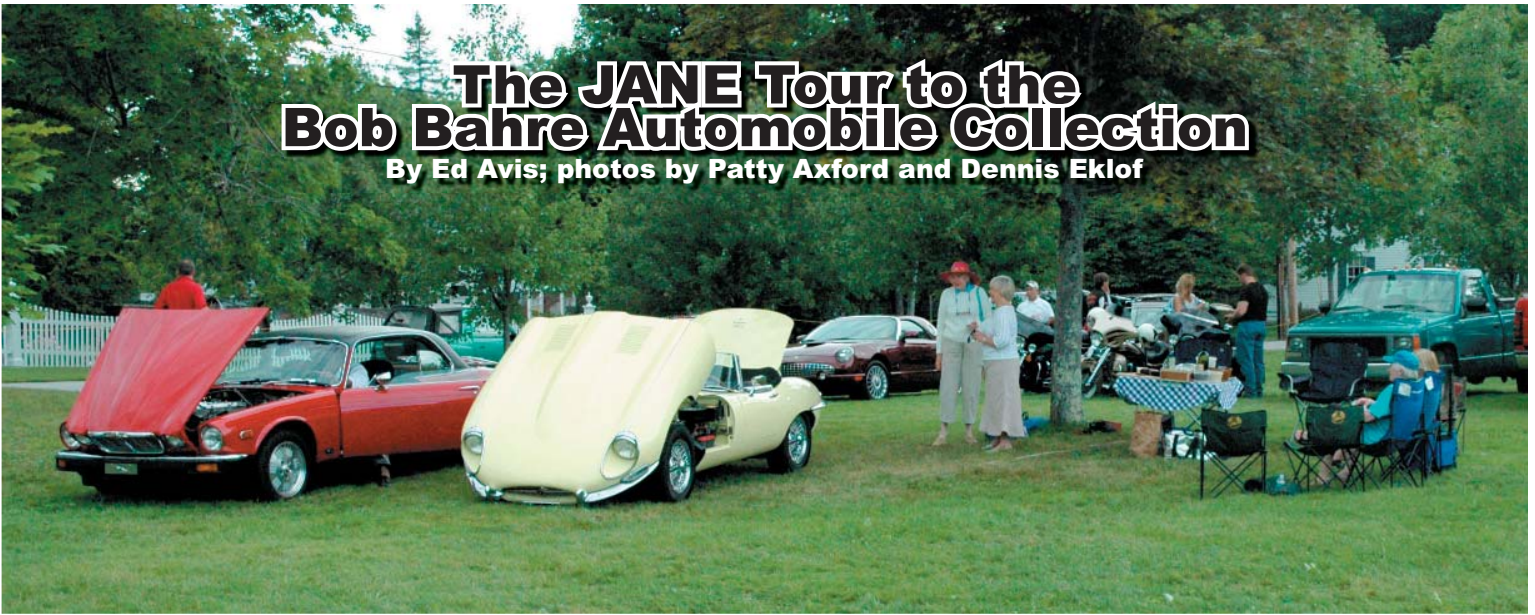


Ray O'Brien and John Chiungos furtively plan their haggling strategy

Event Reports

The JANE Tour to the Bob Bahre Automobile Collection

By Ed Avis; photos by Patty Axford and Dennis Eklof



The club gathering spot on the Paris Hill town common - a stop along JANE's July 21st Maine tour

On July 21st, JANE returned to beautiful Paris Hill, Maine, with two XK120s, five E Types, two XJSs, one XJ6C, one XKR, and a “guest” Aston Martin DB7. Twenty-seven JANE members and several guests enjoyed the near-perfect weather, great food, a tour of Bob Bahre’s marvelous car collection, and superb camaraderie.

Our first stop was at McLaughlin Garden (www.mclaughlingarden.org) for a wonderful gourmet lunch in the old barn—no paper plates here! Bernard McLaughlin, a local bank teller of modest means, loved to garden and eventually became one of the most respected landscape gardeners in Maine. When he died, the property was purchased by the McLaughlin Foundation, which

now cares for the house and garden and makes their beauty and charm available to the public. The small café prepared an excellent meal for JANE and we were also treated to a short Bob Villa documentary about the gardens. Don’t pass through South Paris without stopping here for lunch (Memorial Day to Labor Day)!

Following lunch, we drove the few remaining miles to Paris Hill for a “victory lap” around the village green before we parked on a private lawn just 50 yards from the collection (thanks to the generosity of homeowners Matt and Celia Dietrich). Brenda Soussan donated a very nice framed “thank you” letter to the Dietrichs, which they greatly appreciated. From there, it was but a short walk to the village green, where we set

up the JANE tailgate party for good food, drink, and socializing. Everyone envied Mike and Patty Axford’s neat folding table!

At 3 o’clock, Jeff Orwig,

the curator of the Bahre assemblage and a walking encyclopedia of automotive history, met us for a guided tour of the 68-vehicle collection, which is open to the public only one day a year

during the Paris Hill Founders’ Day celebration (the 3rd Saturday of July—mark your calendars for future visits). The small entrance fee supports the local library and the tour is well worth it. We were treated to a detailed history of each car and marveled at the scope of the collection. There aren’t too many places where one can see four Model “J” Duesenbergs, a Brewster Buick, a Tucker, a Mercedes SSK, a Mercedes staff car commissioned by Adolf Hitler for one of his generals, a Stutz Bearcat (and a Super Bearcat), an Auburn Speedster, a whole row

of rare Packards (including one commissioned by Carol Lombard for Clark Gable), a custom-bodied Delahaye, the only remaining real (not made-for-the-movie) “Chitty



The stairs leading down to main garage, with a Stutz on the left and a Cadillac on the right

Chitty Bang Bang”, and many other very interesting cars. Those who stayed until the end of the tour were treated to a special thrill when Jeff started Chitty’s mammoth 18.8 liter aircraft engine. (Those curious about Chitty and the R-rated origin of the name can find more information at www.chittythemusical.co.uk/behindthescenes/realchitty.htm.)

Several “die-hards” remained after the tour for more munchies, drinks, socializing, and tire-kicking. We hated to see the day end—it was truly an event to remember! 🎉

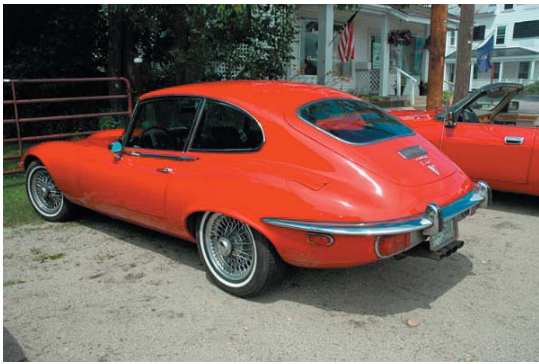
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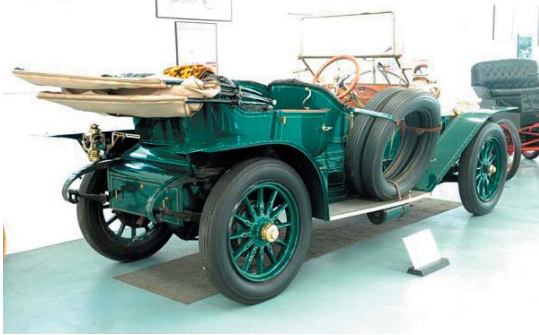
SIII E Type owned by Francis Savard



The main garage on the Bahre estate



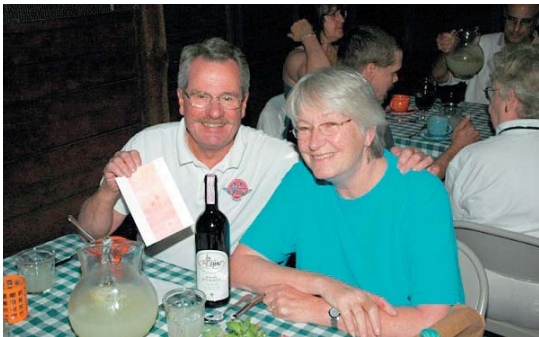
Peter Wadsworth and Kristina pose for a photo op



A 1910 Thomas Flyer M-6-40 Touring



The interior of the original "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang"



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The cockpit of a Stutz Bearcat



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Taking the Pain Out of Installing the IRS on an E Type

This is not rocket science, but, even in this day and age of high tech, there is still room for simple solutions.

Installing the independent rear suspension (IRS) on an E Type should be routine, BUT, fearing that I would join the ranks of those who have suffered from the syndrome known as “the rear end falling off the jack,” I decided to do something about it before it fell off the jack.

The solution was a 12” x 17” piece of 3/4” plywood that approximates the size of the bottom plate on the IRS, two pieces of 1 1/2” x 1 1/2” angle stock approximately

holding the plywood and angle stock, and one bolt with a washer underneath in the stub shaft to lock the jack pad in place and prevent it from turning or wobbling.

That was it! As can be seen in the photo with the IRS resting on the modified jack, it was a one-man job to roll

and tightened on the rear mounts. The IRS rear holes are slotted to



Note the countersunk holes in the plywood to accommodate the flat-head bolts



The view from below, showing the angle stock supporting the plywood, all securely bolted to the jack's pad

12” long, two 5/16” flat-head bolts, and some ingenuity. I drilled and tapped three 5/16” holes in the steel jack pad (the piece that does the lifting on the jack). Two of these holes were on the head of the pad, and the other was in the center of the stub shaft that slides into the hole in the jack arm. I drilled 11/32” clearance holes in the pieces of angle stock and corresponding clearance holes in the plywood, which I countersunk for the bolts. I then assembled the components with the two bolts

underneath in the stub shaft to lock the jack pad in place and prevent it from turning or wobbling.

It is next to impossible to get the nuts onto the rearmost bolts with all four mounts fitted to the IRS. The trick to

accept the stud on the mount as the IRS is raised into place. Don't forget to dry-fit the IRS to determine the number and location of the shims—especially important if

new mounts are being fitted. As was the case with me, recording the number and placement of the shims on disassembly did me no good, as the new mounts were wider between the flanges. Then, with the IRS out, fit the rear shims and tighten the bolts. The forward shims are then fitted after the IRS is in place before tightening these bolts. 🛠️

installation, which is detailed in some of the workshop manuals, is to install the rear mounts on the car with the forward mounts on the IRS. This way, the bolts and nuts can be installed



The moment of truth - George's IRS ready to be lifted up into the car

Do you have a tip or technique that might benefit some of your fellow JANE members? Jot it down and pass it along to your editor! Send your text and photos via US Mail to JANE, Department of Resourcefulness, 300 Westfield Street, Dedham, MA 02026, or via email to dave@dvpratt.com. Don't keep it to yourself!



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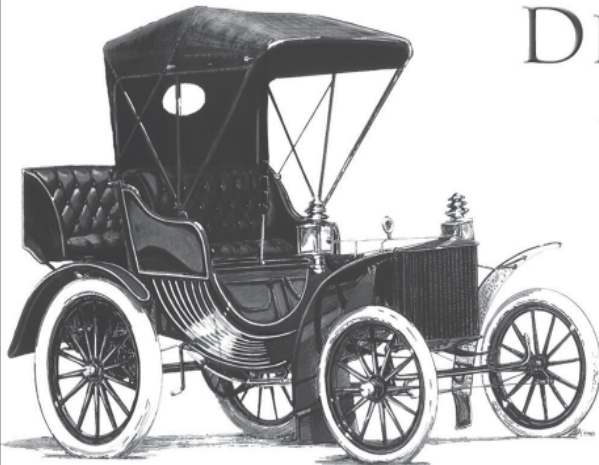
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Richard Congelosi
Sales Manager/ Woburn Jaguar

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