

# The Coventry Cat

The Newsletter  
of the

Jaguar Association  
of New England



### *The Changing of the Guard*

*Outgoing JANE President Carl Hanson (full glass) and incoming JANE President Ray O'Brien (empty glass) at the JANE Annual General Meeting and Holiday Party. Read all about it on Page 10! (Brenda Soussan photo.)*

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# Happy New Year and Drive Those Jaguars!

January 2008

# President's Update

By Ray O'Brien



**I want to wish a Happy New Year to all!** Hopefully, by now you are all shoved out from the December storms and can find your Jaguars. For me, the E Type is in hibernation—safely, dryly, and warmly resting until spring. Her oil was changed, she was lubed, her tires were inflated to 40 psi, and her gas was treated appropriately. The XKR is shod with winter boots and is purring like a kitten.

I believe that this is JANE's 40th year, and did you know that JANE is one of the largest clubs in JCNA? For the last two years, Carl Hanson has led the club and did a fantastic job, supported by his slate of officers that included Brenda Soussan (VP/Events), Adrian Curtis (Slaloms), Dave Herrick (Secretary), Don Holden (Treasurer), Tom Moses (VP/Membership), Mike Kaleel and Brenda Soussan (Concours), Aldo Cipriano (Chief Judge), Dennis Eklof (Webmaster), Dave Pratt (Editor, *Coventry Cat*), Prebble Eklof (Copy Editor), and Ed Hall (Circulation). Please join me in thanking this outstanding group who worked hard all year for JANE.

Last year was a great one for our club, with over 55 events! We had slaloms, an autojumble, rallies, tours, training sessions, a night at the drags, events with other car clubs, the concours (of course!), and many opportunities to meet and greet old friends and make new ones.

At our last meeting (the AGM and holiday party), a new slate of Officers was elected. Here is the roster for this year along with a list of our Board of Directors.

(Contact information for all of our Officers can be found in our new masthead on Page 3.) The officers are:

President: Ray O'Brien

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Secretary: Dave Herrick

Treasurer: Don Holden

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Dave Pratt has decided to relinquish the duties of editor for the *Coventry Cat* due to other pressing commitments. We thank Dave for his service to the club—he has done a fine job. So we have an opening for an editor of the *Coventry Cat*—a job that has been made easier over the last few years with the addition of technology and a systemized approach put in place by Dave. The *Coventry Cat* has won a few JCNA awards over

the past few years—would you like to take the job? If you think you are interested in helping the club, contact me directly, or contact Dave Pratt to learn more about what the job entails.

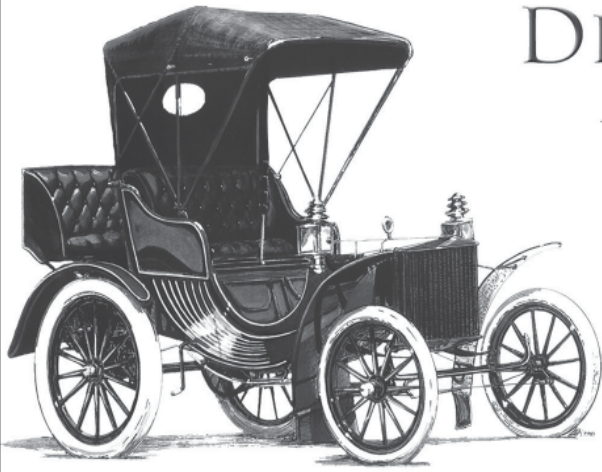
2008 will see the sale of Jaguar. Ford has decided to sell two more brands from their prestige brands group: Land Rover and Jaguar. The frontrunner at this writing is Tata Motors, located in India. Tata Motors ([www.tatamotors.com](http://www.tatamotors.com)) is a 7.5 billion dollar company with over 22,000 employees and was established in 1945. A formal announcement about the sale should come in early January.

The Board is meeting early this month to plot out this year's activities. 2008 promises to be as active and as much fun as last year, with many events already booked and more being planned. We should have the preliminary list together soon. If you have an idea for an event, contact me or Harry Parkinson—we would love to hear from you!

Our next monthly meeting is at Skip's Restaurant in Chelmsford on January 23rd—we hope to see you there. Happy New Year and drive those Jaguars! 🐾

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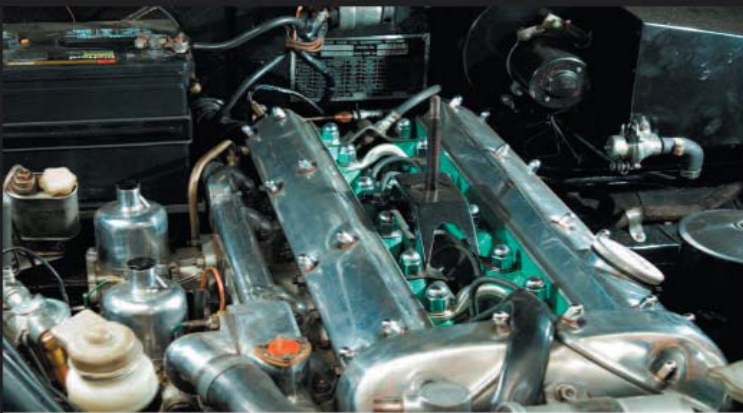
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## JANE Calendar of Upcoming Events

DATE - DAY	ACTIVITY OR EVENT	LOCATION
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<b>February</b>		
27 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
<b>March</b>		
26 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA
<b>April</b>		
23 - Wed 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Skip's Restaurant, Chelmsford, MA

**Looking for the Perfect New Year's Resolution? Start Attending JANE Monthly Meetings!**  
 ...Starting Wednesday, January 23rd

Know of something else happening that would be of interest to our members? Have an idea for an event? Want to run an event? Questions about an event? Contact Events Vice President Harry Parkinson at 603-882-9367 or harryparkinson@comcast.net

**CHECK THE JANE WEBSITE FOR LAST-MINUTE INFO ON ALL EVENTS!**


**L**ooking for the perfect New Year's resolution? Start attending the JANE Monthly Meetings! They're scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of every month, starting at 7:00 pm at Skip's Restaurant in Chelmsford, MA. Every third one is a business meeting, which gives you a chance to get involved with the running of our club and the planning of our activities. The ones in between are more social types of gatherings, with just a brief period of time from gavel to gavel.


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. Bring your Jag whenever weather permits—otherwise, bring a lesser car—the Jaguar people are at least as important as the Jaguars!

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 start coming out on a monthly basis, participate in our short-form and longer-form meetings, help set the direction for our club, and grab a bite with your Jaguar friends? 🍷

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# Year In Review

and varied activities throughout the year

August

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



A LAID-BACK CLUB GATHERING AT KEITH CARLSON'S HOME



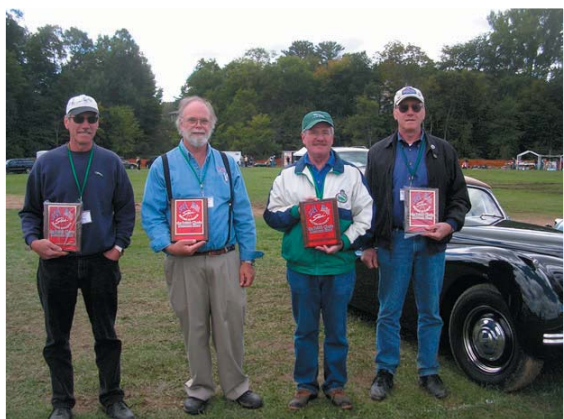
JAGUARS TOOK OVER AT LARZ ANDERSON FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON THE LAWN



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A FEW OF THE MANY JANE MEMBERS WHO TOOK HOME TROPHIES FROM THE BRITISH INVASION

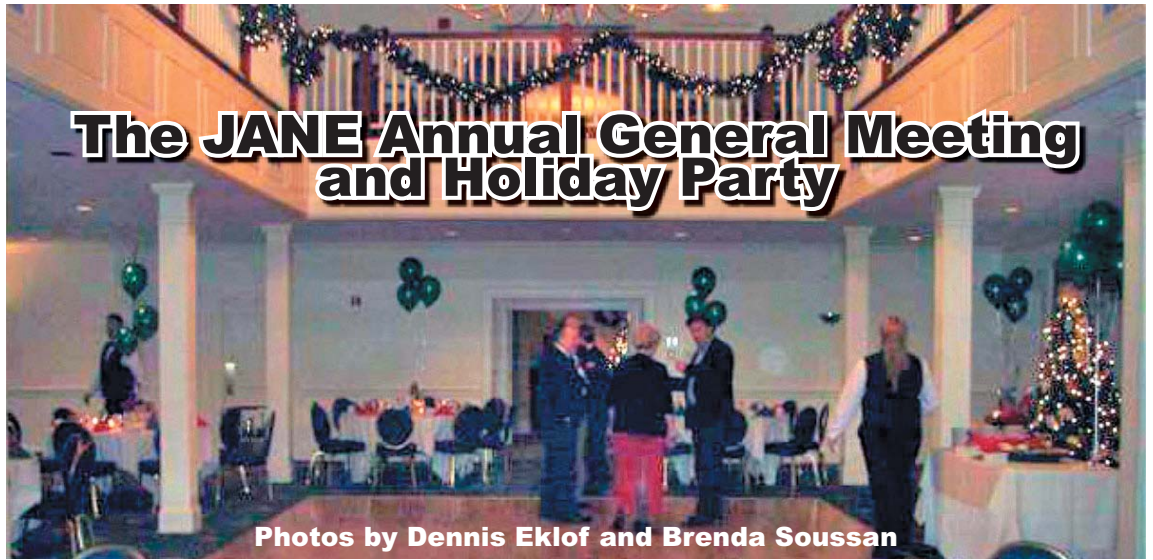


FROLICKING ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BACK ROADS DURING THE FALL FOLIAGE RALLY

# Event Report

By Carl Hanson

“  
*A jolly time  
was had  
by all!*  
”



## The JANE Annual General Meeting and Holiday Party

Photos by Dennis Eklof and Brenda Soussan

This year, JANE had the entire main ballroom of the Vespers Country Club for our soiree

**O**n Sunday, December 2nd, Avis Mello once again hosted JANE's Annual General Meeting and Holiday Party at the beautiful Vespers Country Club in Tyngsboro, MA. This year, JANE had the entire main ballroom of the club and it was beautifully decorated and very spacious—what a gorgeous place for the gathering! Threatening snowstorms kept the number of Jaguars in the parking lot down (Jaguars not being known for their traction in the snow!), but we had a good attendance of more than 50 JANE members and guests. The cocktail reception brought everyone together in a jovial mood. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages were enjoyed by all. At the stroke of 4:12, JANE President Carl Hanson called the Annual Meeting to order and Avis Mello gave the welcoming speech. Reports from each of the stand-

ing committees summarized the “State of JANE” for the year 2007. By all accounts, we had a successful year. We are financially solid, our membership numbers increased, and we are among the top of the JCNA clubs. We continue to have good participation in our many events and activities. Each committee chairperson received a certificate of appreciation and a beautiful Jaguar coffee mug from the President.

Don Holden presented Dawn Stanhope, Executive Director of David's House in Hanover, NH, a check for \$2200 as this year's gift to our favorite charity. This year, besides an amount of \$2000 as our contribution voted by the Board of Directors, we had an additional \$200 donation from the “dollar runs” sponsored by our slalom committee. We express our appreciation to our outgoing slalom chairman, Adrian Curtis, for this extra gift.

Dana Lee, of Lee Jaguar in Wellesley, donated three certificates of service for: 1) the JANE member who came the farthest—awarded to Margaret Caruolo from Bristol, RI; 2) the JANE member who came the farthest in a Jaguar—awarded to Ray O'Brien from Brookline, MA; and 3) the JANE member who came in the oldest Jaguar—awarded to John Chiungos in his 1983 XJ6.

Carl Hanson announced this year's recipients of the President's

Award for service to JANE by members other than officers, board members, or committee chairs. These are the people who volunteer their efforts for club events and help keep the club vital. This year's award went to Ed and Cheryl Avis, who hosted our tour of the fabulous Bob Bahre Classic and Antique Car Collection in Paris (Maine), hosted our hospitality suite at the Concours, and, despite living way down in Central Maine, drove their XK120 all the way up to our May Lawn Party at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, MA! (For those of you not from around Boston, we say “down to Maine” and “up to Boston”—a free drink at the January meeting for the first person who tells me why!)

Following the Award ceremony, Tom Moses, the chairman of the Board's Nominating Commit-



Dawn Stanhope was with us to receive JANE's contribution to David's House from Treasurer Don Holden

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A contested Yankee Swap gift! (What do you suppose Mike Kaleel was whispering in Carl's ear?)



From the left, Dave Herrick, Mike Kaleel, Stu Forer, Aldo Cipriani, Dave and Becky Randall, and Liz Herrick



Sanda O'Brien with John and Carmen Chiungos

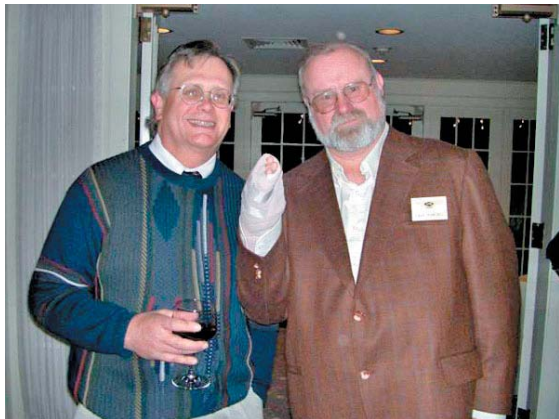
tee, presided over the election of Officers and Board Members for the coming year. The Nominating Committee came up with a slate and it was accepted by acclamation. (See our new masthead on Page 3 for the names and contact information of all of our new Officers and Directors.)

Newly-elected President Ray O'Brien then gave a short acceptance speech, looking forward to another great year. Harry Parkinson presented the now-Past President Carl Hanson with a gift. The meeting was then adjourned.

Following the meeting, a lavish banquet was served with lots of good cheer. Afterward, the annual Yankee Swap filled the ballroom with mirth and joy. This year's crowd showed lots of creativity in their "gifting", with beautiful wrappings hiding gifts ranging from Red Sox mugs to Victoria's Secrets "unmentionables". A jolly time was had by all!



Carl bidding farewell to his term as JANE President (note the custom Jaguar podium drapery)



The Daves - Herrick (L) and Randall (who will do anything to get out of having to carve the roast)



Outgoing President Carl Hanson with Board Member Margaret Caruolo



Brenda Soussan and event hostess Avis Mello struggling to get into the holiday spirit



Mike Kaleel gives a stirring rendition of 'Little Drummer Boy'



Carl shows off his farewell gift from grateful JANE members

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# Mystery Photo



**D**o you recognize anyone at this table from the meeting of NEXKA at Colonial Ten Acres restaurant in Wayland, MA, on Saturday night, November 15, 1969? (For the answer, hold this page up to a mirror.)

*Dave Randall and his girlfriend (now wife) Becky Best on the left.*

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**Mystery Driveshaft** - I have a driveshaft, maybe from an XJ6, left over from a lot of parts that came and went years ago. It is a two-piecer with a square mounting plate in the middle. If you would like it, I'll accept any offer, especially a Dunkin Donuts gift card in any denomination, to make it go away! John, Wayland MA, 508-653-5094, dpisland@galapanet.com (2/07)

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**Coco Mats** - A set of blue Coco mats for a Series 3 E Type, nearly NOS, from the 70's, slightly used, in great condition, \$25. Ray O'Brien, Brookline MA, 617-734-5949, raymondobrien@comcast.net (7/07)

**E-Type Series I Radiator** - When I rebuilt my '67 E-Type 4.2, I replaced the radiator with one of aluminum, so the original is surplus. Previous owner said it had been recored, but I cannot vouch for that. I never drove the car prior to the conversion to aluminum, so I have no experience with this radiator. The sale includes a high-quality aftermarket fan that is attached to the front of the radiator. Photos on request. \$400. Dennis, Boston area, 781-641-3537, dennis.eklof@verizon.net (7/07)

**E-Type Restoration Parts Left Over** - Four 15" chrome wire wheels, fair condition, serviceable, rust mostly on spoke nipples, some spots on rims. AMCO boot lid luggage carrier, excellent condition, straight, no rust, chrome good. AMCO front & rear bumper guards, fair condition, a few minor dents, scrape marks on bottom of front bottom bar. Make me an offer. I want the parts to go away, but don't want to throw them away. Rod, Quechee VT, 802-295-5659, rodfisher@mac.com (7/07)

**1.8HP Gear-Reduction Starter** - Fits ONLY XK 150 Automatics, Mk VII, VIII, and IX Automatics, and Mk I and II Series 2.4, 3.4 and 3.8 Automatics. Does not fit any 4.2 liter cars, or any manual transmission cars. Custom made by Gustafson Engineering of Gloucester, MA, and used on only a few occasions for testing. You will be amazed at how much faster your Jag will turn over and start with one of these starter motors! Cost \$245 plus shipping; asking \$195 plus S&H, or will deliver if close by. Tom Letourneau, Cumberland RI, 401-334-3315 (home), 401-651-3346 (cell), AlfaRacer1@cox.net (8/07)

**XJ-S Giro'ts Garage Car Cover** - Brand new, never used. Fits 1988 era XJ-S. Probably cost me \$300+. No, I haven't gotten rid of my XJ-S - just cleaning out the spare parts. \$125. Bruce Heintz, Weston MA, 781-891-6850 weekdays, heintzbd@aol.com (1/08)

**Nardi Steering Wheel** - Very beautiful, new Nardi wood steering wheel, approx. 13-3/4 inch outside diameter, that I tried on my 1988 XJ-S. Alas, the diameter is (much?) too small for my liking and I replaced it with the original wheel. Must have cost me almost \$400 to purchase - make offer. Want to class up your go-cart? Bruce Heintz, Weston MA, 781-891-6850 weekdays, heintzbd@aol.com (1/08)

**Oval (Euro) Headlights for XJ-S** - Pair of like-new headlights, chrome bezels, etc., from my 1988 XJ-S. These are of the type that were fitted to pre-facelift, Euro-spec XJ-S cars. Replacement cost, over \$600. Cool looking. \$150/pr. Bruce Heintz, Weston MA, 781-891-6850 weekdays, heintzbd@aol.com (1/08)

## WANTED

**XK140 Roadster** - In good condition and a good driver. David, 617-332-6400 X14, 617-232-9595 (6/07)

**LH Camshaft Cover** - I have a 1986 XJ6 with a 4.2 liter XK engine. My left hand valve cover is cracked. I am looking for a used one. I believe all the XK valve covers

are the same. Please let me know location and price. Greg Elevich, Marblehead MA, 781-631-5678, gelevich@yahoo.com (12/07)

## SWAP

**Car to Swap** - 1988 BMW 735i. Will swap for a Jaguar 420G, MGA, or Mercedes 280SE (W108/109). I have replaced my very fine 1988 735i (E32) with an X5. I'd like to swap the 735i for a Jaguar 420G or E-Type, an MGA or a Mercedes 280SE (1970-73), of similar or equivalent value. I have a Jaguar Mk II so Mk IIs are excluded. Car must be in good running order. More details and photos at mysite.verizon.net/vze7bvou/bmw735i. Vinoth, Brookline MA, 617-734-3270, rentalroom@hotmail.com (2/07)

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# BULLETIN

from Bridgnorth



**WHEN THE WEATHER GETS COLD,  
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As winter is upon us and the joys of motoring are reduced to simply getting there in one piece and hopefully keeping warm, a neglected heating system will soon have you shivering! Not to mention the steamed up windows and a windscreen that ices up on the move!

If you have doubts based on your experience from last year you may be surprised to learn just how inexpensive it might be to get a little

warmth back into your life. Here are just a few prices of the parts that might stop you seeing your breath as you drive!

#### HEATER MATRIX

E-Type S1/2	£40	€54	\$65
E-Type S3	£53	€72	\$86
MK2/V8	£42	€58	\$68
XK150 late	£90	€123	\$146
MK10 3.8	£89	€122	\$144
XJ6 S3/XJS early	£59	€80	\$95
XJS late /XJ40	£69	€93	\$111

#### HEATER VALVE

XJ6 S1	£35	€47	\$56
MK2/V8	£37	€51	\$60
E-Type S1/2	£21	€28	\$34
E-Type S3	£53	€73	\$86
XJ6 S2/3	£33	€44	\$53
XJ40	£26	€36	\$42
XK150/MK1	£28	€39	\$46

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Meanwhile, back on the spanners, the simplest of jobs can prove to be the hardest to do if you haven't got the right tool for the job. Here are a few of the ones that we get asked about all the time....

Genuine Thor copper hide hammer	£13	€18	\$21
Steering rack bush removal tool	£29	€39	\$46
Tool kit Garrington adjustable spanner	£29	€40	\$48
Tool kit feeler gauge set	£15	€21	\$25
Grease gun	£28	€39	\$46
Wooden 2 eared spinner removal tool	£13	€18	\$22
Three eared spinner removal tool	£30	€41	\$48
XK jack	£94	€128	\$152
MK2/ XK jacking ratchet	£39	€53	\$62
XK/3.8E budget lock key	£4	€6	\$7
Battery conditioner charger	£42	€58	\$68
XK engine timing chain tensioner tool	£14	€19	\$22
XK engine cam gauge	£15	€21	\$25
AJ6 engine cam gauge	£24	€32	\$38
Carb balancing tool/gauge	£26	€36	\$42
Stromberg carb adjusting tool	£6	€8	\$10
Massive steel oil drip tray	£18	€24	\$29
Wire wheel cleaning brush	£7	€10	\$12
XK tool roll*	£13	€17	\$20
E-Type S1/2 tool roll*	£20	€27	\$32
E-Type S3 tool roll*	£24	€33	\$39

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