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of New England



Margaret Caruolo with her 2007 XKR Coupe, "Cloud." Margaret donated the two Best in Show trophies at JANE's Concours d'Elegance and was also this year's winner of The Founder's Award.

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President's Update September 2008



The best JANE Concours ever ... Great new meeting location ... and many more events in September

By Ray O'Brien

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Our annual Jaguar Festival and Concours has just concluded. We had over 60 entrants in Concours, Driven, and Enthusiast classes, and we were blessed with great weather on Saturday and Sunday.

It started on Friday night with a gathering for drinks and pizza in the Hospitality Suite, hosted by Ed and Cheryl Avis, a great team assembling the "Goodie Bags," and meeting and greeting old and new friends.

Saturday started early with breakfast; then setting up the field; Patty and Mike Axford taking photos of the cars as they entered; the field team placing them in their appropriate spots on the field; Aldo and the judges checking the cars; Carl Hanson, Dennis Eklof, and myself setting up the silent auction and the raffle.

This was all followed by a cocktail hour and the awards ceremony. Awards were presented by Aldo Cipriano, Head Judge, Mike Kaleel, Co-Chair of the Concours, and myself. Once again, Margaret Caruolo donated and presented two Best of Show Awards for Championship and Driven classes. Thanks to Margaret for her continuing generosity. Dennis Eklof took the pictures. Thanks to Dennis for his great photography.

Two special awards were presented. The Aldridge Award went to Carl and Sing Hanson for their dedication and unwavering enthusiasm for the club. The Founders Award went to Margaret Caruolo as the outstanding member of JANE for 2008.

Sunday kicked off with a Funkana set up by Chuck Centore. It was a driving event for couples, with lots of crazy and fun things to do.

Everyone I spoke to mentioned that this was the best JANE Concours ever. Thanks to all who volunteered and helped. We couldn't do this without a team effort. The planning for the Concours takes a monumental commitment of time and energy. Special thanks and congratulations have to go to Brenda Soussan and Mike Kaleel for a terrific job in putting this together.

August also saw our first participation in the 24 Hours of LeMons, a fun event with participation by several JANE members. Read all about it here in the Cat. There was a Pot Luck Picnic and Lawn Party at the Eklofs', Cruise Night to Kimball Farm Ice Cream, a bunch of members heading down to Lime Rock, and the JCSNE slalom before the end of August.

We had our first monthly meeting at Longfellow's Wayside Inn; thirty-eight members showed up! This is a record. We usually have about twenty or so. It was a scramble to set up additional tables and fit everyone in the room, but we did it and had a great meeting and a wonderful dinner. The highlights were a great multimedia presentation of the Concours put on by Mike and Patty Axford, truly exceptional. This was followed by Chuck Centore showing us his pictures from the 24 Hours of LeMons. Those guys had way too much fun! We took a vote and everyone wants to go back to the Wayside Inn, a beautiful and historic inn and restaurant in Sudbury, MA.

There's a lot coming up in September: the JANE Fall Slalom, the North Shore Tour to the Myopia Hunt Club, racing and autocross events, and The British Invasion. There's a lot to do and a great diversity of events for all members to enjoy. Check the calendar in the Cat or on our website.

Our next monthly meeting is Wednesday, September 24th, and don't forget that our new meeting location is the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA -- www.wayside.org. 

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JANE Calendar of Upcoming Events

From the Editor

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WHAT

WHERE

September

7 - Sun - 8:30 a.m.	JANE/JCNA Fall Slalom	Nashoba Valley Ski Area, Westford, MA
14 - Sun	North Shore Tour to Myopia Polo Club	South Hamilton, MA
18-21 - Thu-Sun	16th Annual British Invasion	Stowe, VT
21- Sun	JDCLI Concours d'Elegance	Centerport, Long Island, NY
24 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
28 - Sun - 9:30 a.m.	Chauncey Creek Lobster Tour (tentative)	Chauncey Creek, Kittery, ME

October

3-4 - Fri-Sat	VSCCA, Finale Weekend	Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, CT
4 - Sat - 9 a.m.	Bonham and Butterfield Auction	LAAM, Brookline, MA
5 - Sun	JCSNE Slalom	Hartford, CT
18 - Sat - 12:30 p.m.	JANE/JCNA Fall Foliage TSD Rally	Starting from Sutton, MA
22 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

November

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


7 - Sun - 3 p.m.	JANE AGM and Holiday Party	To be determined
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GOOD NEWS!

On behalf of JANE, Brenda Soussan recently applied to Dunlop for their Dunlop Loyalty Rewards Program, and we have now been declared eligible!

Each time a club member purchases Dunlop tires, we earn points that we can put toward racing gear, Dunlop apparel, and electronics -- all things we can perhaps make good use of at club events.

Here's how it works: Every time you purchase Dunlop tires, keep your receipt. We will submit the receipts to Dunlop and JANE will earn points that we can redeem for rewards.

More complete information on this program and how we will manage it will be in a future issue of *The Coventry Cat* and on the JANE website. Stay tuned! 

JANE Drag Night, originally scheduled for Friday, August 22, has been postponed indefinitely. Tom Brady hopes to re-schedule it for next spring.

Know of something else happening that would be of interest to our members? Have an idea for a JANE event? Want to run an event? Questions about an event?

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Free Digital Projector to a Good Home

JANE has recently updated its club projection system and now offers our old projector to any club member who is willing to put up with its issues. The projector is a compact model, made by InFocus, Model LP290, and comes complete with shoulder bag, cords, connectors, and attachments.

What issues, you ask? It has a mind of its own and randomly decides to shut off when it doesn't like what it is projecting. Sometimes it works fine for an entire evening, however. So maybe its problem can be easily diagnosed and repaired. The free offer is extended without warranty or any other obligation on the part of the Board and Officers of JANE. In other words, you get it "as is" . . . and we are not subject to the Lemon Law. Contact Carl Hanson at 781-275-2707. Serious inquiries only. If not claimed by the end of the year, it goes into the trash.


Upcoming JANE Events

JANE Monthly Meetings Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA



Longfellow's Wayside Inn

JANE held its August meeting at Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA. Apparently a lot of folks wanted to check out this new meeting location, as we had a record turnout -- thirty-eight!

The Wayside Inn is a lovely historic inn and restaurant on beautiful grounds, with lovely gardens to stroll through while we still have summer daylight up to the time the meeting begins. We are able to park our Jags along the semicircular drive in front of the Inn, very near the door to our meeting room. The food is good, the service is good, and the ambiance very nice. If you haven't been coming to the monthly meetings for a while, why not come to the September 24th meeting? It's a great way to stay connected to the club. The address is 72 Wayside Inn Road, Sudbury, MA. Phone 978-443-1776. Their website is www.wayside.org. 



Gary and Sue Hagopian arriving



John Brady, Stu Forer, and Ray O'Brien greeting attendees



Tom Brady, Theresa Gassner, Michael Kaleel, and Brenda Soussan had their own table

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Fall Slalom September 7th



Bill and Tom Parish
JANE Slalom Co-Chairs

Autumn is on the way -- Time to watch the falling leaves and falling times at the JANE Fall Slalom!



Mark your calendars now for JANE's second slalom event of the year. The Fall Slalom will be held Sunday, September 7th, at the Nashoba Valley Ski Area in Westford, Massachusetts.

After a very successful Spring Slalom we are looking forward to a similar strong event in September. The venue is excellent. The weather will be excellent. And the driving will be excellent. Whether you have never run a slalom before, or are a regular, plan to come and take in this event – focused on making slaloming fun and comfortable for beginners and experts alike. We want everyone to experience the thrill of driving Jaguars (or other cars) the way they were meant to be driven.

Volunteers needed for setup, timing, scoring, etc. If you are interested please contact either Tom Parish (tparish@carlisle-co.com) or Bill Parish (wdparish@verizon.net) . 




Scenes from our Spring Slalom in May 2008

North Shore Tour September 14th



The North Shore Tour will begin at the Salem Witch Museum on Sunday, September 14th. If you want to take the tour of the museum, you must be there by 8:45 a.m., as it begins promptly at 9 a.m. If you are not interested in the museum presentation, be there by 9:45 a.m., as the driving tour will leave from the museum promptly at 10 a.m. It will wind north through the Salem Sound area, Beverly Farms, and Manchester by the Sea, to Essex, for lunch at the famed Woodman's Restaurant. After lunch we will go the last six miles or so to the Myopia Polo Club for polo matches being conducted between 3 and 5 p.m. If there is anyone who does not want to stop at Woodman's for lunch, or who plans to skip the tour and go directly to the Polo Club, you may picnic on the grounds prior to the matches.

JANE will be the guests of the Polo Club, with a reserved area for parking our Jags. Not only THAT -- at half time in the polo matches, we are invited to do a parade "lap" with our Jags, going from the goal posts at one end through the goal posts at the other end. And not only THAT -- our president, or any other designated JANE person is invited to present the Polo Awards of the Day, which just happens to be Harvard University Benefit Cup Day! What a fine way to spend an autumn Sunday afternoon in New England.

Aldo Cipriano is organizing this event. Please let Aldo know if you plan to participate, and whether you will do the Salem Witch Museum presentation, the driving tour, lunch at Woodman's, etc. Aldo is at 508-473-1435 or cipriani62@yahoo.com. 



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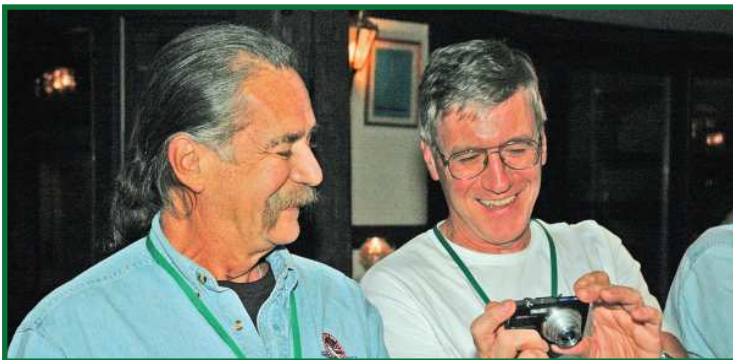
Carl Hanson

Get Ready for the 2008 British Invasion! Jaguar is one of the two featured marques this year, and JANE will be a big part of the action! Every year the British Invasion (BI) is the largest British car show in the Northeast...not only that, but it is being called the largest "All British Lifestyle Event on the East Coast of the United States." Whew! Starting Thursday, September 18th, and running through midday Sunday, September 21st, there will be British cars buzzing around the mountain roads and villages around Stowe in north central Vermont. The big show, of course, is the "British Classic Motorcar Show and Concours d'Elegance" on Saturday, the 20th, starting at 8:30 a.m. The show grounds will be covered by upwards of 800 cars, large tents with food and merchandise vendors, and smaller canopies of clubs and parts suppliers. Check out the British Invasion website for the schedule of events, registration information, and accommodations (which are always tight for that weekend). The website address is www.britishinvasion.com.

So what will JANE be doing?

- **Thursday** -- Tours of the area. Some take the Champlain Islands tour. Others go on their own. For example, Rod Gilbert and friends drive the beautiful back-country roads to visit the "Tunbridge World's Fair" on Thursday.
- **Friday** -- Annual JANE dinner. Private room at Ye Olde England Inne on Friday evening starting at 6:30 after the "Registrant's Reception" that takes place under the big tent on the show ground. This year Dennis and Prebble Eklof will host the dinner. You need to let them know if you are coming no later than Wednesday, September 17, so they can get a head count to the Inne-keeper. Contact prebble.eklof@verizon.net or tel. 978-448-2566.
- **Saturday** -- Car Show. On Saturday, we will have a JANE canopy nestled among the Jaguars on the show ground. We will provide a place to hang out, get out of the sun (or rain), buy some club merchandise, discuss upcoming events, read the latest *Coventry Cats*, place your name in the raffle pool, etc. Let Carl Hanson know if you are willing to take a turn hosting our space for an hour or two (chansonjag@aol.com). Since Jaguar is one of the two featured marques (the other is Morgan), we will be near the front row close to all the action. Wagner Jaguar of Boylston, Massachusetts, will have several cars on display near the JANE canopy, including an XKR drophead, a new S-Type, new XF, new XJ, and a used XJ. Sale discounts will apply, deeper discounts for JANE members -- bring your check books!
- **Sunday** -- Various competitions and winners drive-bys. JANE members usually do quite well in the People's Choice Awards. Farewell lunch TBD, then the drive home.

Most of all, we will be having fun! 🇬🇧



Steve Fairchild and John Brady reviewing pictures at last year's Friday night dinner at Ye Olde England Inne



Carl Hanson's and John Brady's two "old friends" side by side on the show field at the 2007 British Invasion



This nice Mk V won its class



Peter Wadsworth had the best E-Type at the 2007 British Invasion

Tri-State Fall Foliage TSD Rally

October 18th



Tom Letourneau
Rally Master


Yes, it is almost that time. This year's annual JANE Fall Foliage Tri-State Rally will take place on October 18th. A rain date has not been set, and hopefully we will not need one.

This year's Rally will start from the parking lot of the famous Purgatory Chasm State Reservation (<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/central/purg.htm>), which is located on Purgatory Road in Sutton, Massachusetts, right off Route 146 either northbound or southbound. It is very easy to find no matter where you may be coming from. From the Providence area, Worcester area, Boston area, or any of the major Interstate routes, there are direct links to hooking up with Route 146. The Tourist Center at the Reservation does not open until 8:30 a.m., so have breakfast before you leave home or on the way, and grab that last cup of coffee somewhere before you arrive at the Reservation, as the Drivers' Meeting will begin at 8:30 and the first car goes out at 9:00 a.m.

There are reasons for the early start! This year's Rally is for two clubs, the Jaguar Association of New England and the Alfa Owners of New England. We hope this combined effort will bring out lots of participants. I promise that the route will be extremely interesting, with some great scenery along the Tri-State route (Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island). Plus, our Rally route will take us by Thompson, CT, and we have managed to get permission for our rallyers to take a quick tour of the old SCCA road course at Thompson Speedway. We will make this one of the check points along the route, and you will have the rare opportunity to actually take a spin around the course.

The destination of our Rally route is designed to be of special interest to the women participants. So come on out for a fun day of rallying, after which we will have the awards presentations and dinner at a very nice restaurant. The restaurant will provide us with a five- or six-item menu from which to choose

In order to eliminate the last-minute, time-consuming registration process, so we can get our early start, and so we can give the restaurant a head count, we are requiring pre-registration and payment. (More information about the pre-registration process in next month's *Coventry Cat*.)

Don't forget to review the fine points about rallying in the July issue of *The Coventry Cat* and to check out the event report for last year's TSD Rally on the JANE website. If you have questions or need additional information, contact me at 401-334-3315 or AlfaRacer1@cox.net. 



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2007 Rally winners
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Other Happenings

JDCLI Concours d'Elegance

September 21st

The Jaguar Drivers Club of Long Island invites JANE to their 2008 Jaguar Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, September 21st, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Concours event will kick off with a Grand Concours Dinner in the Garden on Saturday, September 20th, at 7 p.m. Complete information on the event is at www.jdcli.com/concours.html.



JCSNE Slalom Two

October 5th

If JANE's Fall Slalom whetted your appetite for more action, go on down to Connecticut to have another go at it. Jaguar Club of Southern New England will hold another JCNA-sanctioned slalom on Sunday, October 5th, at 360 Market Street, Hartford, CT.

9:00 a.m. Registration and Tech Inspection
9:30 a.m. Drivers' Meeting
9:45 a.m. First Car Off

Registration: \$20 for JCNA members
\$25 for non-JCNA members



Need more info? Contact Kenneth Haas at 860-345-0015.

Bridgehampton Road Rally - Tour - Concours

September 26-28th

Weekend Schedule

- Fri - Sept 26 Rally School, practice, check-in, technical inspection, and Road Rally Happy Hour
- Sat - Sept 27 Vintage Sports Car Road Rally and Classic Car Tour, Party and Awards Ceremony
- Sun - Sept 28 Concours and Auto Show

This event is in Bridgehampton, NY. For more information on the event and accommodations, please contact Stephen Ring at 631-259-2604 or by email at BASICnyc@aol.com.



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Event Reports

JANE's 36th Annual Concours d'Elegance and Jaguar Festival

by Brenda Soussan



**JANE Concours Co-Chairs
Michael Kaleel and Brenda Soussan**

We would like to thank everyone who was involved in this year's Jaguar Festival. The sponsors, supporters, goodie bag donators, registrar, judges, volunteers, and participants all were outstanding.

As usual, the party started Friday night with our increasingly popular pizza, beer, and wine "thank you" party, compliments of SNG Barratt. Since there is no free lunch, we quickly enlisted the troops to stuff the canvas goodie bags with a tee shirt, Meguiar's wax products, and other assorted giveaways. This task was accomplished in mere minutes due to the number of helpers. After the stuffing was done it was back to the Hospitality Suite for more socializing and merrymaking. When it got to be 10 p.m., Ed and Cheryl Avis, the hosts of the Hospitality Suite, had to tell the party goers to lock up when they left.

Saturday morning was a Concours Chair's dream. The weather was going to be in the 70's and a little overcast. There was a sigh of relief throughout the setup crew (Chuck Centore, Les Bank, and Ed Hall). This year we had a member who is a professional photographer take the entrants' photos. Patty and Mike Axford, with the assistance of Joel Turrell, did a beautiful job of capturing the essence of this event, which is available on the web as a photo montage. Patty and Mike came exclusively to take the photos, they did not have a Jag in the event. When they sent me the link to the montage I was speechless and a little teary. We have given them the job for life.

As the morning progressed, things just fell into place. Our gatekeeper, John Chiungos, had everything under control. Carmen Chiungos gathered her minions (Avis Mello, Carl Hanson, Cheryl Avis, and Ruth Diamoia) for the raffle sales meeting. The raffle ticket sales were a great success. The flag team (Sing Hanson, Jane Murray, Donna Cunningham, Mike Axford, Crin Coull, Prebble Eklof, Rod and Linda Fisher) were determined not to let one Cat go for an unexpected swim in the lake. If you have been to this event you know that the pictures are taken in front of the lake, and you must drive along the bank of the lake to get to the photographer. As the cars filled the field, Registrar Bruce Murray was busy with "day of" entrants. His calm and steady approach was invaluable to sorting out the last minute details.

The judges convened their meeting, went over last minute details, and had their picture taken. Head Judge Aldo Cipriano and his JCNA certified judges (Chuck Centore, Eric Hagopian, Gus Niewenhous, Steve Gordon,

Stu Forer, Francisco Silva, Dean Cusano, Ed Hall, Mark Cioffi, Al Wiedie, Karen and Stew Jones, Bob Doyle, Ken Haas, Hal Kritzman, Bob Lovell, Arnie Friedlander, Jim Sambold, Fred Grieve, and Ed Messakian) were ready to fairly judge the entrants.

Our volunteers this year included children of entrants and their friends. Michelle Nichols brought her daughter, Ashley Nichols, and Maida, Ashley's friend, as well as Chris Knight. The Silvas brought their college age daughters Jacqueline and Carolyn. Ashley and Maida filled balloons with helium all afternoon. Jacqueline and Carolyn Silva, with the help of Chris Knight, ran the judges' score sheets to the tally room the entire afternoon. Every one of these volunteers was a great help in making the event run without a hitch.

The club was showered by supporters with raffle and silent auction prizes, and there were lots of smiling faces as the booty was collected from our announcers, Ray O'Brien, Dennis Eklof, Carl Hanson, and Toni Lee of SNG Barratt.

As the judging was being concluded we opened the tent bar to the crowd. This year, as last year, the cocktail hour was sponsored by Lincoln Financial. All entrants and their passengers were given a free drink ticket, and there were two cheese and fruit displays to nibble on. The cocktail hour is very appreciated. It gives the entrants time to unwind and talk about the day. The awards ceremony was started promptly at 4 p.m. and went very smoothly. The Best in Show Driven was Don Foster's 1965 S-Type. George Rhein's 1963 E-Type FHC was Best in Show Champion. The People's Choice was Jim Roberge's magnificent 1972 XKE (The Beast). The Farthest Driven was won by a mere one-mile difference and awarded to Dave and Edna Andrews, who drove from Bowmanville, Ontario. For the first time in our club's memory, we had a 100-point perfect entrant. Mary Finan in her 2009 Indigo Blue XF had the perfect ride.

At the end of our awards ceremony we had a scrumptious buffet banquet that was well attended and accompanied by music. The tunes continued until well after dinner, with a few closing the dance floor at 9:30 p.m.

Sunday morning was a change from our standard rally. Chuck Centore treated "the willing" to a new event, a Funkana, that will not be forgotten soon. The course was challenging, but a few brave souls ventured through it, Mike and I included. See Chuck's wrap-up of the Funkana on page 14.

We feel lucky to belong to such a fun club with such involved members. See you next year. The place has already been booked and the date set. 🍀

*Mike and Patricia Axford's photo montage
of JANE's Concours weekend
is available on the web
at*

www.axfordphoto.com/Slideshow/JANE/

Check it out. It is beautiful.



Hospitality Suite host Ed Avis welcomes Sing Hanson to the Friday night party



Aldo Cipriano and Ray O'Brien are ready to party



The Friday night Pizza Party in full swing at the Hospitality Suite



Kathy Hall and Brenda Soussan discussing goodie bag contents



Mike Kaleel welcomes Joel and Barbara Turrell, from Lewisburg, PA



Mary Finan, Tom Finan, and Les Bank pitch in to stuff the goodie bags



Carl and Sing Hanson's XK120 in the very early light on show day



Ed and Cheryl Avis's XK120 is the lone morning sentinel by the Gazebo



View of the show field from the Gazebo



Prebble Eklof, Kathy Hall, and Patt Centore wearing their buttons in memory of Harry Parkinson



Brenda Soussan promoting the Sunday morning Weenie Toss Funkana



Avis Mello selling raffle tickets

*All pictures are in color on the website
www.j-a-n-e.org*



Dennis Eklof and Ray O'Brien announce raffle winners



Gus Niewenhaus, Jim Sambold, Aldo Cipriano, and Carl Hanson look secretive about something



Tom Brady with his 1961 Mark IX Saloon



Keith Carlson makes an impressive entry with his 1954 XK120 OTS



Tom Brady, Mike Kaleel, Aldo Cipriano, Carl Hanson, and Ray O'Brien kick off the cocktail reception prior to the awards ceremony



Best in Show Champion Class - George Rhein's 1963 E-Type FHC



Best in Show Driven Class - Don Foster's 1965 S-Type



Jim Roberge's 1972 Silver E-Type is always popular. It was the People's Choice this year.



Tom and Mary Finan in their 100-point 2009 XF



Bruce Murray was busy as our Registrar, but here's Bruce as he entered the show field on Concours morning



Dennis and Prebble Eklof passing the Aldrich Award to Carl Hanson



Ray and Sanda O'Brien know how to tango!



Cheryl Avis and Carl Hanson beckon to others to join the dancing

Concours Funkana by Chuck Centore



The Jane Concours Funkana was just the thing to lighten up a terrific weekend with our Jaguars. The Funkana course provided challenges for all participants but was also a barrel of laughs. Each driver was required to wear the special head protection, shown below by our president, Ray O'Brien. This was absolutely required before anyone could

enter the grueling Funkana obstacle course. The co-pilot would wear a pair of stylishly-designed Jaguar slippers to ease the way along the course, as exquisitely modeled by Mary Finan below. These were provided free of charge to all contestants at the Weenie Protection Center.



There were two objectives on that sunny Sunday morning. We were looking for the Fastest Weenie and also for the Longest Weenie. The title of Fastest Weenie would be awarded to the competitor who navigated the course in the shortest time. The Longest Weenie would be awarded to the driver who threw the Weenie the farthest. Manning the timing post was one of our crack Concours statisticians, Patt Centore. On the tape, measuring the length of each Weenie tossed, was none other than Ed Hall.



Once the event started, laughs were the order of the day. Each car started on the course in reverse with the co-pilot carrying a goblet of water outside the car window, which would be emptied at the first destination, the Weenie Water Reclamation Center. Once complete, they would race through the pylons, where they would move tennis balls from one side of the car to the other. Next it was on to the Official Weenie Golf Center. Here each competitor was required to putt one golf ball, using the best golf putter money could buy. Mike Kaleel and Brenda Soussan take their turn on the putting green (right).



After completing the rigors of the Golf Putting Station, it was now on to the Weenie Toss itself. The drivers were required, with their eyes open, to grab the biggest Weenie they could lift and hurl it over their car onto the Weenie Toss course. As mentioned above, each Weenie tossed was not only accurately measured for length of toss, but Ed Hall personally verified that each Weenie was of official weight and length.


Now it was off to the Official Weenie Tire Rotation Center. Here, the co-pilot would exit their vehicle and roll a spare tire around the car while singing the JANE Weenie Tire Rotation anthem, "What Kind of Fool Am I?"

As they were now closing in on the end of the course, the contestants were treated to the Official Weenie Buzzer Puzzle. Each contestant would exit the vehicle and have to push a series of buttons until the Weenie Buzzer sounded. Then it was off to one last chore, and that was for both to exit the vehicle and remove a ball from a bucket on each side of the car and put it into a bucket on the other side of the car. This was harder than it looked, especially for Jaguar owners!

Once complete, they were off to the finish line, where their time was recorded.


The contestants for this event were: Mike Kaleel and Brenda Soussan, Dennis and Prebble Eklof, Ray and Sanda O'Brien, Tom and Mary Finan, Carl Hanson and Jim Sambold, Rodney and Linda Fisher, Chris and Irene Lappano, and Avis Mello and Jean Norcera.

The winners were awarded Fine Weenie Trophies, see below. Losers got to keep their Weenies. In first place, winning the Fastest Weenie Trophy, were Dennis and Prebble Eklof (below left), with an official time of 4 minutes and 7 seconds. Not to be outdone, our own Ray and Sanda O'Brien (below right) snatched the Longest Weenie Trophy with an outstanding toss of 31 feet 2 inches.

It just doesn't get any better. 



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Pot Luck Picnic and Lawn Party

August 17th

About 25 JANE members gathered at Dennis and Prebble Eklöf's home in Groton on a perfect late summer Sunday afternoon for a pot luck picnic and lawn party. Beautiful Jaguars rested on the front lawn while a good time was had by all. Some "kicked tires," some swam in the pool, others played a ladder ball game, and we had a varied and wonderful spread of food and drink. Thanks to everyone for their contributions. 🇺🇸



Dave and Becky Randall enjoying the shade of the canopy



Buzz Hawes flew over in his plane and took this aerial shot of the party



Two beauties in the shade



Jags enjoying the shade of the trees



The "chow" line

Cruise Night at Kimball Farm

August 21st

Once again, JANE had a nice turnout this year for Cruise Night at Kimball Farm. It was an absolutely perfect late summer evening, and there was the usual variety of cars to admire -- or wonder at -- in addition to a live band, good food, and about the best ice cream around. If you missed it this year, too bad. But there's always next year. 🇺🇸



The JANE Jags all in a row



All that tire kicking works up an appetite



How's this for contrast?



Jungle Cat Racing Thrives and Survives 24 Hours of LeMons!

By Tom Moses



JANE's Jungle Cat Racing Team prepped and raced a salvaged, 1993 XJ40 for the 24 Hours of LeMons race at Stafford Springs Motor Speedway. The race, called "The Ultimate Test of Not-So-Bright Man and Shockingly Crappy Machine," was the very first 24-Hours of LeMons venture in the Northeast. The race is run six times a year around the country.

Drivers Gary and Matt Hagopian, Chuck Centore, Tom Moses, Adrian Curtis, and Dennis Eklof, together with Aldo Cipriano, Crew Chief Bruce Murray, Alan Quinn, Buzz Hawes, and Ed Hall worked steadily to complete the car before traveling to Stafford Springs, CT. Day-before-the-race tasks included draining coolant, adding sponsor decals, installing the 5-point racing harness to the seat, provided by crew member Tom Letourneau, and securing high-density foam padding to the roll-cage. Even removal of the big cat's airbag was a day-before-the-race task. Adrian and Gary successfully removed the airbag, using instructions received overnight from a blogger in England.

was duly impressed with the XJ40, but with a small rust-hole behind the driver's seat and the uncovered battery, Jungle Cat couldn't pass tech. A team meeting and "round-the-horn" discussion revealed our best options. Bruce scrambled to the auto parts store to buy a plastic battery box, and Tom would go pit to ferret out a welder and steel plate.

There is a spirit of camaraderie and cooperation at most races, and LeMons was no different. The Alfa team had a welder and plate stock, which they immediately offered. George Jones had arrived at this point and wasted no time jumping in to help Gary shape and weld the plate into the floor behind the driver's seat.



Welding in the pit (Photo by Buzz Hawes)



Final preparations (Photo by Buzz Hawes)

A couple of last minute issues set hearts racing. A late morning call from the LeMons' organizers required the team to remove the racer's front windscreen. A spider crack had developed in the windshield on the driver's side. Any crack in the driver's line of sight requires that the glass be removed. There was no time to replace the windshield; the team would run without one. Windshield anxiety was replaced by that sinking feeling when the racer failed to start (for the first time ever) as it was time to load the car and depart for Connecticut. A quick tech check revealed a dead battery. To be sure, Aldo Cipriano acted to secure a spare starter from sponsor Millis Auto Salvage.

Saturday at the Speedway dawned warm and foggy. The Jungle Cat team joined the line of trailers and cars queuing up to enter the paddock. It was the first time the competition showed itself.

The car passed tech easily this time and the racers lined up behind the pace car.

By the drawing of straws, driver order was established. Gary would start off, followed by Chuck, Tom, Adrian, Matt, and Dennis. Drivers would drive 20 to 30-minute shifts for the next 14 hours – or as long as the car lasted.

In addition to surviving the stress of continuous racing and the mechanical challenges of keeping a salvaged car running, the team had to deal with draconian, yet comical punishments. Meaningless infractions, like hitting a cone or putting a tire in the dirt, were met with a Black Flag and time in the penalty box. There, drivers would throw darts at a board to determine their fate!

Tom Moses sat out 30 minutes for hitting a cone and had to wear an electronic dog collar for "driver training." A junky rearview mirror was welded to the hood of the XJ40 when Jungle Cat failed to yield the race line to the competition. For spinning out, "naughty bunnies" were welded to the car roof by Arc-angel, the official LeMons welder. Chuck was tarred and feathered. And Adrian, Gary, Matt, and Dennis did their time, too.



Naughty bunny penalty (Photo by Buzz Hawes)

Jungle Cat Racing wasn't singled out. Other competitors faced far worse penalties –without even mentioning the "Peoples Curse."

Drivers who liked to bump other cars found the Grille of Damocles menacing their radiator. The Grille turned out to be an old Volvo unit fitted with long rods that point inward toward the radiator. The unit is welded to the offending car's bumper. Upon impact, the rods are forced through the radiator, bringing to an end the life of the offending car. Team Go Green managed to "win" this special award.



Foggy morning at Stafford Springs (Photo by Buzz Hawes)

Once inside the gate, the team registered and prepared the racer for tech inspection. With tech inspection – more tough news. The tech team



Holding the race line
(Photos by Jalopnik.com-Drumhurrin)

The much feared "People's Curse Award" was brought upon a hapless victim on the morning of the second day. Ballots were collected from each team and the car voted the "Peoples Curse" was then destroyed. Would the curse be visited upon the XJ40? Maybe the Jag was just too nice –worth far more than \$500. Maybe it was too big and too difficult to pass. Fortunately for Jungle Cat Racing, the victim was a hapless diesel Mercedes whose driver(s) seemed especially "uncooperative." With the throttle wide open, each team captain was invited to place (or pour) any item into the oil filler until the engine blew. It didn't take long. Jungle Cat Racing contributed two liters of Coca Cola.

In the end, the Endurance Karting team's Miata won, and our Alfa friends, Alfa Romeo Milano of Scuderia Limoni took third.

Jungle Cat Racing hovered mid-pack throughout the race and finished #20.



Jungle Cat Racing XJ40
(Photo by Jalopnik.com-Drumhurrin)

Jungle Cat Racing thrived AND survived. Now JANE has a race car for its members to use. Going forward, we can slalom, do special events and track days, and even begin club racing. The LeMons race showed that JANE members have the talent and passion. Give it a try, get involved, it is FUN!



L to R: Bruce Murray, Gary Hagopian, Tom Moses, Chuck Centore, Dennis Eklof, Adrian Curtis, and Matt Hagopian

LeMons Blog

Immediately after the race the LeMons' blog erupted with news, including comments about the Jag:

"Is that a Jag XJ of some description I see...?"

"I also can't believe that's an XJ in motion. What is this, first lap footage?"

"... No the Jag was running for both days. When the drivers pressed for more acceleration, both tailpipes (it had the factory exhaust system) belched out black smoke, so it must have been running rich. Their biggest downfall on day one was their use of Bridgestone Blizzak tires on all four corners. Insane!"

Race Results

- 1 – 90 – Endurance Karting Miata
- 2 – 29 – Kielbasa Kids Honda Civic
- 3 – 60 – Scuderia Limoni Alfa Romeo Milano
- 4 – 0 – Keystone Kops Volvo 244
- 5 – 06 – Scuderia Testa di Spillo Alfa Romeo Milano
- 6 – 21 – Team Pro-Crass-Duh-Nation Alfa Romeo Milano
- 7 – 01 – Schumacher Taxi Service Toyota FX-16
- 8 – 03 – Dentonators VW Golf
- 9 – 2 – Schumacher Taxi Service Audi 90
- 10 – 77 – Team Rob, his two loser friends, and stupid brother VW Golf
- 11 – 8 – Bean Counters Out Back Racing Subaru Outback
- 12 – 4 – Nut Job Racing Honda Civic
- 13 – 07 – Go Green Honda CRX
- 14 – 64 – Legion of Doom Chevrolet Malibu
- 15 – 00 – No Budget Racing Pontiac Firebird
- 16 – 20 – Mostly Motorsports Toyota Paseo / Mazda RX-7
- 17 – 11 – Team Eliminators Toyota Camry
- 18 – 37 – Italian Job Racing BMW E-30
- 19 – 66 – Chard Beef Racing Buick Regal
- 20 – 02 – Jungle Cat Racing Jaguar XJ-6
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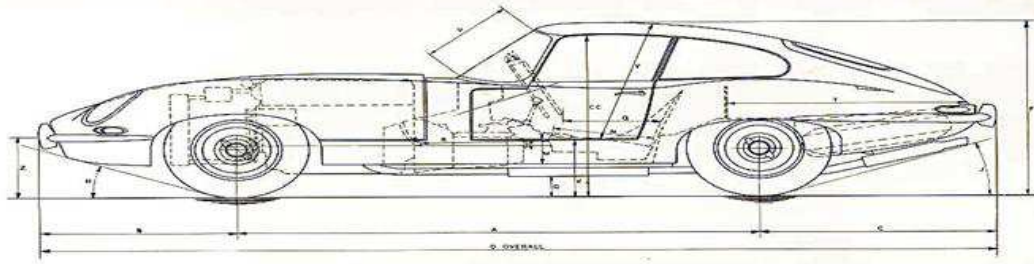


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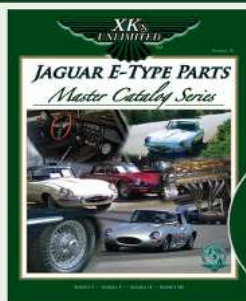
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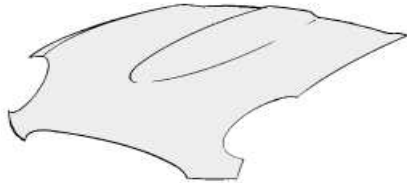
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