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*1957 photo of Keith Carlson in his 1948 Mark IV drophead that he drove from Chicago to California in the fall of '57. (See story on page 14.)*

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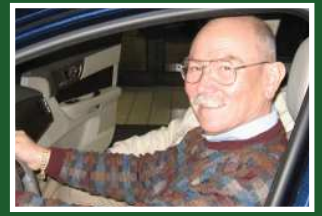
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# President's Update February 2010



## Over the Winter Hump and Heading Toward Spring By Dennis Eklof

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It's February 3rd as I write this month's President's Update, and already the days are getting longer. Our first driving event of the season is a scant 6 1/2 weeks away -- our annual Maple Syrup Brunch Tour on Saturday, March 20th. This year we are returning to Parker's Maple Barn in Mason, NH, after a couple of years at other venues. Those who have been to Parker's in the past will remember the great food and the tour of their maple syrup-making facilities. Keep your fingers crossed that the weather allows us to roll out the Cats for that first day of spring.

I have an additional concern -- getting Elizabeth, our E-Type, ready for summer in time. I mentioned in last month's notes a major redo of my shop/garage. It is moving ahead very nicely, and I am pleased with the results, but it is still a few weeks away from being functional -- it's going to be tight getting ready for the Maple Tour. You can read more about my garage project on the JANE blog.

While the Parker's event is a ways away, things have been, and will continue to be, busy for JANE members. A committee of JANE members met in January to plan JANE's events for 2010. Carl Hanson led the meeting, and Chuck Centore, Aldo Cipriano, Ed Hall, Mike Kaleel, Tom Moses, Bruce and Jane Murray, Ray O'Brien, Brenda Soussan, and Prebble and I contributed our thoughts to Carl's initial proposals. The calendar was presented at the January monthly meeting, and we are off to another jam-packed JANE year. You can see all the details in this month's *Coventry Cat*, or on the JANE calendar online.

A couple of events are still tentative, and we need member input on whether they are of sufficient interest to move forward. Also, we need event Chairpersons, "movers and shakers" to make some of them happen. Carl's job as VP of Events is to work with others in the club to put together a schedule of events, not to be the Chairperson for all the events! If you are interested in playing that roll for an event but don't feel you have enough experience, never fear. Other members have been-there-done-that and are willing to help. So stick your neck out. Pick an event that is of interest to you and raise your hand -- you will not be sorry!

And speaking of needing Chairpersons, you will note the complete lack of a rally on our calendar for 2010. Our former Rallymasters, Steve Thomas and Tom Letourneau, have left JANE, and the Rallymaster post is now vacant. Interested? Organizing a rally is one of the more challenging efforts for a Chairperson, but here again, there are willing helpers in the club and a detailed "cookbook" available from JCNA. Please contact Carl Hanson if you have interest in leading or co-leading a rally this year, and we will find a suitable date in the autumn.

One JANE member who recently raised her hand to volunteer is Patt Centore. Patt will head a Sunshine Committee aimed at bringing a little sunshine to JANE members who are experiencing misfortunes, such as illness in their family. If you are aware at any time of any members who could use a little cheering up, please contact Patt.

Prior to our first driving event coming up in six weeks, we have two other events on the calendar. On February 14th, we will again go to the Gibbet Hill Grill for our annual Valentines Day Dinner. If you have not already signed up, unfortunately the event is sold out. We were limited to reservations for only 20 on such a busy day, and we are maxed out at that number unless someone unexpectedly is forced to cancel.

The next event is a tech session at Donovan's Motorcars in Lenox, MA, on Saturday, March 13th. Details of the topics have yet to be worked out, but a visit to Donovan's is always worth the trip. Carl Hanson has done the initial leg work on this event, but is still looking for someone to be the event coordinator. If you are planning on attending, consider volunteering to take over for Carl on this one.

The other event coming up in March is the JCNA Annual General Meeting in Indianapolis. Jim Sambold and Stacey Lancaster have been designated by the Board as JANE's official delegates to the AGM, and Prebble and I also plan to attend as observers. Any other JANE members are also welcome to attend as observers, but time is running out to register and book accommodations, so if you are interested, contact me pronto. It looks like a terrific two days of events, including a Friday night dinner and visit to what appears to be a very interesting private car collection at the old Stutz factory building that is now an up-market shopping area. There will also be the usual Saturday night Awards Banquet. The venue also looks interesting -- the old Union Train Station, now a Crowne Plaza Hotel, in downtown Indianapolis. Prebble and I are actually staying in a converted rail car! We plan on flying out of Boston very early Thursday morning so we can also take in the Indianapolis Speedway Museum in the afternoon.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to express our sorrow at the loss of long-time JANE member and dear friend to many JANE folks, Barbara Strachman. Barbara lost a 17-month battle with cancer on January 14th. Herb and Barbara have been very active in JANE, with Herb being a past President and a long-time Board Member. Barbara was one of those people with seemingly boundless energy, who brought warmth and humor to all her friends, and she will be sorely missed.



Dennis

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

# From the Editor

## February

14 - Sun - 6 p.m.	JANE Valentines Dinner	Gibbet Hill Grill, Groton, MA
24 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

## March

13 - Sat - 10 a.m.	JANE Tech Session at Donovan Motorcar Service	Lenox, MA
20 - Sat - 11 a.m.	JANE Maple Syrup Lunch at Parker's Maple Barn	Mason, NH
24 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
26-27 - Fri.-Sat.	JCNA 2010 Annual General Meeting	Indianapolis, IN

## April

24 - Sat - 9 a.m.	JANE Tech Session at Upton Foreign Motors	Upton, MA
25 - Sun - 10 a.m.	JANE Judges' Training Workshop	Woburn Jaguar, Woburn, MA
28 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

## May

15 - Sat	SNG Barratt BBQ and Open House	Manchester, NH
21 - 23 - Weekend	JANE/JCSNE "Jaguar Spring Getaway Weekend"	Kitzhof Inn, Dover, VT
26 - Wed - 6 p.m.	JANE Picnic on the Lawn at Larz Anderson	Brookline, MA

## June

4 - 5 - Fri - Sat	Empire Jaguar Club/VSCCA Track Days	Lime Rock, CT
6 - Sun - 9 a.m.	British Car Day at Larz Anderson Auto Museum	Brookline, MA
12 - Sat	JANE Autojumble at Warren Cossitt's Shop	Hyde Park, MA
13 - Sun	JCSNE Concours	Middlefield, CT
19 - Sat - 9 a.m.	JANE Spring Slalom	Devens Airfield, Ayer, MA
23 - Wed	JANE Monthly Meeting - Joint with MG Car Club	British Consulate, Cambridge, MA
27 - Sun	JANE "Brush Hill Classic" Picnic at Keith Carlson's	Milton, MA

## July

TBA	Cruise Night at Kimball Farm	Westford, MA
11 - Sun - 1 p.m.	JANE at Myopia Hunt Club Polo Matches	Hamilton, MA
24-25 - Weekend	JANE at 24 Hours of LeMons Race	Stafford Springs, CT
28 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
31 - Sat	JANE Jaguar Festival and Concours d'Elegance	Sturbridge, MA

## August

7-8 - Weekend	British Cars of New Hampshire 14th Annual Show of Dreams	Wolfeboro, NH
TBA - Weekend	JANE Adirondack Tour	Saratoga Sprgs/Lake Placid, NY
25 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

## September

3 - 6 - Weekend	Vintage Festival	Lime Rock, CT
12 - Sun - 1:30 p.m.	JANE Pot Luck Picnic, Lawn and Pool Party	Groton, MA
17-19 - Weekend	British Invasion - 20th Annual	Stowe, VT
22 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

## October

3 - Sun	JANE Autumn Slalom	Devens Airfield, Ayer, MA
9-10 - Weekend	Owls Head Trans. Museum Foreign Car Show	Owls Head, ME
10	JANE in Columbus Day Parade	Boston, MA
TBA	JANE North Shore Tour	Salem, MA
27 - Wed - 7 p.m.	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

## November

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

5 - Sun - 3 p.m.	JANE AGM and Holiday Party	Vesper Country Club, Tyngsboro, MA
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**W**e have a very busy **Calendar of Events** planned for this year. If you see an event that you know you want to do, and hotel accommodations are required, please make them as soon as possible. It's easier to cancel later if your plans change than to end up with no place to stay. This is especially advisable for the Empire Jaguar Club/VSCCA Track Days at Lime Rock in early June, and the Vintage Festival at Lime Rock over the Labor Day weekend. The Wake Robin Inn in Lakeville, CT, near the track, gives a slight discount to people attending track events. A list of other local lodging is on the Lime Rock Park website. Make your plans and reservations as soon as possible.

The "Jaguar Spring Getaway Weekend" at the Kitzhof Inn in Vermont is a joint effort with JCSNE, and particularly since JCSNE is making the arrangements, they need to know how many to expect from JANE. So if you plan to participate in that weekend event, please let Carl Hanson know right away. Carl is at 781-275-2707, or [chansonjag@aol.com](mailto:chansonjag@aol.com).

Same thing with the Jaguar Festival and Concours at Sturbridge Host Hotel. Make your reservations now, and be sure to ask for the special JANE room rate.

In the meantime, please continue to take pictures for the *Cat* at all the events you attend, send me articles, and tell me of anything you're doing that might be of interest to other JANE members. 📷

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# Remembering Barbara Strachman



**B**arbara Strachman, long-time member and well-known stalwart of JANE, succumbed to her battle with cancer on January 14th at her home in Sudbury, Massachusetts.

We first met Barbara and Herb Strachman in about 1990, when we moved to Massachusetts and we were all new members in JANE. Barbara's warmth, openness, and love of life were immediately apparent to all who met her – and we became firm friends. We have many fond memories of trips to events all over New England – Barbara and Herb in the Red E-Type and us in our Red S-Type, taking turns leading, then enjoying the fellowship at the destination. We moved away for a few years, but visited each other often, and it was as though we hadn't been apart. We returned to Boston in the late '90s.

Herb has been the organizer/mediator, assuming many offices and roles in JANE's growth, including serving as JANE's President in 1994-1995, and has been a loyal member of the Board. Barbara was a quiet strength behind the scenes, but always supporting club activities. She was the heart and soul of "Meet & Greet," making JANE's members, new and old, welcome at the annual Concours as well as other events.

Her quiet strength and determination served her well during the past 18 months. Barbara focused her passion on family and friends as she continued to battle on without complaint.

Barbara leaves a legacy of friendship that she would want continued in the club. She will be sorely missed. 🌸

*Patricia and David Reilly*



Barbara and Herb with their grandchildren, Alex and Elana, at the Children's Museum in Summer 2009



Barbara and Herb Strachman with David and Patricia Reilly, clearly enjoying the day at the 1992 British Invasion in Stowe, Vermont.  
Photo from Marilyn Williams's album donated to the JANE archives

# Announcing JANE Events for 2010

**I**n keeping with JANE's reputation as being one of the most active of the Jaguar clubs in North America, our calendar is full of new and exciting events. For the year 2010, JANE's calendar lists over 40 sponsored and shared events for members with a wide variety of interests. Some of the events are yet to have organizers, and some have dates to be determined, but we have a good start for another banner year.

A quick overview of the year's events was presented by Carl Hanson, Events VP, at the January meeting. Here are some of the highlights for the rest of winter and spring, not including monthly meetings, which are always a highlight of any month! Keep up-to-date with the full calendar in upcoming issues of *The Coventry Cat* and on JANE's website.

**February:** Our annual **Valentines Day Dinner** will be on Sunday, the 14th, at **Gibbet Hill Farm in Groton, MA**. This has become a tradition, and we have a great time socializing with drinks before dinner in front of the massive stone fireplace, followed by great food and conversation. It is already **SOLD OUT** this time around!

**March:** In March we are starting to think about spring, but many of our classic Jaguars are still hibernating ... so we are planning a **Tech Session** on Saturday, the 13th, out at one of our favorite places in the Berkshires, **Donovan Motorcar Service in Lenox**. The actual topic is yet to be determined, but you can be sure we will have something of interest for all Jaguar owners, old and new. And perusing the interesting cars in Brian's showroom will be worth the trip. We will get started at 10 a.m. and finish around noon so we can continue our bench racing at a nearby watering hole. Coffee and donuts will be available for early-comers.

Continuing with another springtime tradition here in New England, we will be going back to an old favorite site for our annual **Maple Syrup Tour and Lunch, Parker's Maple Barn in Mason, NH**. That trip will be scheduled for the first day of spring, March 20th. More details will be provided in the March issue of *The Cat*, but for now ... save the date!

**Spring Highlights:** In **April**, we will be going back to **Upton Foreign Motors in Upton, MA**, on Saturday, the 24th, for a **Tech Session** focused on your car. Put it up on a lift and discuss what needs to be done for the coming driving season! Next morning, Sunday, the 25th, is our annual **Judges' Training Workshop**.

In **May**, the folks at **SNG Barratt** will be hosting a **BBQ and shop tour** on Saturday, the 15th. The following weekend, we will be joining our friends at **Jaguar Club of Southern New England** for a **Jaguar Spring Getaway Weekend Vermont Tour**, including two nights at the **Kitzhof Inn** in the Mt. Snow area. And rounding out May, we have our annual **JANE Picnic on the Lawn at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum** in Brookline, MA.

**June** is our most active month of the spring. We now have our full driving season underway! The first weekend has the **Empire Jaguar Club/VSCCA Track Days** on Friday and Saturday out at **Lime Rock, CT**, and **British Car Day at the Larz** on Sunday. On Saturday, the 12th, we are trying out an event that we haven't had for quite awhile ... an **Autojumble** of Jaguar parts hosted by the Brady brothers and Warren Cossit. Next morning, we jump into our Jaguars and head down to Connecticut for the **JCSNE Concours**. If that is not enough for you, we have our **Spring Slalom** out at **Devens, MA** (used to be Fort Devens airfield) on Saturday, the 19th, followed the next Sunday with the **Annual Brush Hill Classic** picnic on the lawn in Milton, MA.

Whew! That gets us through half the year, with much more to come. We will be covering the second half of the year in upcoming issues. Some of the things to be looking for, however, are **JANE's Jaguar Festival and Concours d'Elegance in Sturbridge, Massachusetts; British Invasion in Stowe, Vermont; Columbus Day Parade in Boston; Owls Head Transportation Museum's Foreign Car Show in Maine; North Shore Tour in Massachusetts and New Hampshire; and the Annual General Meeting/Holiday Party** to close out the year. As you can see, we are truly a New England club with events in all the New England states. 🇺🇸

## Plea for Help

If you would like to help with any of these events or want to organize another one, please let Carl Hanson know. He is our Events VP, but he does not organize the events. Our members do! People have mentioned events they would like to see, including a tour of the Adirondacks, a winery tour, a diner tour, a rally (we currently have no rally chairman this year, sorry to say), and other tech sessions, but we need sponsors and organizers from JANE members for these. 🇺🇸

# Upcoming Events

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



Longfellow's Wayside Inn

**J**ANE's monthly meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except for November and December - see calendar). February's meeting will be on Wednesday, February 24th, at Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury.

The first meeting of each quarter is business-oriented. The other two meetings are more social, or a planned program -- they are always lively and fun and a good chance to catch up with everyone, particularly during these winter months when we don't have outdoor activities scheduled. Come a little early to schmooze in The Old Bar before dinner and the meeting. 🍷



Scenes from the cocktail hour in The Old Bar before the January meeting.

Upper Left: Brenda Soussan in conversation with Marjorie Cahn and Dean Saluti.

Upper Right: Sing Hanson and Jane Murray enjoying their wine and sharing a laugh.

Lower Left: Chuck Centore and Pete Bachand.

Lower Right: Stu Forer and Michael Kaleel in foreground. Aldo Cipriano, Keith Carlson, Bruce Murray, and Ed Hall at the bar.



### March Monthly Meeting

Keith Carlson and Tom Brady will tell us about their trip to the Pebble Beach Concours in August 2009. That's Keith and Tom (left) enjoying the view of the Pacific, but they did eventually get to the car events. Come to the March monthly meeting and you'll hear all about it. Their stories may even inspire you to want to go to Pebble Beach yourselves this year!

# JANE Valentines Dinner

## Sunday, February 14th

**J**JANE's Valentines Dinner is on again for this year, Sunday, February 14th, at 6 p.m., same place as the last two years -- Gibbet Hill Grill in Groton, MA -- and it is **SOLD OUT!** The Gibbet Hill Grill is a lovely restaurant sitting amid the rolling fields of an old farm. The food is excellent and the company will be great -- other JANE members! Here's Gibbet Hill's website if you want to check it out: [www.gibbethill.com](http://www.gibbethill.com).

This is one of the events we look forward to, a nice get-together between late fall and early spring when many of our Cats are in hibernation. Tom Moses has organized the Valentines event. If you have any questions about arrangements, email Tom at [tmoses@spillcenter.com](mailto:tmoses@spillcenter.com) and put JANE Valentines Dinner in the subject line. 🍷



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## Tech Session at Donovan's Saturday, March 13th

**O**ur first Tech Session of the year will be held out in Lenox, MA, Saturday, March 13th, at one of our old favorite venues, Donovan Motorcar Service. Besides being one of the most famous Jaguar Racing Shops in the country, Donovan's has a showroom full of fascinating exotic cars and a shop full of cars under restoration. He has a number of great cars for sale (see classified ads this month).



In the past years we have had tech sessions on brake systems, distributors and electronic ignition systems, carburetors, valve adjustments, engine tuning, spring and fall preparations ... you name it. This year's topic will be of interest to Jaguar owners old and new and will be announced during the month. In the meantime, save that Saturday -- you can't drive your old Jaguar yet anyway -- and take the ride out to the Berkshires. We will meet at 10 a.m. for coffee and donuts at Donovan's, 4 Holmes Road, Lenox, MA (Tel. 413-499-6000) and a two-hour tech session. We should finish around noon, so those who wish can get together for lunch at a nearby location.

We would like a rough head count (for all you rough-heads out there), so **RSVP to Carl Hanson ([chansonjag@aol.com](mailto:chansonjag@aol.com)) if you are coming.** Otherwise, you may miss out on the donuts! 🍷

## Maple Syrup Lunch Tour Saturday, March 20th

**W**e'll celebrate the first day of spring and the annual flowing of the maple sap in New England by going to Parker's Maple Barn again! On Saturday, March 20th, Carl Hanson will lead us up to Parker's for a guided tour of their Sugar House to see their maple syrup-making process and then a late brunch/lunch.

Parker's is in Mason, NH, only a few miles north of Townsend, MA. We'll meet around 11 a.m. at Johnson's Drive-in in Groton, get a cup of coffee, kick some tires, and then take about a 45-minute scenic back roads route up to Parker's, arriving in time for our tour and then lunch around 1:30 p.m. In addition to their Sugar House and excellent restaurant, Parker's has a nice "Corn Crib Gift Shop." (You know -- "been there, got the t-shirt, got the maple syrup!")

We must have at least 20 people to get a reserved room, and we need to give Parker's a head count in advance. So if you are coming, **RSVP to Carl Hanson ([chansonjag@aol.com](mailto:chansonjag@aol.com)) no later than Monday, March 15.** More details to come in the March issue of the Cat. But in the meantime, check out Parker's at [www.parkersmaplebarn.com](http://www.parkersmaplebarn.com). 🍷






# Other Happenings

**The 52nd JCNA AGM is being held March 26th and 27th in Indianapolis.** The Jaguar Association of Greater Indiana is hosting the event and has planned a lot of interesting and fun things for the attendees.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is celebrating its Centennial Era, so the Speedway Museum is probably a must-see place that weekend. And an organized tour (with dinner) is planned to the Stutz Museum.

Jim Sambold and Stacey Lancaster are JANE's two voting delegates at the AGM, but any other club members are also welcome and encouraged to attend. The registration deadline is March 10th.

The meeting will be held at the historic Crowne Plaza in Union Station in downtown Indianapolis, and a block of rooms has been set aside for AGM attendees for \$109 per night, plus tax. As of mid-January, half of this block was already reserved, so if you plan to go, make your reservations as soon as possible.

More information about the AGM is posted on the JCNA website ([www.jcna.com](http://www.jcna.com)). 




## Position Opening for JANE Rallymaster

**Did you notice that there is no TSD Rally in our Calendar of Events for 2010?  
JANE needs a Rallymaster!**

What is a rally? First, it is NOT a race. A rally is a competition in which cars individually leave a starting point at a carefully recorded time and are instructed to accurately follow a designated route while maintaining specific various rates of speed along this route until they reach the finish -- where all the participants "rally"!

Rallying is a safe, enjoyable, but exacting motor sport that fully puts to the test your Jaguar's reliability and responsiveness, a driver's ability and a navigator's accuracy in interpreting specific route instructions. A driver/navigator team may run a rally competitively, or treat it as a pleasant day's scenic drive ending with the camaraderie of their fellow club members at the finish. Rallies can be a short distance or long, tough or fairly easy. They should be over scenic and uncrowded routes (we have a lot of those in New England) that can be negotiated within two to three hours, from 70 to 125 miles in length. They are not so complicated (at least they shouldn't be) that everyone, win or lose, cannot fail to have a fun day.

Would you like to get involved in a JANE activity of this sort, but are reluctant because you have no experience at running a rally? That's no excuse! Anyone who has ever planned/organized/run a rally was at some time inexperienced at it. This is not a problem. JCNA has a **Guide to JCNA Club Rallying and Program Rules** containing everything you could possibly need to know to conduct a rally: How to organize a rally -- General instructions for a TSD rally -- Instructions for running the rally -- Guidelines for Driver/Navigator -- Glossary of Terms -- and many more chapters of useful and necessary information. There is help to get started. And there is help within JANE in actually conducting the rallies.

If you are a JANE member who is not currently involved in an activity, please consider volunteering to get JANE's rally program up and running. **Call Carl Hanson, JANE's Events VP, at 781- 275-2707, or email Carl at [chansonjag@aol.com](mailto:chansonjag@aol.com).** 

# New JANE Members in 2009

Names	Location	Jaguar
Jack and Mary <b>Alicandro</b>	Millbury, MA	1989 S-Type Convertible
Peter and Dorothy <b>Bourassa</b>	Wayland, MA	
Joseph <b>Boyce</b>	Lincoln, MA	1966 E-Type Series I FHC
Dennis and Susan <b>Casey</b>	Rindge, NH	1984 XJ6 Series III
Ed <b>Cloutier</b>	Marblehead, MA	1990 XJS V12
David and Shelly <b>Emanuel</b>	Framingham, MA	2004 XJ8 VDP
Don and Dela <b>Factor</b>	Bangor, ME	
Ray and Mary <b>Fontaine</b>	Brimfield, MA	2007 XKR
Randy and Judy <b>Hendler</b>	Palm Beach Garden, FL	1970 E-Type Series II OTS
Richard <b>Horonjeff</b>	Boxborough, MA	
Oscar <b>Jazdowski</b>	Medfield, MA	1963 Mark II
Bill and Joyce <b>Jennings</b>	Melvin Village, NH	1959 XK150S OTS 1959 XK150S DHC 1954 XK120 DHC
Stan and Jackie <b>Kumor</b>	Sturbridge, MA	2002 S-Type
Jim <b>Ludlam</b>	Albany, NY	1961 Mark II 1985 XJS
Joshua <b>Lyons</b>	Stonington, CT	1960 Mark II
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Welcome to all new members who joined JANE in 2009. If you have not yet been to a JANE meeting or an event, please plan to get involved this year. Check the calendar in *The Coventry Cat* and on the JANE website often for something that is of interest and convenient to you. We have a nice variety of events, and not all of them are right in the Boston area.

## Where Are These JANE Members?

When membership renewals were sent out, 14 of them were returned as "unable to forward." If anyone knows the whereabouts of the following former members, please let Tom Moses know -- [tmoses@spillcenter.com](mailto:tmoses@spillcenter.com) or 978-580-7416.

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# Things to Get

## JANE Regalia

### Greetings Fellow JANE Members

**W**ell, we are traveling toward spring and a whole variety of new events that the Club will offer. My mission of getting logo gear out to most club members is on track. What is more impressive than a road tour with everyone wearing apparel with our striking club trademark? The apparel is also far superior to the satin jackets that some clubs use, which brings me to a list of the remaining original, classic JANE regalia, with current special pricing (see below). Many members have battle-tested all of our gear, and because of its top quality, it lasts!

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# Event Report

## Previewing the New XJ at Woburn Jaguar By Dennis Eklof

**O**n Friday, January 8th, Woburn Motors held a preview reception for those interested in the new XJ sedan. Attendance was limited by the light snow that was falling outside; nevertheless, several intrepid JANE members made the worthwhile effort.

The car does not go on sale officially until April, but right now there are about 50 cars making the rounds of dealerships all over the world for preview -- I think there are 15 teams of 2 cars for the US. At Woburn there were two cars, a Burgundy long wheelbase (no more Van den Plas - Jaguar doesn't think it has much name recognition outside of old Jaguar buffs) and one standard sedan. Both are a huge departure from Jaguar's traditional look, and bear a strong family resemblance to the current XF. Everything has been done to make the cars look long, low, and sleek -- and they do! For most onlookers the reaction was "it's so big"! But, in fact, it is only one inch longer than the car it replaces and is exactly the same height.

Both long and short wheelbase versions are available with and without a supercharger, and supercharged cars get some other tweaks, including larger brakes. There is an array of wheels from which to choose, all 19" and 20", with only the 20" options available on supercharged cars due to the larger brakes.

The traveling roadshow really looks like a cool job. The two Jaguar USA employees on hand are responsible for driving these cars around to a string of dealerships in the Northeast and holding these receptions along the way -- they had been at Wellesley Jaguar earlier in the week.

Another interesting aspect of the evening was learning that these preview cars will never be sold. They are all pre-production models, and factories do not sell pre-production cars due to potential legal complications. They were built on the assembly line, but have been subjected to a lot of software and hardware tweaking to prepare them for the previews. Factories used to sell such cars, but in today's litigious society it's not worth the risk. The cars will be used by Jaguar employees for a while and then crushed -- all 50 of them. What a shame, and they have huge amounts of money in these hand-massaged cars. Have any really close friends high up in Jaguar -- or Tata? 🐾





Impressive engine



Nice interior



Patt Centore likes the car



Pat Metzger with one of the members of the traveling Jaguar team



Chuck Centore and Jim Sambold discussing the merits of the XJ



Carl Hanson, Bruce Whitmore, and Karl Hormann appear to like the car



Prebble Eklof and Sing Hanson enjoying wine at the reception



L to R: Prebble Eklof, Patt Centore, Chuck Centore, Bruce Whitmore, Carl Hanson, Sing Hanson at dinner after the reception (photographer Dennis Eklof was also at dinner).

# My First Jag

By Keith Carlson



This has appeared in the *Jaguar Enthusiast* magazine and in the Bristol Owners' Club *Bulletin*, so let's bring it home in the category "My First Jag."

## **M**artin Gude's report in the January issue on the US Route 66 tour brought back many wonderful memories of my trip the length of that fabled road, one of the last that could be made.

Spring of '57, my first year at college, I fulfilled the goal I'd formed when I first saw the MGTCs that the GIs were bringing back after the war. (The later 120s were out of my price range.) Regrettably, soon after I purchased my TC, something locked up in the front end and I flipped over. That summer, while a few friends and I were putting the TC back together, a man in our Chicago suburb offered his '48 Mark IV drophead 3.5L for sale. I was again smitten, and since I was transferring to Berkeley (University of California), and since I knew several fellows who were buying sports or collector cars in the Midwest and driving them to Los Angeles for profit – such was the craze out there at that time – I borrowed the money and grabbed the Mark IV.

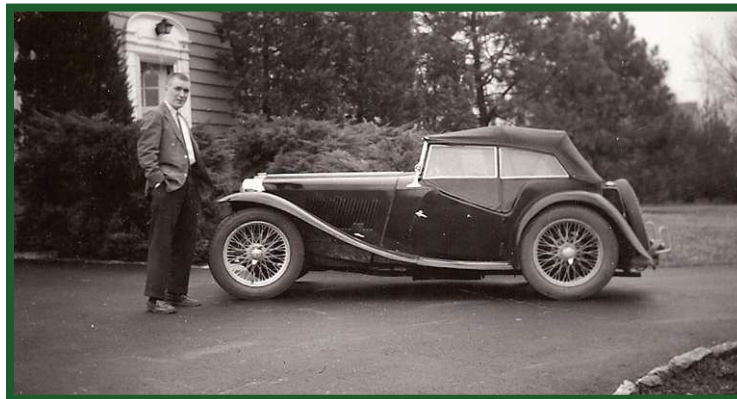
So – in late August '57 I drove out, over many days, sleeping mostly in the back seat whenever necessary, and thus finding that in the high

desert, uncomfortable daytime heat turns to uncomfortable nighttime cold. I was awakened and had to keep driving to ward off uncontrollable shivering! Fortunately, and amazingly, I made the 2,400-plus miles without mishap: not even a belt or hose out in the desert. I made no profit – actually lost a bit – but it was all worth the adventure and the several months' enjoyment of an exquisite automobile.

Often on the journey I saw the beginnings of the US Interstate System (limited-access superhighways) that had just been approved, as the new highway paralleled Route 66 in close proximity in several places. Often, a new two-lane road was built alongside, traffic transferred to it while the original two lanes were widened and resurfaced, the thusly-created four-lane divided highway then replacing 66. (Most of 66 was two lanes.) In many other ways the original road was eventually obliterated or abandoned in most sections, and my trip – in one of the best vehicles to have gone the entire length – was thus one of the last to cover the entirety.

As your group happily found, a resurgence of interest has revived many sections.

And now? A 120 OTS, a 2.4 saloon, a would-be D-Type that I run at Watkins Glen and at Lime Rock, an XKR coupe, and a Bristol 403 (and a 3.0 CS coupe – a foreign car). But ahhh -- to have had a TC and a Mark IV drophead at 18! To have seen those early and curious motels, outlandish tourist attractions and roadside exotica, eventually set before dramatic Western scenery ... what larks! 🍷



Keith with the MGTC that preceded his Mark IV.

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# Searching for More Power

By Gary Hagopian



**While entered in an HSR race event at Sebring a couple years ago,** Larry Ligas of Predator asked if it might be possible for me to convert a

Jaguar head from one spark plug per cylinder, to two. It seems that the leading Porsche racers either have two per cylinder from the factory, or are converting their existing engines, and experiencing a power gain of around 10 percent. And although a 10 percent increase doesn't equate to finding a "whale in the bathtub," it certainly is a significant gain after having done all the standard stuff and having reached the limit of a normally aspirated engine.

After a little thought, I decided to try the conversion on an old head that was hanging around my garage. Plus, it was a project that might keep me "off the bar stools" a little longer! The difference between adding another hole in a Porsche's air-cooled head, and punching thru a Jaguar's water jacket and into the combustion chamber, whilst avoiding fouling the valve seats, was daunting. Add to that the potential for water leaks into the intake ports and combustion chambers, and you have a formula for disaster!

Having done a little research, I discovered that Jaguar had made several twin-plug heads in the late 50s for Briggs Cunningham. Norman Dewis said "maybe a couple of dozen," and that "wide-angle" heads were cast specifically for that purpose, i.e., not requiring passage thru the water jacket for the second plug. Take a look at the original all-aluminum alloy 3.0L Jaguar engine in accompanying pictures. This engine is in Stewart, FL, original to the "Tojiero Jaguar" owned by Henry Grady. Note that the second spark plug locations are plugged off and unused.



My "ace-in-the-hole" on this project was my friend, fellow JANE member, and master welder, Kaz Kielb, who had agreed to do the welding required. With that comforting knowledge, I proceeded to cut thru the water jacket in the three places shown. The spherical shape of the back of the combustion chambers required a buildup of weld there, so



that a flat surface could be created against which the spark plug would tighten. That done, inserts were made to fit and welded in place, closing up the water jackets. After final machining and a pressure test, the new spark plug holes were added. The advantage of having done all the work from the top was that the combustion chamber and valve seats were not compromised (i.e., no leaks!).

Simple really. Oh really? Warpage could bind the cams from turning freely, rendering that head useless. Cracking



would result in leaks. Proper preheating and welding techniques have allowed us to make six 12-plug heads without a failure, and overheating has been non-existent. An added development has been the availability of new, unused heads, released by the British military as surplus and becoming available thru SNG Barratt. These fresh heads make welding a pleasure.



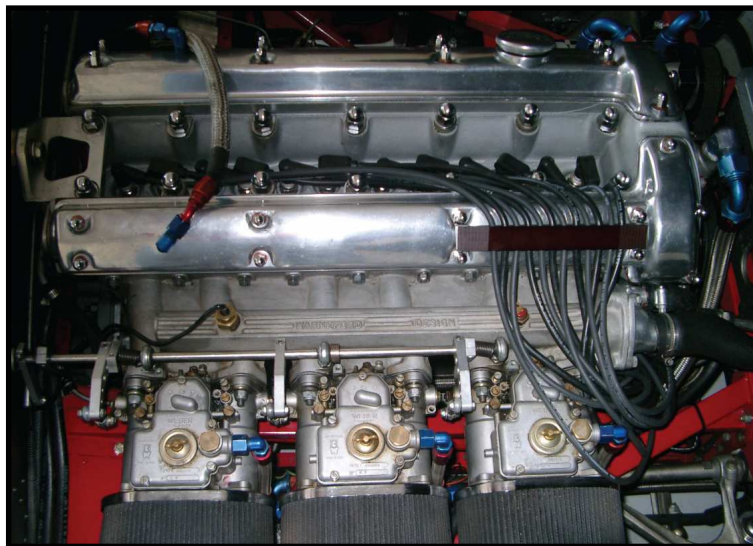
From the pictures of the assembly on my E-Ttype, you can see that the final product looks factory made. Ignition is by a custom-made distributor from my shop, utilizing a Mallory module, Marelli XJS distributor cap, and an XJS rotor modified to fire two plugs simultaneously. Twin plugs require two separate ignition systems to fire the individual plugs. Mine now has two ignition switches, allowing either to be fired individually, or both simultaneously.


Firing two plugs in a hemispherical combustion chamber burns the mixture faster and more completely, making more power and requiring





less spark advance at peak power. Firing with the piston closer to TDC wastes less power, and may even allow the use of lower octane fuel. Engine dyno testing at Terry's Jaguar in Illinois last summer proved encouraging. However, with a complete installation now in my own car, we should get definitive results. Having engaged the second ignition on a level street at 3000 RPMs and neutral throttle produced the feeling of being pushed, while RPMs increased by 400.



All those wires look impressive, but final judgment of the concept will depend upon dynamometer results, expected in about a month. Anyone else interested? 

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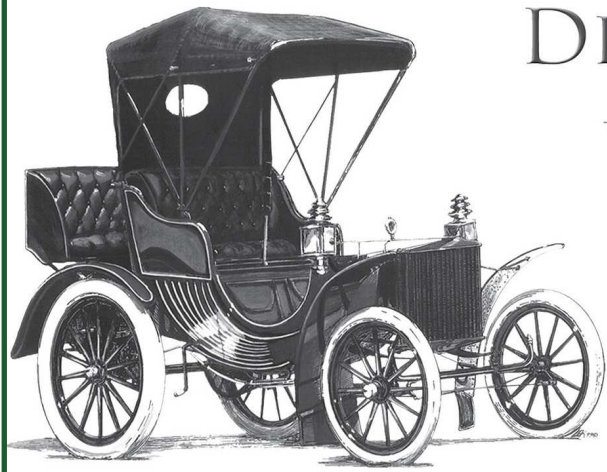
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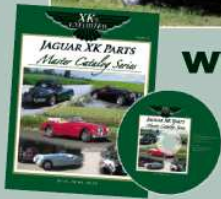
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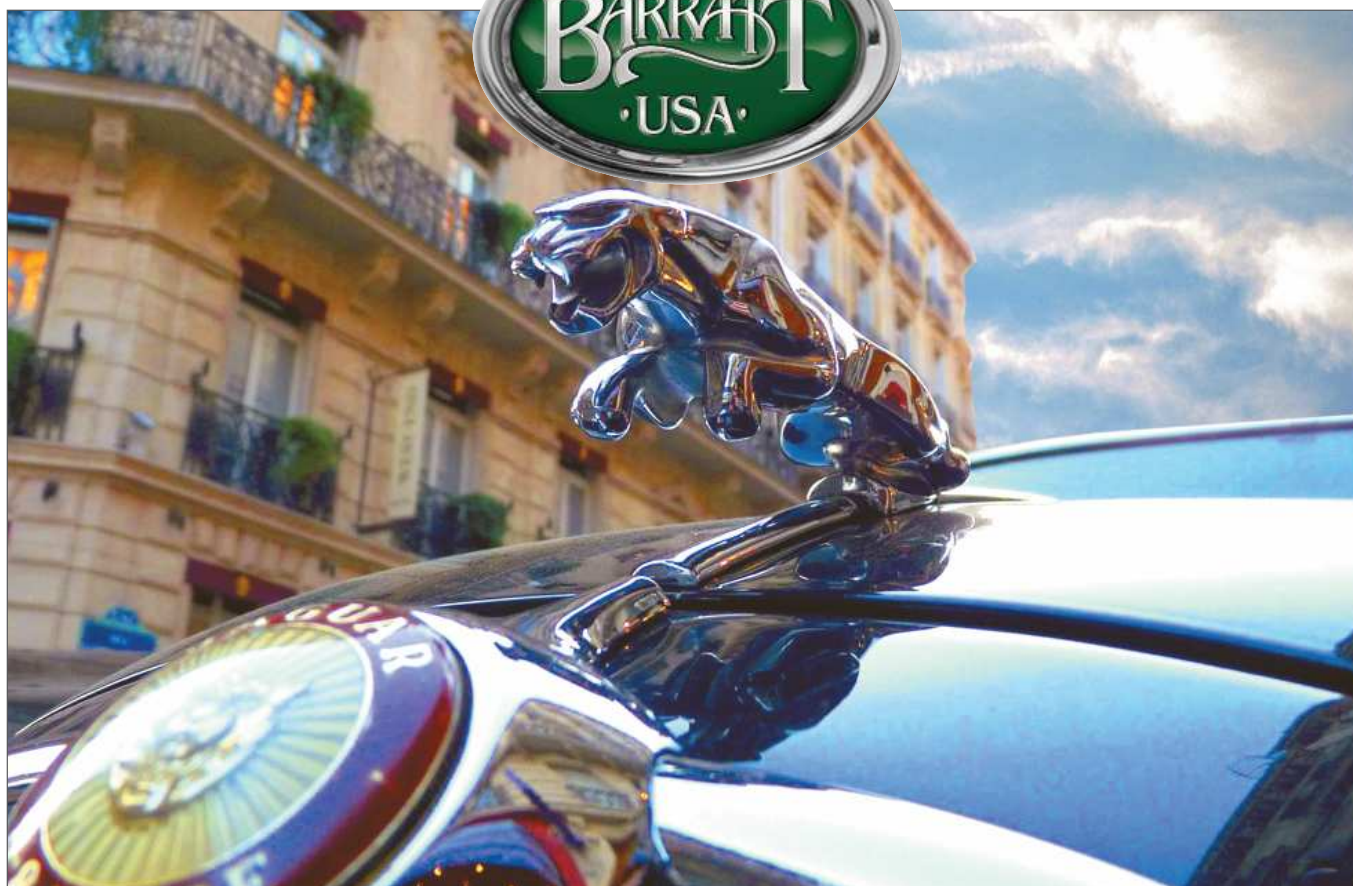
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**E-Type Series I Radiator** - When I rebuilt my '67 E-Type 4.2, I replaced the radiator with one of aluminum, so the original is surplus. Previous owner said it had been recored, but I cannot vouch for that. I never drove the car prior to the conversion to aluminum, so I have no experience with this radiator. Sale includes a high-quality aftermarket fan that is attached to the front of the radiator. Photos on request. \$400. Dennis Eklof, Metro-West area, 978-448-2566, [dennis.eklof@verizon.net](mailto:dennis.eklof@verizon.net). (7/07)

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