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*I'd rather be....*

*January's sub-zero weather here in New England has Your Editor thinking of warmer days, running through the gears with the top down in a 2014 F-Type...let me dream!*

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## “Baby It’s Cold outside!”

Isn't that a song? Of course it's cold, it's the middle of winter. What happened during our mild winter of 2012? We got spoiled. But just think, it's only one month and three weeks 'til the 1<sup>st</sup> day of spring. Get to work on your cool Cats so they can be warmed up and ready to roar.

And roaring we are. Your Board had a very focused and productive meeting in January and has announced many of our events for 2013. These include some recurring favorites, like the Maple Syrup Run, Jaguar Day at Myopia Polo, our Concours Festival Weekend, Slaloms, and several new speakers and ideas we hope you will love. This year we have an experienced Board, and these members have taken control. They make my job easy and make me look good. Thank you fellow Board members!

For those of you who missed our January monthly social meeting, we had a sellout crowd. Our speaker, Jim Barisano, did a fine job taking us down memory lane with his history: filming a 1980's Jaguar festival in Newport, his early *Wild About Wheels* TV show, all the way to current car shows that he produces on cable TV.

Our two great February events are the Valentine's Day dinner party and our monthly social meeting. Tom Moses has our annual Valentine's Day dinner party all set and ready to welcome all. Please refer to page 5 for details and sign up.

At our upcoming monthly social meeting on February 27, I'm excited to introduce Russ Rocknak, founder and editor of *Mesh Magazine*, as our guest speaker. Russ is an energetic, lively artist who is a professional photographer and a lifetime car guy. Russ spent many years at the *Robb Report*, has driven many great cars, and has recently started this new, high-end car magazine. He said he will bring copies for all attendees, will show a few pictures of special cars at races or shows, but mostly share anecdotal stories. In addition to *Mesh Magazine*, Russ has recently moved to Maine and is now running the Owls Head Transportation Museum. Please sign up early for this event. This will be a feel-good night. Refer to page 6 for a bio of Russ.

Many thanks to JANE member Michael Gaetano for referring both Jim Barisano and Russ Rocknak to us as potential JANE speakers.

Here's what's coming up soon:

In late March Bruce Whitmore is ready to lead our early spring drive to Parker's Maple Barn for a yummy breakfast. Jim Sambold, our Chief Judge, has a new location for our Judges Training in early May. Dean Saluti and Marjorie Cahn are the new chairs of our Lawn Picnic at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum in May. We want to thank our past chairs, Ray and Sanda O'Brien, and we know Dean and Margie will make this event fun for all. Al Zanengo, our Slalom chair, learned a lot last year, and this year Al has a new site for our spring slalom, including a place for the equipment, and he has promised early morning hot coffee to rev us up. Aldo Cipriano, our JANE Myopia Cup chair, says our day at Myopia Polo Club is totally ready to go. Bruce Murray, our Concours chair, is starting to perfect his sunshine dance and submits that we will have no rain and will not need the enormous tents we had last year. Bruce says that looking ahead, he could use a few NEW VOLUNTEERS (HINT).

And if that's not enough, Dennis and Prebble Eklof have agreed to bring back their Magical Mystery Tour this spring. This tour, by all past reports, is a not-to-miss weekend. Then for autumn Carl and Sing Hanson and Tom and Mary Finan are teaming up to put on a tour of Martha's Vineyard. The Vineyard is one of my most favorite places. At this moment Carl informs me that he needs a good head count in order to commit an appropriate number of rooms at the inn. Those of you who went on the Adirondacks tour or the Cape Cod tour last year know how much fun these drives can be. So get your Cat ready and sign up for these two opportunities -- an exciting spring drive to somewhere and a lovely fall tour to the Vineyard with good company in some beautiful places. It doesn't get any better!

Ed Avis, our membership VP, has been very successful in continuing to simplify our recruiting and membership pro-

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*President's Message continued*

cess. We now have almost 300 JANE members and are among the largest, if not THE largest, JCNA-affiliated club in North America. Spread the word!

And looking even further ahead to 2014 -- that's right, 2014 -- JANE will be hosting the Annual General Meeting for Jaguar Clubs of North America here in Boston. Dennis Eklof, our AGM chair, says they have booked the Cambridge Hyatt, right on the Charles River, with stunning views of Boston. Dennis and his team are working out the details for a host of special events for the 2014 AGM weekend (April 4 through 6). As these dates draw closer, Dennis and I will be asking every member to be part of this national party and contribute some time to help JANE be the best hosts we can be. It's going to be a blast.

So, our year is under way. There is so much more to tell. More events are still in the planning stages. More reasons to come to our monthly social meetings and learn. And more opportunities to stretch your car's legs and enjoy all the benefits of an active, alive Jaguar owners club. But all that for another time.

There you have it, a good beginning!

Stay warm,

*Michael*

**The Jaguar Conspiracy, A Michael McAllister Mystery Novel**

by Paul McNabb

A new California based mystery/thriller about a 4 million dollar C-Type Jaguar missing for 50 years.

After an early retirement, investigator Michael McAllister is content with photographing and writing articles about classic cars. By special invitation, he attends the prestigious Pebble Beach Car Show with his father's antique Jaguar, a minted jewel previously owned by a celebrity. His retirement is cut short when he rescues a beautiful woman from a malicious murder attempt. Now on the case, he works with the San Francisco Police Department to eliminate the suspects and discover clues that lead him to not one, but two killers terrorizing San Francisco. McAllister finds himself face to face with one of the killers in a deadly duel of fate. Can the police arrive in time to stop yet another murder? Or will McAllister be the next victim?



Thanks to everyone who has already renewed their membership for 2013. Two hundred thirteen members had renewed when the official roster was sent to JCNA on January 30<sup>th</sup> (up from 177 on the roster at the end of JAN 2012). If for some reason you have decided **NOT** to renew your membership please let me know so I won't continue to count you on the non-renewal list.

As announced in the last issue of the *Coventry Cat* one family who renewed their membership before January 25<sup>th</sup> will receive a free basic membership (\$60) for 2013 at a drawing to be held at the February JANE social meeting. Since 186 eligible members renewed by the cutoff date the odds of winning are MUCH better than the lottery!

Cheers,  
Ed Avis

## Welcome New Members

John and Kathleen Walker	Sudbury, MA	2005 XJ8L
Victor and Gabriele Cromie	Cambridge, MA	

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## Upcoming Events

### JANE Valentine's Dinner

### Bullfinch's Restaurant

**Sunday, February 17, 5pm -- Sudbury, MA**

Valentine's Day comes at a very convenient time of year. It's about halfway between the time we put our Jags away for the winter and when we bring them out again in the spring. So our Valentine's Dinner brings us together about halfway in our slow season. As they have for several years now, Tom and Clare Moses have organized this event.

We'll get together at Bullfinch's Restaurant in Sudbury, MA, on Sunday, February 17, for cocktails at 5pm and dinner at 6pm. RSVP Tom Moses by sending him an email at [tmoses@spillcenter.com](mailto:tmoses@spillcenter.com) with the subject of "Valentine's Dinner" by February 5th so that he can let the restaurant know how many will be in attendance.

For driving directions or to see what they have to offer go to Bullfinch's website at [www.bullfinchs.com](http://www.bullfinchs.com).

## February Monthly Meeting Venezia Restaurant Guest Speaker Russ Rocknak Wednesday, February 27, 7pm -- Neponset, MA

Due to a conflict with the Wayside Inn, JANE's February 27 meeting will be at the Venezia Restaurant, located at 20 Ericsson St, Boston, MA. The meal is \$30 which includes tax and gratuity. There is a cash bar and the buffet-style meal includes:

- Cavatelli Marinara
- Mixed Green Salad
- Chicken Piccata
- Baked Haddock
- Chefs Selection of Vegetable & Potato
- Apple Crisp with homemade whipped cream
- Coffee & Tea

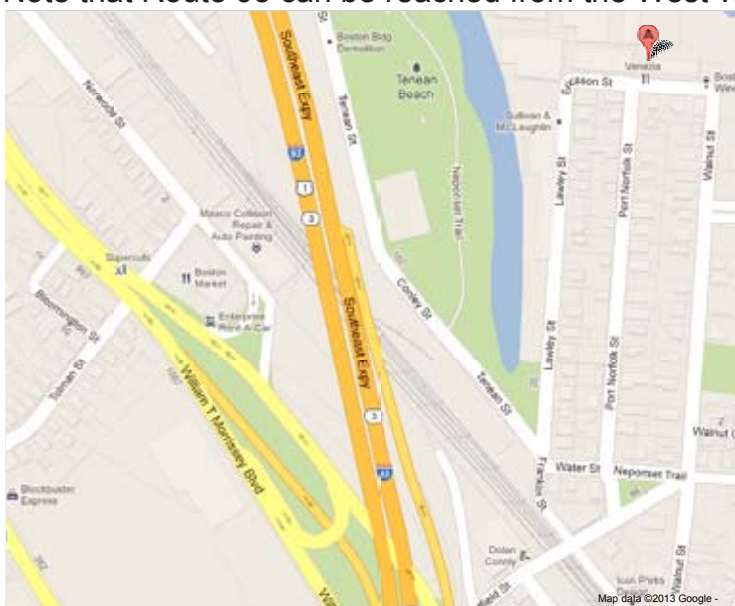
Located right on the waterfront, Venezia is one of the finest restaurants in the suburban Boston area. Floor to ceiling windows offer breathtaking skyline views across the bay.

### From the South Shore:

Take 93 North to Exit 11 (Granite Ave/Ashmont) right at second set of lights into Gallivan Blvd. Follow for 1/2 mile to Neponset Circle. At Neponset Circle, follow signs to 93 North, take second right after the Texaco Station onto Redfield Street and follow Venezia signs on left (see attached map). Note that Route 93 can be reached from the West via the Mass Pike or via Route 128.

### From the North Shore:

Take 93 South to Exit 12 (Neponset Circle) and bear left onto Neponset Circle. Follow signs to 93 North. Take second right after the Texaco Station onto Redfield Street and follow Venezia signs on left (see attached map). Note that Route 93 can be reached from the West via the Mass Pike or via Route 128.



Guest speaker Russ Rocknak is the creator, founder and editor of *Mesh Magazine*. Russ has recently moved to Maine where he is in charge of the Owls Head Transportation Museum. He's a lively and animated individual who's sure to present an informative and entertaining program. Check out Owls Head Transportation Museum at [www.ohtm.org](http://www.ohtm.org) and *Mesh Magazine* online at [www.meshnewengland.com](http://www.meshnewengland.com).

# JANE Calendar 2013

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event/Details</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>February 17, 2013</b> Sunday, 5pm	JANE Valentine Dinner	Bullfinch's Restaurant, Sudbury, MA
<b>February 27, 2013</b> Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting <b>Guest Speaker Russ Rocknak, Mesh Magazine</b>	Venezia Restaurant, Neponset, MA
<b>March 9, 2013</b> Saturday	Larz Anderson Auto Museum Mardi Gras Party	LAAM, Brookline, MA
<b>March 21-23, 2013</b>	JCNA Annual General Meeting	Dallas, TX
<b>March 27, 2013</b> Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting <b>Guest Speaker David Lachance, Sports &amp; Exotic Cars Magazine</b>	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
<b>March 30, 2013</b> Saturday	JANE Maple Syrup Tour (tentative)	Parker's Maple Barn, Mason, NH
<b>April 24, 2013</b> Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
<b>May 5, 2013</b> Sunday, 10am	JANE Judges Training	Jaguar Exeter, Exeter, NH
<b>May 18-19, 2013</b> Saturday-Sunday	JANE Magical Mystery Tour (tentative)	Destination is a "Mystery"
<b>May 22, 2013</b> Wednesday, 6pm	JANE Monthly Meeting <b>Cookout &amp; New Member Reception</b>	Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA
<b>May 31, 2013-June 1, 2013</b>	Jag Club/VSCCA Track Event	Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, CT
<b>June 8, 2013</b> Saturday	JANE Spring Slalom	In Control Training Facility, N. Andover, MA
<b>June 9, 2013</b>	JCSNE Concours d'Elegance	Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT
<b>June 21-23, 2013</b>	VSCCA June Vintage Rallye Tour	Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge, MA
<b>June 26, 2013</b> Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
<b>July 24, 2013</b> Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
<b>August 4, 2013</b> Sunday	JANE Potluck Picnic & Lawn Party	The Eklof's, Groton, MA
<b>August 9-11, 2013</b>	JANE Concours d'Elegance	Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA
<b>August 28, 2013</b> Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
<b>September 14, 2013</b> Saturday	JANE Fall Slalom	In Control Training Facility, N. Andover, MA
<b>September 20-22, 2013</b>	British Invasion	Stowe, VT
<b>September 25, 2013</b> Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

\*Dates above are only those confirmed at time of publishing.

Check this page for updates each month and for the most current events check the Calendar page at [www.J-A-N-E.org](http://www.J-A-N-E.org).



### Autumn Getaway Tour to “The Vineyard” -- Who’s Interested?

The Hansons and the Finans are planning a fall weekend tour of Martha's Vineyard on October 18 - 20, 2013. The tour will include overnights at a first-class hotel in Edgartown within walking distance of downtown, a driving tour of the island, beach visits, wine tasting at an art gallery, and a lively awards banquet!

Although it is early in our planning process, we need to have a fairly firm estimate of the number of people who will attend. More importantly, we need to know how many rooms to hold in a block at reduced rate and how many people would attend a Saturday night banquet. You will be making your own reservations at the hotel and on the ferry, but will pay JANE for the event fee and the banquet charge in advance.

Here is some information regarding expenses you may need to make your decision:

Ferry round trip from Woods Hole to Vineyard Haven: Adults...\$16 per person; car (less than 17') ....\$137  
Harbor View Hotel, Edgartown....Special group rates for JANE: Main building \$219/night; Annex \$189/night.  
Plenty of free off-street parking!  
Banquet (TBD)...\$50 per person estimate  
Event fee for commemorative rally plate, JANE planning expenses, wine tasting, etc. ....\$15 per person  
Lunches, beverages, shopping, gas, oil, towing charges, etc. ....on your own!

Result is that your basic financial burden will range from \$680 to \$740 per couple.

Now, please let Carl Hanson know if you are serious about attending our fall tour of Martha's Vineyard!  
Email him at [chansonjag@aol.com](mailto:chansonjag@aol.com) as soon as possible, no later than February 15.

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## Goodwood Revival 2013 and Jaguar Factory Tour

Contact: Susan Muir, JCNA member and club member of Los Angeles,  
San Antonio, and Austin Jaguar Clubs  
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I'm pleased to announce that I am once again leading a tour to the amazing Goodwood Revival in England from September 12-20, 2013, and a tour of the Jaguar factory at Castle Bromwich. A tour of the Morgan Motor Company is also planned. Auto museum visits include the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu, Brooklands, and the Gaydon Heritage Motor Centre. We will be staying in Salisbury and Stratford-on-Avon.

Starting at \$4099 per person (dbl. occ.), including airfare and taxes, compare this value to other Goodwood Revival tours. **There is an early-booking \$100 off coupon for the first 15 to sign up for the trip!**

I hope you can join us this year! Previous attendees have enjoyed not only the venues but also the opportunity to spend time with like-minded Jaguar enthusiasts from all over the USA and Canada. Please call or email me with questions, to get a brochure, or to make reservations.





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# SLALOM NEVER SLEEPS

## JANE Gets New Site, Confirmed Dates for 2013



Al Zanengo  
Slalom Chair

It was good to take a little nap after our Fall Monsoon Slalom, but we are committed to 24/7/365 refinement of the JANE Slalom Initiative and strive to a feverish devotion to the sport and our auto-athleticism.

First, here is a recap of JCNA Slalom National Standings of our JANE members.

**Gary Hagopian 4<sup>th</sup> in H Class in his 63 XKE FHC at 40.090 sec.**

**Al Zanengo 3<sup>rd</sup> in J Class in his 93 XJS FHC at 47.231 sec.**

**Mike Kaleel 10<sup>th</sup> in K Class in his 2007 XK8 Convertible at 49.600 sec.**

**Archan Basu 8<sup>th</sup> in L Class in his 2009 XF-R at 47.447 sec.**

**Paul Bicknell 8<sup>th</sup> in N Class in his 2005 X-Type at 47.800 sec.**

**Gary Hagopian 3<sup>rd</sup> in Z Class in his 2008 Porsche Cayman at 40.875 sec.**

**Dennis Eklof 8<sup>th</sup> in Z Class in his 2005 Brunton Stalker at 42.487 sec.**

**Bob Totten 11<sup>th</sup> in Z Class in his 1964 Triumph Spitfire GT at 43.900 sec.**

**Paul E. Rikert 24<sup>th</sup> in Z Class in his 2000 Honda Insight at 51.794 sec.**

Yes, any car will work, but only Jaguars are ranked by class. All other brands run in Z Class.

Some very accomplished members like Tom and Bill Parish didn't get a chance to participate this year, and I expect them at our new venue on 6/8/13 and 9/14/13 (mark your calendars). The Dirt Bros., John and Stu, have shown more than a passing interest in turning out and whupping it "old school" and we will be inviting other car clubs as well.

We have had some significant challenges for 2013, but it looks like we are over the biggest hump. Devens Recreation in Ayer, MA, allotted us only one date for the year, but we are in negotiations with a facility in North Andover, MA, which is just off I495 and we should soon have an executed contract for two dates, 6/8 and 9/14, at less cost, without restrictions and more accessible to the bulk of our members. Thanks, Aldo Cipriano, for suggesting this Slalom Valhalla. Sweet! I believe that the superior asphalt at this site will facilitate faster times as well. Even Sweeter!

Our next challenge is to replace our timing equipment that has proven unreliable the last 3 times it was used (spring and fall 2011 and fall 2012). JCSNE supplied their gear at our spring 2012 Slalom. There is a \$250 supplement from JCNA and with the help of Paul Bicknell and Tom Parish, we are gathering information on cost effective solutions that are preferably wireless. This is now our top priority.

If you've never slalomed, there are videos on the JCNA website to give you an idea of what to expect. This dirt cheap, safe form of auto-eroticism is, as Bill Parish told me the first time I tried it, "the most fun you can have with your clothes on!" Think about it.



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# The History of Car Logos Revealed

## Rolls-Royce Spirit of Ecstasy



Like all things Rolls-Royce, the marque's signature hood ornament is a study in extravagance. However, the origin of the Spirit of Ecstasy — also called the "Silver Lady" and the "Flying Lady" — is scandalous. The first iteration of the hood ornament was a custom creation by sculptor Charles Robinson Sykes for the Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow owned by John Walter Edward Douglas-Scott-Montagu,

second Baron Montagu of Beaulieu and editor of *The Car Illustrated* magazine in the early 1900s. Sykes created a likeness of Montagu's secretary and not-so-secret mistress, Eleanor Velasco Thornton, depicting her in flowing robes and with a finger pressed to her lips to signify the couple's furtive love. Due to European Pedestrian safety laws and the desire to keep the "Flying Lady" out of the hands of would-be thieves, it is now retractable.

## Cadillac Emblem and Wreath

When William H. Murphy and Henry M. Leland founded the Cadillac Motor Co. in 1902, they paid homage to the man who founded the Motor City: Antoine Laumet de La Mothe, sieur de Cadillac, a French explorer who established Fort Pontchartrain du Détroit. Not only did Leland and Murphy use Cadillac's name, they used the man's coat of arms as well, registering the emblem as a trademark in 1906. While the modern version incorporates wreaths and a clean, linear design, the original badge was based on a literal version of de Cadillac's badge, including the two sets of three merlettes (ducks, basically) to represent the Holy Trinity, and a nine-pointed crown on top, representing the ancient counts of France.



## Mercedes-Benz Three-Pointed Star

After "Mercedes" became a registered trade name for the Daimler-Mercedes automotive group, the company searched for a defining logo. In 1909, Paul and Adolf Daimler, sons of company founder Gottlieb Daimler, came up with the idea of using a star as the symbol for the automaker's badge. When first employed as the technical director of the Cologne, Germany-based Deutz AG engine factory in 1872, Gottlieb had marked a star above the image of his house on a postcard, writing to his wife that the same star, symbolizing prosperity, would one day shine over his own factory.



## The Ferrari Prancing Stallion

Here's a bit of trivia: Ferrari's logo of a black horse on a gold background appeared on Alfa Romeo race cars in 1932 at the Grand Prix of Spa in Belgium before it ever appeared on a Ferrari vehicle. But even before that, the black prancing stallion emblem adorned a number of World War I fighter planes piloted by Italian Count Francesco Baracca, an accomplished equestrian known as "the cavalier of the skies." After the pilot's death, the count's mother presented the emblem to Enzo Ferrari, who added the canary-yellow background and the colors of the Italian flag across the top. It's been the symbol of Ferrari ever since.



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## BMW Roundel

Lots of BMW fans know this one: The famous BMW roundel, trademarked in 1917, represents the aircraft-manufacturing roots of the Bayerische Motoren Werke (Bavarian Motor Works) — a spinning white propeller against a blue sky. **That explanation is a common misconception.** In fact, the roundel combines the company-name-within-a-black-circle style of Rapp Motorenwerke — from which BMW GmbH sprang — with basic imagery derived from the blue and white diamond flag of the Bavarian Free State. However, the blue and white color scheme within the BMW roundel is reversed from that of the flag because at the time, it was illegal to use national symbols in commercial trademarks.



## Jaguar Leaper

Jaguar Cars Limited is a British-based luxury car manufacturer, originally with headquarters in Browns Lane, Coventry, England, but now at Whitley, Coventry. It was founded as the Swallow Sidecar Company in 1922 by two motorcycle enthusiasts, William Lyons and William Walmsley. Once they began building automobiles, the Swallow Sidecar became “SS,” as in SS 100, etc. But in 1945 they changed the company name to Jaguar. After the war, due to no fault of their own the “SS” no longer had a good connotation. The Jaguar logo is a Jaguar leaping across the company name. The leaping Jaguar is possibly built to represent the speed, power, and quickness of the car. The Jaguar emblem is also placed on the front of some models until recent years when European Pedestrian safety regulations made it unsafe by law. It is currently profiled across the rear deck lid, and in 2013 it is once again leaping across the company name.



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# MISSING!



**Name: The JANE Flag**

**Last seen: Sunday at the end of the 2012 Concours in Sturbridge, MA**

**If you have the flag or know of its whereabouts now, please call or email Dennis Eklof 978-448-2566 or [dennis.eklof@verizon.net](mailto:dennis.eklof@verizon.net).**



Someone needs to remind me that the next time I offer to be editor for a car club in New England that I start the job during the driving season. There is very little happening in the club and no one is

sharing stories or photos. So I apologize for another thin publication. I've had to resort to reprinting articles from other clubs' newsletters and the Internet. While this is a good way to give our lean months' newsletters some substance, it's no substitute for our own members' material.

Right now many of you are escaping to warmer climes, or maybe you actually enjoy winter and spend as much time skiing or snowmobiling as possible. Or perhaps you're like me and you're hunkered down with a good book or some other indoor hobby fending off the cabin fever and anticipating the upcoming driving season. Whatever it is that gets you through the New

England winter, I hope you'll consider submitting an article and/or photos. Even just a photo of your car in an interesting setting would work. We all enjoy our vehicles, that's why we belong to JANE, and most of us like to see other members' rides and live vicariously through their stories. Send material to me at [sharpei@sacoriver.net](mailto:sharpei@sacoriver.net).

Switching gears, please note that the February 27 meeting will be at the Venezia Restaurant in Neponset, MA. For more information go to page 6. This is a great way to break up the monotony of winter. While dining in this fine restaurant, taking in the views of the city and the waterfront, you can talk cars with other JANE members and then listen to guest speaker Russ Rocknak, editor of *Mesh Magazine*.

There's no better cure for cabin fever. And if you're so inclined, write about your experience and maybe take some photos and send them to me to share with those who could not attend.



Your editor is also a long-time stamp collector. Recently I spied this new stamp which will be issued by Royal Mail, the British postal service, in August 2013. You can be sure I'll get a copy for my collection. Photo by Royal Mail

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# Jaguar Taking Another Swipe at BMW with 3-Series Fighter in 2015

The original X-Type was not one of Jaguar's finest cars, but it was a good business idea, and it appears Jaguar is aiming to try again with an improved model.

The 2001-2009 X-Type was not Jaguar's finest hour. The car might have been Jaguar's top-selling model during its lifetime, but the rebadged Ford Contour/Mondeo didn't help out Jaguar's brand image too much, and the especially failure-prone all-wheel-drive system offered up further evidence that nobody really thought this car through all the way. But a car to compete with BMW's 3-Series still made good business sense, and it seems Jaguar is going to take another shot at it.

*Automobile* reports that Jaguar has given the car, currently known only as "project X760," a green light for a 2015 debut. This will first take the form of a four-door sedan, with a sporty five-door crossover version of the vehicle to follow in 2016. The new car will also be sharing a platform, but it's unlikely to be the kind of problem it was before. This is because the platform will be Jaguar's premium lightweight architecture (PLA), which is currently used for the XJ as well as the 2013 Land Rover Range Rover. Not only are these much nicer vehicles than the Contour was, but the platform was designed to be much more scalable and accommodating of different vehicle types. The new car will have optional all-wheel-drive as well, and we'd guess that this time around, Jaguar will know better than to cut corners.

It's true that Jaguar made a mess of this vehicle type last time, but the company has new owners now, and some of those specific earlier mistakes couldn't be repeated if they wanted to. There is ample evidence from the past few years that Jaguar is finally on the right path, and it would be genuinely surprising if the X-Type's successor turned out to anything less than fantastic.



The X-Type, which came with standard all wheel drive, was an economical entry level Jaguar for almost a decade offering base, sport and sport wagon models. Photo by autochannel.com


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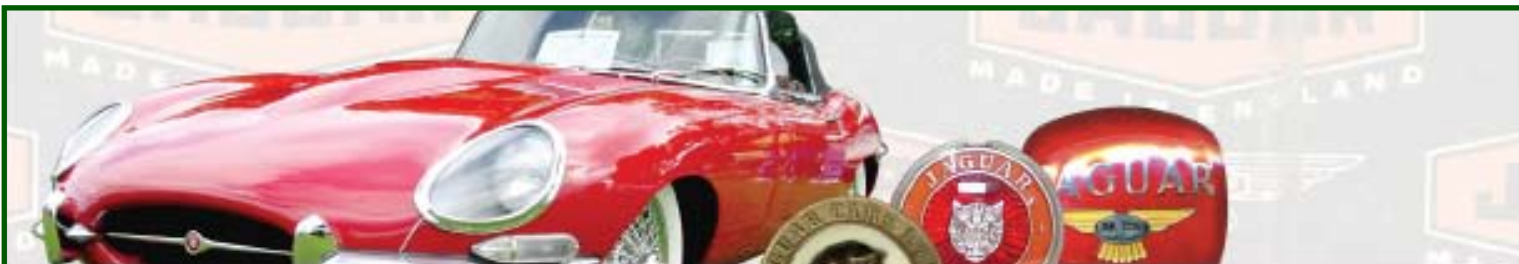
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# Villainous XKR Displayed at International Spy Museum

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Now this is a “loaded” XKR. If a trip to Washington DC is in your future, check out this famous Jag from the Bond film *Die Another Day* at the International Spy Museum.

A decade after its starring role in the 2002 James Bond romp *Die Another Day*, the machine gun-toting, missile-firing, rocket-launching Jaguar XKR driven by the evil, diamond-studded villain *Zao*, has a new starring role.

The famous racing green Jaguar XKR Convertible is one of the star exhibits at the International Spy Museum’s newly-opened, special exhibition ‘Exquisitely Evil: 50 Years of Bond Villains’ exhibition

in downtown Washington DC.

“Of all the 007 villain cars featured in the past 23 Bond movies, we felt the XKR was the most-villainous of them all. We had to have it,” explains Anna Slafer, the International Spy Museum’s director of exhibitions and programs.

While no fewer than eight specially-modified XKRs were built for the movie by Jaguar’s former Special Vehicle Operations in conjunction with Pinewood Studios’ in-house special effects team, this example is one of the four so-called “hero” cars used for close-up filming.

Part of its villainous armory includes a menacing Gatling gun, centrally-mounted behind the seats, and red-tipped missiles that deploy from behind the front grille.

The XKR takes pride of place just inside the entrance to the International Spy Museum and is one of more than 100 unique artifacts from 50 years of Bond films, the majority of which come from the vaults of London-based EON Productions, which makes the Bond movies. It is the only car included in the exhibition.

One major challenge for Anna Slafer and her team was actually getting the XKR through the front doors of the museum.

“We are located in an historic building so we had to mount it on a car rotisserie and squeeze it in sideways. It then had to be hoisted up then lowered into position. In all, it took more than seven hours and 10 men to manhandle it into place,” explains Anna.

The ‘Exquisitely Evil: 50 Years of Bond Villains’, which opened in November, runs through 2014 and the International Spy Museum is located at 800 F Street NW, Washington.

For more information on the exhibit at The International Spy Museum, call 202-393-7798 or visit [www.spy-museum.org](http://www.spy-museum.org).

## Other Musings

### NE Regional Director Election Results



**NE Regional Director Election results are in and JCNA is pleased to announce that Peter Crespin from the Nation's Capital Jaguar Club is your new regional director.**

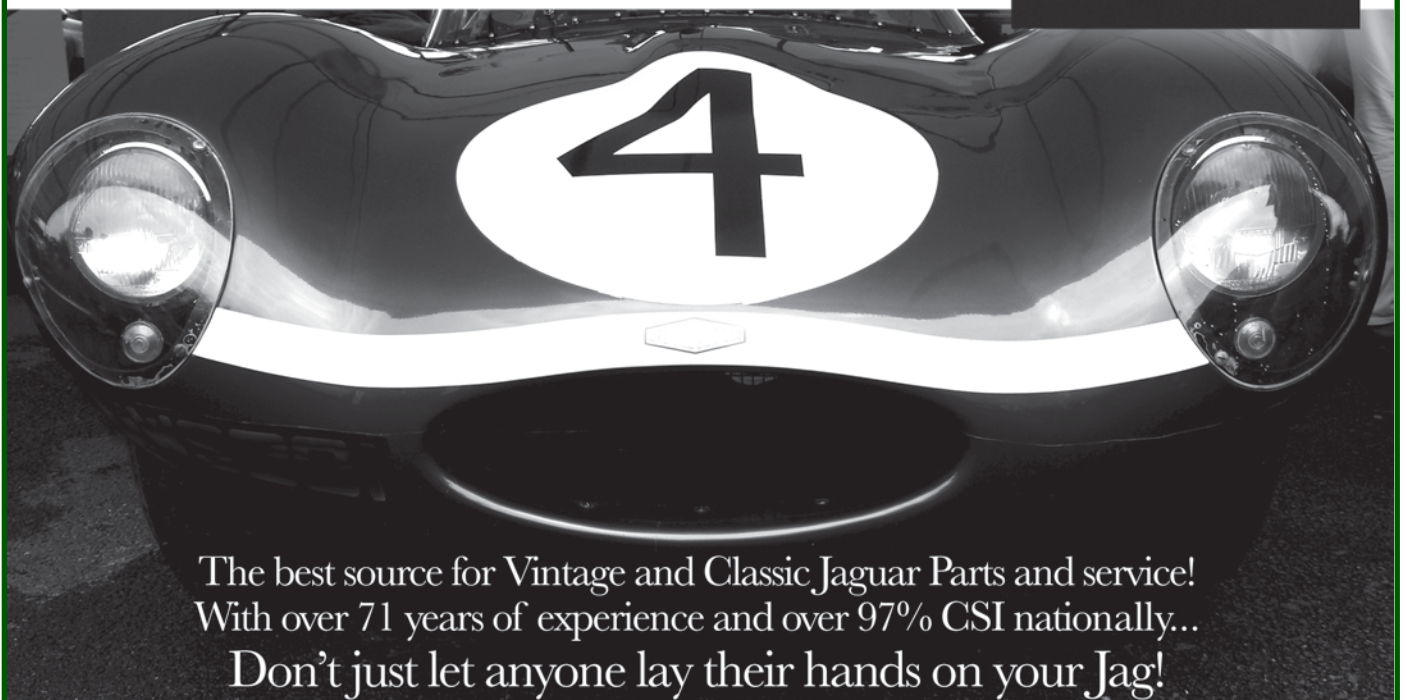
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Peter has worked on cars and bikes since his teens and written articles for various British classic bike magazines. He lives in Maryland but his travels have taken him across the US where he has met many Jaguar enthusiasts, plus more recently NE region people from Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, DC and Northern Virginia in his first few weeks since immigrating. He has written six books covering classic and modern Jaguars, all of which he owned. His current cars include a 1969 Series 2 E-Type OTS, a 1970 FHC and a 1960 Mk IX, all of which he maintains himself.

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## Jaguar XF Sportbrake: This Is NOT an SUV



With an optional luggage rack it looks like an SUV from the rear (left), but the XF Sportbrake is Jaguar's redesigned estate wagon. The cavernous interior (above) offers fold-down rear seats and more headroom than the sedan.



Jaguar's previous wagon was based on the X-Type platform which gave it all wheel drive. From the front (above) the Sportbrake is definitely based on the XF sedan, but without the new all wheel drive. Sportsbrake's self-leveling air suspension in the rear allows for hauling heavy loads (below). An I4 and a V6 diesel are optional engines. The bad news: Sportbrake is not available in the US as of this publication.





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