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During the 2013 Magical Mystery Tour Kevin and Diane Murphy in their S-type stopped en route at this quaint vintage filling station. For the full MMT story go to page 20. Photo courtesy Kevin Murphy.

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JANE – a Rooted and Sprouting Social Car Club



JANE is a very well-rooted club. Yes, like all organizations, it's a few who do most of the heavy work. But we are fortunate to have many who do little jobs here and there. And it's all these little jobs done well that enable a small club like ours to put on the large number of events we sponsor. Thank you to all who seldom get recognized. And, I have noticed that many new members are now volunteering. These new members, as we all know, are the club's future. The sprouting of new members and members who had left our club and have rejoined is testament to the friendliness of JANE. Let's keep it welcoming and fun. Let's encourage and invite our new members to participate.

May has been a magical month in more ways than one. Once again, Dennis and Prebble Eklof organized their fourth successful Magical Mystery Tour. What great fun, taking a beautiful drive in the countryside looking for clues to help guide you to your next waypoint. Fortunately, in case someone got hopelessly lost, each car had an envelope of bailout instructions to lead them to the final destination. And all reports confirm that Dennis and Prebble did a spectacular job with the route and of course the party and dinner at the mystery destination inn. A lot of work went into this event. Wonderful host and hostess. Thank you very much, Dennis and Prebble, for entertaining all those lost, thirsty, hungry Jagophiles. Please read their article on page 20.

Also last month, we moved our monthly social to the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. Our meeting, or shall I say our party, was organized and managed by Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn. Many members brought their Jags out and parked on the lawn. I believe we had around 35 cars and over 80 attendees. The weather was cool but very nice. Lots of members chatted outside, and many more were inside eating all the appetizers and drinking the tasty wine. Dean and Margie arranged for Sheldon Steele, the museum's Executive Director, to give a nice history of the museum and to talk about their exciting new exhibit. And Ed Avis gave us an informative presentation on JANE membership. We acknowledged our new members, said hello to our friends, ate lots of delicious food, and some of us (me and others) could not resist the 25 plus different tempting tasty desserts that Dean and Margie insisted were low cal (yeah, right!). Manja manja! A very happy and successful evening. Thank you, Dean and Margie.

While out of ideas and pondering what the heck to write about this month, I unexpectedly picked up a book on my coffee table called *American Sports Car Racing in the 1950s*. It starts out with the creation of cars and racing in 1894, and goes up to 1960. It's really a history lesson about the cars, the people, the titans of the industry, inherited wealth, talented drivers, and people who just happened to be at the right place at the right time, and how all of this created and legitimized racing in America. And Jaguar played a strong role in this history. From the SS100 of the 1930s to the beautiful XKs of the 50s, Jags were part of America's new love of sports cars. Clearly, sports car racing was now rooted in the U.S. It's fun to look back, it helps us appreciate the present.

That got me to think about the Vintage Sports Car Club of America (VSCCA) racing event in conjunction with the Empire Jag Club at Lime Rock Park in Connecticut on May 31. I believe we have many JANE members who bring their Jags, Ferraris, Porsches, and other cars to drive on the famous, historic race course. I look forward to seeing those drivers and spectators at the track.

June 8 is our Slalom at its new location in North Andover. Our Slalom Chair, Big Al Zanengo, promises more fun for the dollar than anything happening that weekend. As mentioned in prior messages, this is a very low-speed event, usually 10-30 mph. It will teach you how to better handle and feel safer in your car. Bring your Jag, other sports car, or street car. Al and his team have made all the arrangements for a memorable

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happy day. Good food, great company, I encourage all to attend. Thank you, All!

On June 19, we are fortunate to be the guests of Boston's British Consul General, Ms. Susie Kitchens, for a private reception at her residence on Beacon Hill. Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn have organized this sold out event. While it's unfortunate that it's sold out (out of our hands), it's exciting to know that our members will drive in to Boston or way out in the country for something new and special. Thank you, Dean and Margie.

Also in June is the British Car Day at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. While not an official JANE event, we always have a large turnout for this special day at the museum. It's a chance for a relaxed day, looking at a variety of British cars in a comfortable setting. I recommend that you arrive very early to find a good spot for your car.

Finally, June 26 is the deadline for entering our Invent a Cocktail Contest. Your recipe can become the JANE signature cocktail and be served to the crowd attending our Welcome Party for the 2014 JCNAAGM at the MIT Museum. You need to get those entries in to Jan Gill at jangill1@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, June 26. The winner will be chosen by JANE members at the Concours in August. And the experimentation is half the fun!

Our June meeting will be a purely social gathering at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury on Wednesday, June 26. We have a lot of light on these warm summer evenings, so bring your Jags early, park them on the lawn out front, relax and mingle before going in for our usual buffet dinner. It will be a fun, easy night's get-together.

As we can all see, it's summer and activities abound. I encourage all our members to step out in your Jags or family car and participate as a volunteer or an attendee. Also, bring us your new ideas for an event or suggestions on how to improve our existing meetings. Either way we want to see your faces and share your company.

Happy motoring. And please, do make it a point to come up to me and say Hello.

Michael



June Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, June 26, 7pm -- Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA



Longfellow's Wayside Inn

The Wayside Inn is the oldest operating inn in the country and a Massachusetts historic landmark, well worth a visit even separate from JANE's monthly meetings there. The Inn's Old Bar is its oldest room, and it's still in use today. On the evenings when we have our meetings at the Inn, you'll always find members already gathered in the Old Bar well before dinner meetings begin at 7pm. It's always the perfect gathering place to visit with fellow members.

Membership

Ed Avis, VP Membership



Welcome New Members

Denise O'Toole-Barrett and Richard	Barrett	Winchester, MA	2000 XKR
Jim and Helaine	Hazlett	Marblehead, MA	1998 XK8
Michael	Finer	Salem, MA	1997 XJ8L
David and Donita	Rardin	Newbury, MA	2002 XK8
Stephen	Sherman	Needham, MA	1974 E-Type OTS

Date/Time	Event/Details	Location
June 8, 2013 Saturday	JANE Spring Slalom	In Control Training Facility, N. Andover, MA
June 9, 2013	JCSNE Concours d'Elegance	Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT
June 21-23, 2013	VSCCA June Vintage Rallye Tour	Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge, MA
June 26, 2013 Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
July 14, 2013 Sunday, 9am	JCSNE Summer Slalom Contact Ken Haas: slalomchair@jcsne.org	New Britain, CT www.jcsne.org
July 20, 2013 Saturday 11am	Visit to Bob Bahre's collection Contact Ed Avis: ed@avisfamily.com	Paris Hill, ME http://www.hamlin.lib.me.us/founders_day.html
July 24, 2013 Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
July 28, 2013 Sunday	JANE Myopia Jaguar Cup	Myopia Polo Club, Hamilton, MA
August 3, 2013 (rain date 8/4/13) Saturday	JANE Potluck Picnic & Lawn Party	The Eklof's, Groton, MA
August 9-11, 2013	JANE Concours d'Elegance	Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA
August 28, 2013 Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
September 14, 2013 Saturday	JANE Fall Slalom	In Control Training Facility, N. Andover, MA
September 20-22, 2013	British Invasion	Stowe, VT
September 25, 2013 Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
October 14, 2013 Monday, 10am	Columbus Day Parade	Revere, MA
October 18-20, 2013	JANE Weekend Escape to Martha's Vineyard	Martha's Vineyard, MA
October 20, 2013 Sunday, 9am	JCSNE Fall Slalom Contact Ken Haas: slalomchair@jcsne.org	New Britain, CT www.jcsne.org
October 23, 2013 Wednesday, 7pm	JANE Monthly Meeting	Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA
December 8, 2013 Sunday 3pm	JANE Holiday Party	Vesper Country Club, Tyngsboro, 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.

2013 Concours June Update

By Bruce Murray

Things are humming along now and virtually all the up-front work is done. The Sturbridge Host Hotel has rooms set aside for us and we encourage you to make your reservations soon. That way you get the best chance to be near the Hospitality Suite (aka the Presidential Suite) and facing out to the rear lawn area.

Gordon Taylor and Betsy Taylor-Kennedy will run the Hospitality Suite again this year, for which we are very grateful.

Bill Richardson will be our photographer once again. There has been a suggestion that the pictures showing the awards being presented be merged with the pictures of the winning cars. Sounds like a PhotoShop opportunity for someone skilled in the art.

The website is now fully operational and ready for on-line registrations. So far we have had only two entrants register. It would certainly be helpful to our registrars, Jan and Richard Gill, if you would sign up soon – their pencils are sharpened and ready!

Our sponsorship level is similar to last year, which was enough to provide a small surplus of funds to the club. Recall that the entry fees cover only about 60% of the total cost of the event, thus making our sponsors vitally important. Sponsorship involves direct cash to the club plus donated items for a silent auction and raffle. Our major sponsors so far this year are Woburn Jaguar, SNG Barratt, and KTR. These companies will be attending the event and displaying their wares, so we look forward to seeing their latest offerings.

Speaking of sponsorship and donations, please don't forget that we usually have a fine selection of items provided by club members. These may be raffled or entered in the silent auction. So please look through your Jaguar-related possessions and see if there are any you could part with and so support the club. It would help Carl Hanson if you could notify him ahead of time of the "good stuff" you can bring to the show. Items that are non-Jaguar-related are also welcome, but please check with Carl first. He may be contacted at chansonjag@aol.com.

The "take away" message is REGISTER EARLY -- and BOOK YOUR ROOMS SOON if you will be staying at the hotel.

Goodwood Revival 2013 and Jaguar Factory Tour a Go

Contact: Susan Muir, JCNA member and club member of Los Angeles, San Antonio & Austin Jaguar Clubs
samuir63@gmail.com
830-837-1558

The trip to the Jaguar factory and Goodwood Revival 2013 is a guaranteed go! Twenty of your fellow JCNA members have already signed up for this year's trip, which is from September 12-20, 2013. I am once again leading this tour to the amazing Goodwood Revival in England and to 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. In addition, there is now a London extension available, which a number of attendees have signed up for. Starting at \$4099 per person (dbl. occ.), including airfare and taxes, compare this value to other Goodwood Revival tours. Contact Susan Muir for more information at the phone number or email address above.

Slalom: It's Not Just For Breakfast

By Al Zanengo

We have a date with destiny and an odd alignment of the universe. We will have the first Slalom 2.0 at our new facility at 1660 Osgood St. in North Andover on June 8. A new place and new timing gear for our JANE Virgin Spring Slalom with the promise of a tremendous turnout, including not only anointed Jaguar devotees, but also members of the Boston Area MG club and the New England Triumph club. Two of our members, Carl Hanson and Dean Saluti, have used their additional affiliations to promote a true Slalompalooza! A ribbon cutting is probably in order.

If you are a member of JANE you probably have owned or may still own one or more of these classic British marques. You may have set their valves or points with a gap tool or tuned your carbs with a rubber hose stuck in your ear when you were 17. Don't be fooled. They may not be Jaguars, but they are not without their charms and can provide a rich and meaningful driving experience. They have some advantages on our short, compressed course, designed to challenge the BIG CATS. Most of all, though, there will be Jaguars. Beautiful Jaguars. Fast Jaguars. We are JANE.

Suddenly we have a party, a cruise night, a driving event, and a car show all in one. Now you can decide if you want to browse some very interesting and often beautiful cars, chat up other urban carboys, try your hand at a safe though thrilling driving event, help with registration, cone placement, record times, or wave a checkered flag. It's your call. You can participate, observe, or something in between. There's something for everyone from eight to eighty!

Maybe you just want to stop in for an hour and grab a breakfast sandwich or a burger. We have a hard-core, industrial strength food truck. Maybe you just need to use the porta-potty. We have one. Don't be shy, come on by, and bring a friend.

Here are a few things that you should think about. If you plan to try your hand at Slalom: (A) You need to clean out your interior and probably your trunk as well. Bowling balls, water bottles, or coffee cups can present a potential hazard. (B) We have helmets in case you don't, but you must wear one. (C) You can start out slow to learn the three-lap pattern. (D) Any car from a mini-van to a Maserati will do. (E) There is a class for YOUR Jaguar while other cars are all lumped together. You have five chances to clock your best time, and we have \$ runs afterward if you develop a taste for this healthy "cheap thrill." Plus, if you participate you get a sticker and anything else that Paul Bicknell chooses.

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June 13	British
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July 25	German
August 1	Italian
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Ian Callum is Director of Design for Jaguar Cars. He joined the company in 1999. Some of his earlier works included the all-aluminum XK followed by the XKR and XKR-S, the fastest Jaguar in a generation.

The latest evolution, the C-X75 concept vehicle took the Paris Motor Show by storm in 2010. The C-X75 was awarded "Car of the Show" and received sustained acclaim from the media.

Today Callum continues to lead a highly talented team of designers at the Jaguar design studios in Coventry as the exciting new era for the brand continues.

Andy Goss became President of Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC., in May of 2011. He is responsible for the National Sales Company Operations of the Jaguar Land Rover brands in the United States and Canada. He is a highly experienced and successful business leader with a strong track record with numerous auto manufacturers in the UK and Europe. Prior to joining Jaguar, he was Chief Executive Officer of Porsche Cars, Great Britain, a position he held for 12 years.



David Kinney, ASA is an American Society of Appraisers Accredited Senior Appraiser with an Automotive Specialties designation. He is a highly respected and sought after automobile expert. He owns his own automotive only appraisal firm in Great Falls, VA and is a frequent contributor to *AutoWeek*, *AUTOMOBILE* magazine and *Octane*, a British publication. Dave is also the founder and publisher of Hagerty Price Guide. Hagerty Price Guide has become an industry standard among post-war car collectors.



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2013 VSCCA June Vintage Rallye Tour June 21-23, 2013

This event weekend is generally considered the most 'bang for the buck' in vintage touring. It is always run on the weekend after Father's day. The VSCCA Rallye is **open to VSCCA members and to new friends** & their street legal vintage sports cars - so *feel free to forward this information to vintage sports car loving friends.*

We are proud to say that **June VSCCA Vintage Rallye Tour** is one of the few events where there is time to relax & visit and really get to know each other. Often resulting in new members joining the VSCCA. This year we have invited the Turner Drivers, The Bentley Drivers Club and would love to see your group join us.

On Friday evening, June 21 we will gather in Stockbridge MA, at the **Red Lion Inn**. After check in, there will be an informal visit (at the pub downstairs menu based).

Saturday AM (around 9:00am +/-) we will travel over beautiful Berkshire County country roads. The first part of the day, we do a gimmick type rallye. Then we will have an informal lunch at **The Freight Yard** in North Adams, MA (Pub Style - menu based) and then travel some more, just kissing Southern Vermont. We try to return to the **Red Lion Inn** in time for some to go shopping, to visit a museum or just sit on the porch and share a glass of wine.

In the evening, from 5:30pm- 8:30pm there will be cocktails and then a grand dinner with **Red Lion** specialties available - **Roast Beef, Chicken or Salmon.** (cash bar)

We will go over the morning's gimmick questions and give awards. Commonly there is afterglow on the porch (in case there is any wine left).

Sunday morning we tend have a few less drivers, so we take the Sunday tour together. Gathering around 9:00am +/- we travel & visit until an informal lunch (menu based) and then break-up so those who have far off places to be will make it home at a reasonable hour.

Each year that we stay at the **Red Lion Inn** they offer a special rate for our guests who might extend their stay by adding Thursday or Sunday evening, so they can enjoy the fruits of the region.

The Red Lion Inn - Group Reservation #223591- June 21-23, 2013

The **Red Lion Inn** has set aside rooms with private bath Standard and Superior and Suite ****RATE:** \$289 Standard, Superior \$314 and \$389 per suite, per night plus 9.7% tax. (ask for details when you call)

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****roomrates include continental breakfast with group****

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Please note that RLI rates do not include housekeeping gratuities. Housekeeping gratuities at The Red Lion are at the guests' discretion and we encourage them to acknowledge exceptional service & cleanliness.

Upcoming Events

Room reservations will be made on an individual basis by the members of our group, according to hotel reservation policy. We will be asked to guarantee our rooms with a deposit. Please call the RLI **Reservations Office at 413-298-1690** 7 days a week from 8:00-6:00 Monday through Friday and 9:00-5:00 on weekends. Refer to the "**Vintage Sports Car Club**" group, Group #223591. The rate is available until April 21, 2013. (After that time it is "if available") Some will stay with friends or at other B&BS in the area just Google "hotels

2013 VSCCA - June Rally Entry form: Please fill in all - please print

Driver:

Navigator:

Address:

Email: (for confirmation & updates)

Telephone Day:

Evening:

Cell:

Car - Year Make Model Color:

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Are you driving Saturday?

Are you driving Sunday?

Are you joining us for Dinner?

Dinner choice - Roast Beef, Chicken and/or Salmon
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Driver:

Navigator:

Other passengers:

Tour per car - \$70.00

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Total enclosed: i.e. one car, two people - **\$210.00** (includes both tour days & two dinners)

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Questions? 860-355-1804 - late evening always best.

Martha's Vineyard Tour October 18–20, 2013

Now that the MMT has been completed, we are looking forward to our next organized JANE Tour, the Tour of Martha's Vineyard! The Hansons and the Finans are working on the final details, but the following information summarizes the planned events at this time. Send in your registration form, or at least let Carl know about your continuing interest, chansonjag@aol.com, so we can plan accordingly.

1. **Dates:** The event runs from Friday afternoon, October 18, to mid-morning Sunday, October 20.
2. **Ferry reservations.** Make your own reservations on a ferry from Woods Hole to Vineyard Haven (www.steamshipauthority.com). Round trip fare for a Jaguar is \$137. Select a time that meets your personal schedule. Early arrivals can enjoy a shopping tour in downtown Edgartown or a short visit to the beautiful beaches of Chappaquiddick Island. We will have an informal reception on the porch of the hotel sometime after 5 p.m. on Friday.
3. **Hotel reservations.** Make your own reservations with special rates at **The Harbor View Hotel** in Edgartown. JANE has reserved a block of rooms under the name of "**Jaguar Association of New England.**" Call **1-800-225-6005**. You can choose a guestroom at the Main Building with a rate of \$219/night or at the adjacent Governor Mayhew with a rate of \$189/night. There is a two-night minimum, but you can stay longer at those special rates if you wish. The cutoff date for our block of rooms is September 9, 2013.
4. **Island Tour.** Saturday's schedule includes a driving tour of the island, including the towns of Oak Bluffs, Vineyard Haven, West Tisbury, Menemsha, and Gay Head. An appropriate lunch stop will be selected. A wine and cheese tasting will be held at a very special art gallery in West Tisbury.
5. **Banquet.** A special banquet will be held at the hotel on Saturday evening. Menu details and prices will be finalized in the next few weeks. We expect the banquet charge will be approximately \$65 per person, including gratuity and taxes. Drinks will be at your own additional expense.
6. **Event Fee.** Traditional rally plates will be prepared for each participating car. These and other additional expenses result in an assessment of \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple in the same vehicle (one rally plate per vehicle). A registration form is on the following page.

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5th Annual JANE Myopia Jaguar Cup July 28, 2013

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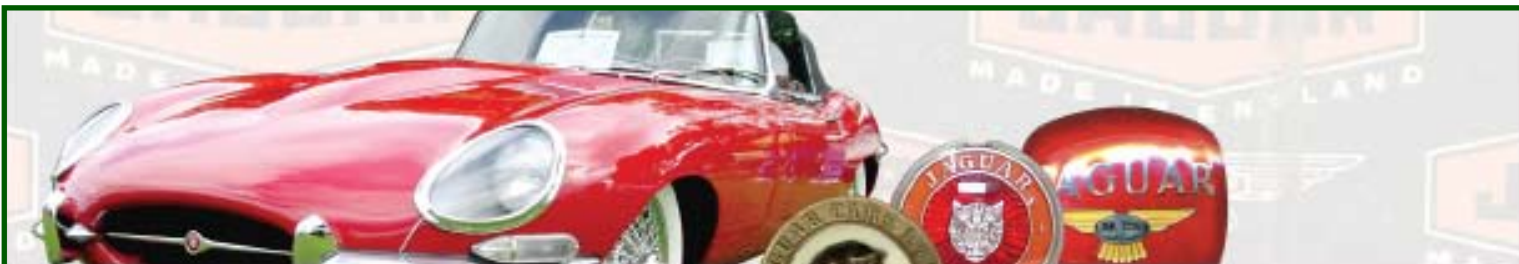
After the fantastic reception last year for our new sponsor, Andrea and Jesse of the Salmagundi Hat Shoppe of Boston have agreed to return. The ladies of JANE are encouraged to wear their finest hats in the true tradition of Ascot Park and Churchill Downs. My personal favorite design is the classic wide brim. JANE gentlemen are encouraged to be appropriate escorts, and although the event is casual, sport jackets and hats for men are not discouraged.

Oh yes, let's line up those classic and contemporary Jaguars. The field of Jags at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum for the JANE meeting in May was outstanding. Come and join us for "the sport of Kings and Queens." Please contact me, as event coordinator, at cipriani62@yahoo.com, or call 508-481-8806 and leave a voice-mail to reserve your place at the event.

It appears that Polo matches are making a resurgence from the classic days when polo was played throughout the United States. *Town & Country* magazine sponsored an all-star polo challenge in March in Wellington, Florida, and the opening day for the Bridgehampton Polo Club in New York is July 20, 2013.

Remember, the field at Myopia on the reserved side is limited to about 30 Jaguars so please contact us early.





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Drove the E-Type to Test Drive the F-Type

By Ray O'Brien

I was invited by Jaguar Cars for a first drive in a new F-Type; this was an invite I looked forward to. Being the owner of a 1973 Series III E-Type, I thought this would be a great comparison. So with the top down on the E-Type on a sunny Saturday morning I drove up to Woburn Foreign Motors and parked it beside the 2014 Jaguar F-Type.

Stunningly beautiful, the F-Type is a true sports car, designed by Ian Callum, Jaguar's chief designer. It has been a long time coming, Jaguar's first real sports car since the E-Type went out of production in 1974. In 2000 Jaguar introduced the XK-180 concept at the North American International Auto Show. Then in May of 2012 Jaguar unveiled the CX-16 prototype at the L.A. Auto Show. Now finally the real deal, the F-Type.

There are three models: F-Type, F-Type S, and F-Type V8 S. The car I drove was on loan to Woburn Foreign Motors from Jaguar Cars. It was the F-Type S, a 380hp supercharged 6-cylinder; the transmission is a Jaguar-tuned ZF eight-speed automatic with paddle shifters and an intelligent start-stop system. Rumor has it that a six-speed manual may become available in the future.

The interior of the new Jag is fighter-jet inspired, very attractive and very comfortable with tremendous attention to the smallest detail. The seats are leather-faced and have wide bolsters, so there isn't any sliding on the seats in a tight corner. For the true enthusiast there are also performance seats available. There are many combinations of colors, stitching, and interior finishes, and choices of colors for the seat belts.

I started the car and heard the greatest exhaust note I have ever heard from a production car. Left the parking lot and turned onto Route 95 north, put the car in manual shift mode and used the paddles to shift the car – what a blast! Every up-shift and down-shift brought more fantastic tones from the exhaust. You have to hear it and feel it to understand it. A great driving experience. I also had a 400hp XKR for a few years. The F-Type is a sports car, the XKR a GT. Both great drivers, just different attributes.

Steering is taut and not over-sensitive, it's like point and shoot; wherever you point the car it goes, and it doesn't sway or rock no matter the speed or curve of the road.

How does it compare to the Series III E-Type, its spiritual predecessor?

Let's take a look at the specs:

	1973 E-Type	2014 F-Type S
Body	Steel	Aluminum
Engine Block	Aluminum	Aluminum
Cylinders	12	6
Compression ratio	9:1	10.5:1
Horsepower	292	380
Torque	304 @ 3600 RPM	339 @ 3500-5000 RPM
Transmission	4 Speed Manual	8 Speed Auto
Curb Weight	3410 lbs.	3558 lbs.
Length	184.38"	176"
Width	66"	75.7"
Wheelbase	105"	103.2"
0-60 MPH	6.4 seconds	4.8 seconds
Top Speed	146 MPH	171 MPH
Mileage	14.2	22

Forty years later Jaguar has a slightly heavier sports car with half the number of cylinders, twice as many gears, and that goes faster and gets better fuel economy. That's as it should be. Which would you rather drive?

May Social Meeting & New Members Reception

By Dennis Eklof

Wednesday, May 22, was JANE's traditional gathering on the lawn at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. Ray and Sanda O'Brien's decision a few years ago to move the dinner portion of the meeting inside has again paid huge dividends. The weather was overcast and chilly, and an outdoor dinner would not have been pleasant, well attended, or very long.

There was a great gathering of Jaguar cars of all sorts (I counted over 30) and about 75 people attended the dinner meeting. Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn did their usual impeccable job of organizing the event. There were appetizers outside, including a wonderful round of Fontinella Italian cheese from Pace Deli; a DJ, Joe Fasci (also a car guy!); a fine Italian buffet inside (steak tips, pastas, salad, etc.) by Spinelli, of East Boston; and even wine and beer included in the \$30 per person cost. Such a deal!

It was also fantastic to be amidst the new LAAM exhibit *Patina, Provenance, Originality* featuring many unrestored cars including a number of fabulous Indianapolis race cars from the collection of long-time museum board member and supporter Joe Freeman. If you haven't seen this fine new exhibit, make a point of doing



Above: A handful of the 30 or so Jaguars parked in front of the fortress known as Larz Anderson Auto Museum. Below left: Although the weather didn't cooperate, several members gathered outside to kick tires and talk cars. Below right: New and veteran members made their way inside the museum to dine among the automobiles. All photos by Dennis Eklof.

For more photos log in to www.j-a-n-e.org and click on Recent Events.



2013 Magical Mystery Tour Treks to the North Country

By Dennis Eklof, MMT Co-host

Well, another *Magical Mystery Tour* has come and gone. The weather was terrific, the inn we chose delivered admirably, and true to past MMTs, about half the participants resorted to their bailout envelopes while several of our more competitively-inclined teams scored essentially perfect scores. Prebble and I were absolutely delighted that everyone who participated seemed to have a fantastic time. We are all set to do it again in 2015!



First, let's run through a few numbers that Prebble put together for the Saturday dinner crowd:

- Miles driven scouting inns: 1,380
- Number of inns visited: 11
- Number of times route run before event: 4
- Miles driven laying out and testing routes: 1,500
- Total days on the road preparing: 9
- Hours spent on the computer turning scribbles into route sheets - Don't ask.
- Number of performance awards earned: 1 - Westside Road in Conway.
- 2007: 14 cars to the Old Tavern in Grafton, VT (Now Grafton Inn)
- 2009: 18 cars to the Sunset Hill House, Sugar Hill, NH
- 2011: 21 cars to the Wilburton Inn, Manchester, VT.
- 2013: 24 cars to the Eagle Mountain House, Jackson, NH.

And we are looking for an even larger turnout in 2015! We're even ahead of the game -- we think we already have a place picked out!

As with the past two MMTs, we chose to start from Johnson's Drive Inn Restaurant in Groton. It is convenient for laying out routes, serves a good breakfast, has adequate parking, and is always accommodating to groups. This year's route was quite challenging. To start off, it was long. The Eagle Mountain House is about 150 miles from Johnson's by the fastest route. The actual route was 185 miles. We could have shortened the route by omitting the Kancamagus Highway, but that would have meant more small towns and well-traveled roads, so we opted for the longer, more scenic path. After the first couple of hours, the route mostly paralleled I-93. While we couldn't make the route much shorter, we could use sections of I-93 to make it faster, so we took that opportunity and created the *Super Wimp Route* and the *Wimp Route* that both used segments of I-93 instead of the back roads on the main route. Interestingly, no one took either one -- maybe the route names had something to do with it. People either bailed out early or tried to stick to it to the end. Several contestants didn't show up at the inn until after 6pm!

Prebble and I showed up at Johnson's promptly at 7am, as promised, where we were soon joined by Don La Haye and Susan Lee from Waitsfield, Vermont, who took us up on our offer of Friday night accommodations. Others really began to arrive about 8-ish, and soon Johnson's parking lot was filled with beautiful Jaguars and the tables were full of MMTers studying their route sheets. By 8:30am or so, cars began to depart and by 9am most were on their way, but the last car out was Heidi and Garlan Hoskin in their XJS, who didn't depart until 9:50am.

As usual, we had some cars run the route together in teams, complete with walkie-talkies between cars. (see below).

Driver/Navigator	Team
Karle, Norma and Rod Folia	Team BCNH
Karle, Paul and Doris	Team BCNH
Mitchell, Bob and Joyce	Team BCNH
Stanley, Robert and Diana	Team BCNH
Avis, Ed and Cheryl	Team One
Kalet, Howard and Joanne	Team One
Gill, Richard and Jan	Team Two
MacCarthy, Lauren and Jennifer Taylor	Team Two
Coull, Jim and Crin	Tres Amigos
Hall, Ed and Kathy	Tres Amigos
Whitmore, Bruce, and Janet Thomason	Tres Amigos
Barrett, Rich and Denise	
Bartlett, Josh and Diane	
Crook, Ray and Diane	
Gardner, Rob and Lesley	
Hoskin, Garlan and Heidi	
La Haye, Don and Susan Lee	
Loring, Ken and Mal	
McLachlan, Glen and Barbara	
Mugherini, Matt and Amy	
Murphy, Kevin and Diane	
Murray, Bruce and Jane	
Picariello, Andy and Judy	
Powell, Bill and Phyllis	

While we missed some of our regular MMT participants from past years, it was really great to see so many new faces -- 16 of the 24 cars running the route were first-time MMTers! Hope you all will be back in 2015.

After the Hoskins departed, Prebble and I took the shortest/quickest route to the inn to set up the Hospitality Suite. We arrived there about 1pm and had time for a bite of lunch before getting to work. We had a great Hospitality Suite provided by the inn, so we set up a refreshment table with beer, wine, cookies (Prebble's homemade) and some snacks. Then it was time for the waiting -- hoping we hadn't made some terrible errors in the directions that completely bamboozled and frustrated everyone. We want it to be a challenge, but not impossible.

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First to arrive were Don La Haye and Susan Lee around 2-ish after an early bailout, but others began to trickle in about 4, with the last car not getting to the inn until a big past six -- right about cocktail time. But those who took the longest seemed to make it pay off.

Cocktails were served in the spacious main lobby from about 6pm to 8pm -- longer than planned due to the late arrival of some and the time it took me to score everyone's route sheets. (Note to self: next time find an easier way to score so you don't miss so much of the afternoon schmoozing.) The bar was open, and the inn served a fine array of appetizers -- yummy.

After cocktails it was time for dinner in the Carter Notch room overlooking the still-lit White Mountains. It was a beautiful spot. Dinner consisted of a smoked salmon appetizer, spinach salad, your choice of filet or salmon, and a lovely dessert. Then it was time for some awards.

For awards, we again chose to give bottles of wine with MMT labels, just as in 2011. The MMT logo on the bottle came to us from former *Coventry Cat* editor Dave Pratt via Photoshop. If you look closely, you will see that the faces are those of Prebble, Carl Hanson, Ray O'Brien and myself. Thank you again, Dave!

Since about half the MMTers teamed up and had more eyes aimed at the prize, we split the awards up between teams and individual tourers, and we also split the competition between the most correct answers to the questions and the most correctly identified photos. Awards went down to third place for a total of 12 awardees. I intentionally did not use the word winners -- given the glorious weather, the beautiful roads, and the fabulous camaraderie we all shared at the inn, I think we were all winners on this weekend. All of the awardees stuck it out to the end except the Tres Amigos, who for some reason could not find the only left turn in 30 miles of the Kankamagus Highway! Instead, they missed the nice drive along Passaconaway Road and slogged through Saturday afternoon traffic in Conway and North Conway on the last legs to the inn. Up until then they were doing very well.

And the scoring was really close among the wine winners, with the bonus questions making the difference in some cases. Anyway, the awardees were:

	Individual		Team	
	Photos	Questions	Photos	Questions
1st	Bruce and Jane Murray		Ed and Cheryl Avis, Howard and Joanne Kalet	
2nd	Rob and Lesley Gardner		Jim and Crin Coull, Ed and Kathy Hall, Bruce Whitmore, Janet Thomason	Bob and Joyce Mitchell, Norma Karle, Rod Folia, Paul and Doris Karle, Robert and Diana Stanley
3rd	Matt and Amy Mughnerini		Tie: Richard and Jan Gill, Jen Taylor, Lauren MacCarthy; Bob and Joyce Mitchell, Norma Karle, Rod Folia, Paul and Doris Karle, Robert and Diana Stanley	Richard and Jan Gill, Jen Taylor, Lauren MacCarthy

The last official act of the evening was the dreaded *Bent Spoke* awards. Each year we give out one or two of these to those who showed some particular flair in achieving non-award winning results. This year there were two.

The first went to Josh and Diane Bartlett. Josh and Diane had planned to bring their XK8, but its throttle

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body failed on Friday, so they decided to bring their Series III E-Type. Unfortunately, that too let them down with a failed clutch slave cylinder along the route. Fortunately, they were not too far from their Moultonborough, NH, home when this happened, so they were able to have the E-Type flatbedded home and still make the evening festivities.

The second *Bent Spoke* award went to Rich and Denise Barrett as the longest JANE email lurkers on record. Rich signed up for a Guest membership on the JANE website sometime in

2010, but never joined JANE or came to any events. However, they kept getting our emails and finally the 2013 MMT caught their fancy. Welcome to JANE, Rich and Denise! We hope we see more of you.

Special recognition went to Jim and Crin Coull, who are the only couple to participate in all four MMTs. Special mention is also due to several couples who missed only one out of four due to extenuating circumstances: Ed and Kathy Hall who missed 2011 because of some obligatory family event, Carl and Sing Hanson who missed 2013 only because of Carl's recent eye surgery, Mike and Patty Axford who missed 2013 because of Patty's ongoing back problems, and Bruce and Jane Murray who missed 2009 due to a last-minute illness.

After the dinner wound down, there was considerable activity at the bar, and several folks hanging out on the front porch, where Glen McLachlan broke out some excellent single malt which I had to try. Oh well, I didn't have far to go.

Sunday morning dawned as perfectly as had Saturday, and it was a real pleasure to look out our bedroom over the mountains. Sunday's breakfast buffet was excellent, with all manner of breakfast goodies and an omelet chef on duty -- the omelets were terrific. I think I was in the breakfast room for well over two hours taking advantage of the opportunities to visit with many of you -- opportunities not to be missed.

Several people have asked about getting the exact routing of our tour so they could tell where they had been and perhaps retrace some of their steps. They also asked for a reckoning on the photos. I amended the main route sheets with the answers to all of the questions, locations of the photos, and with road and town identifications on the route instructions. Log on to www.j-a-n-e.org, click on the Recent Events button and go to the MMT link to download/view this information.



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Also, I added location descriptions to each photo on the photo sheets. Finally, if you are a Google Earth user and want a KML file of our route let me know.

Many thanks to all of you for joining us and making all the time and effort worthwhile. We already have a place in mind for MMT 2015!

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Previous page top and bottom: A great variety of models attended this year's MMT. This is Ed and Kathy Hall's Mark 2. And not all members drove Jags. Bruce and Jane Murray cruised in their Mini. This page clockwise from top right: In contrast to the Murray's Mini, Bob and Joyce Mitchell made the journey in this very spacious Mark IX. Arriving at the destination last did not dampen the spirits of Garlan and Heidi Hoskin, waving to the camera from their XJS. The entire 2013 MMT crew gathered on the porch of the Eagle Mountain House.

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