

The Coventry Cat



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Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

It's nice to see Jaguars even in the deep winter months. New members John and Helen Turner enjoy year-round driving in this 2013 AWD XJ. Of the car's performance John raves, "The AWD is amazing in winter mode in the snow, so much grip; the big cat turns snow leopard!" Photo courtesy of John Turner.

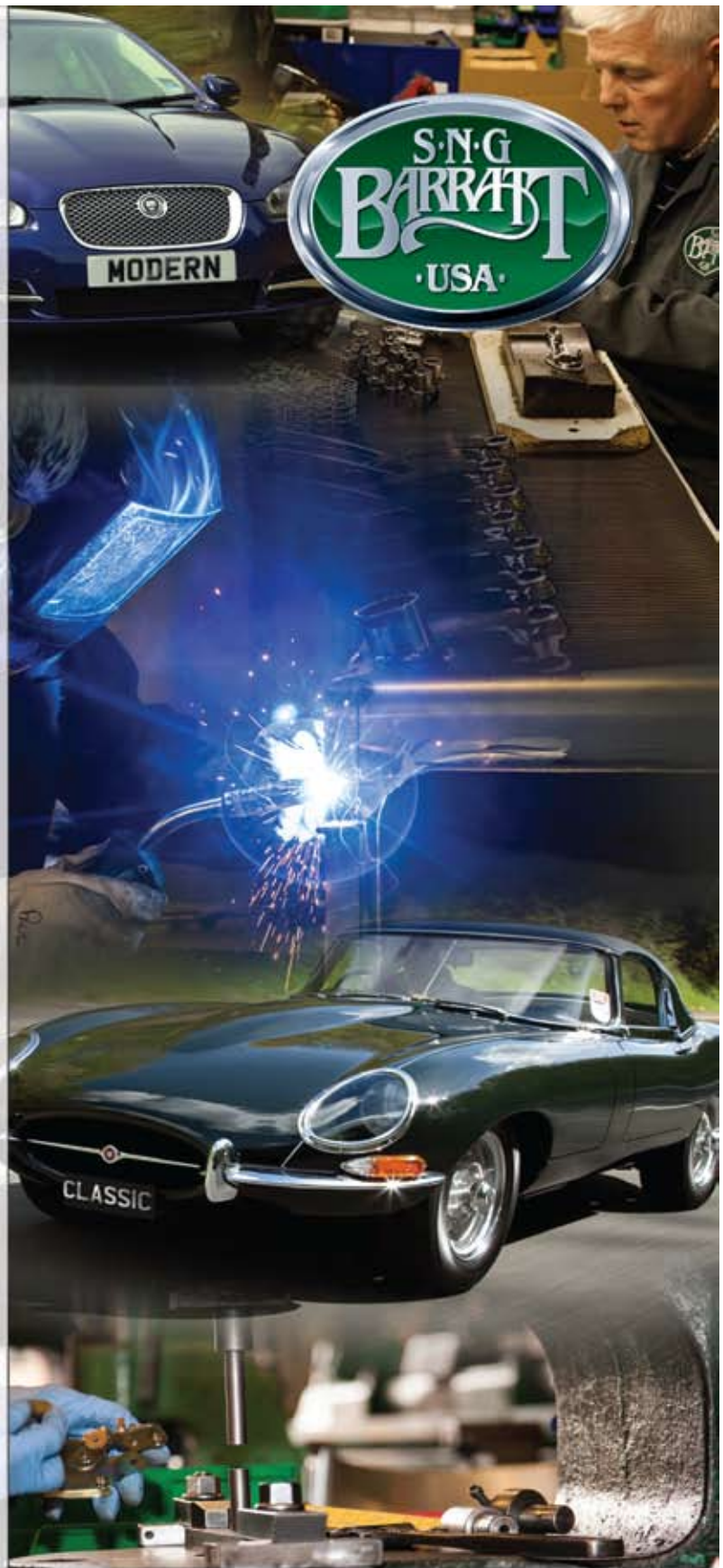
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The Cold Reality of Winter

Mother Nature can't seem to figure out what she wants to do this year. As I have started to write this, we have been pushed down into near zero, if not to sub-zero, temperatures for the second time this season, with an extended period of spring-like moderation in between. This fickleness leads to confusion for all ... how to dress? layers on? layers off? Can't anyone get it straight? Seriously, with all this technology we're still no closer to accurate forecasts. Most of us would certainly welcome a job where we could be wrong

80+ percent of the time, and still get paid and keep the job. Right now everyone is feeling the cold.

On a warmer note, the Board has been hard at work setting forth and approving our outlined goals for 2014. With the help of Dean Saluti and John Brady the 2014 calendar of events has been set, with no fewer than 40 events for the year. Did I say 40 events? I seem to recall learning at some point in my life that there are only 52 weeks in the year. Does this schedule leave us any room for holidays? Seriously, we are very fortunate to have a club with members who are ready, willing, and able to put together such an exhaustive schedule to keep us driving and enjoying our Jags.

Our first event of the year, the January meeting at the Wayside Inn, was well attended and a great success. After several phone volleys trying to determine whether to cancel or not, I decided to go forward and have the meeting. After all, my pilot training should be able to give me at least as good a call as those who get paid for this type of thing. Our speaker for the evening was Dean Cusano, from the Jaguar Club of Southern New England. Dean presented a very interesting and compelling perspective on prepping and modifying your car for slalom without spending a great deal of money, as well as dispelling some beliefs that horsepower will get you a win over setup. Dean has the current national slalom championship car, a 1984 XJS 6-cylinder, completely stock Jaguar engine, and was just under 38 seconds for the title.

February is barely a week away and has a couple of our favorite annual events. The month starts off with the South of the Border Members' Fiesta on Saturday, the 1st, at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum, then on to the Valentine's Day Dinner on Sunday, the 16th. The Valentine's Day Dinner is once again coordinated by Tom Moses and is a quick sellout, so make sure that you go online to make your reservations or contact Tom directly. The monthly meeting will have a change of venue and will be held at the British Beer Company in Walpole, Massachusetts.

Kicking off March, Tom Parish is putting together a group for F1 Boston on Sunday, the 2nd. Dennis Eklof will be sending out an email with all the details, so make sure that you sign up, as this will fill up quickly. Bruce Whitmore will once again coordinate our Maple Syrup Tour to Parker's Maple Barn for brunch for the 23rd. Just an early reminder that there will be no monthly March meeting, as we will be putting the finishing touches to the JCNA AGM for the following week.

The AGM preparation is progressing to the final stages and we are looking for club members to volunteer to assist with various aspects of the three-day event. This will be an event you do not want to miss, so why not volunteer and be a part of this historic program for our club. Please reach out to Dennis Eklof, the event chairperson, and let him know what you are able to do. Remember, this is your club, so come join the fun! Many hands make light work.

Our membership is continually growing, and with Ed Avis as our VP Membership we have once again set an aggressive goal of 60 new members, with an overall increase in total membership of 10 percent. As of

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President's Message continued

last year JANE was the largest club in JCNA and we would like to stay there. We are developing a new business-size card with the club logo and contact information so that our members can easily carry them in a wallet or purse. These should be ready very soon so that each and every one of our members can carry them and reach out to those unfamiliar Jags that we see on streets and in parking lots across New England.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the passing of two of our members over the last six weeks. In December we lost Frank Williams, a long-time member and very close friend to many, after many years of battling severe Rheumatoid Arthritis and a few recent other health issues. Frank was extremely active in coordinating events and was a co-vice president of the club in 1993. Then just a few weeks ago we were saddened once again with the loss of Jim Roberge after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Not only did Jim have a huge physical presence, he also created an immense presence with his support of our Slalom and Concours events. Jim was always a quiet, kind, and generous member in being a great friend to many over the years, and we will miss seeing his V12 modified E-Type known as "The Beast." Both of these fine individuals will be sorely missed.

Jim



JANE member Jim Roberge in the driver's seat of his V12 E-Type known as "The Beast" passed away on January 10 after a long illness. Bruce Murray and Stew and Karen Jones remember Jim with a few words on page 15.



Thanks to everyone who has already renewed their membership for 2014. Two hundred thirty-four members (yes, 234) had renewed as of January 27th, when this article was prepared (up from 177 in 2012 and 213 in 2013). I hope we'll have a few more renewals before I have to send the roster to JCNA on January 31st. We won't know for a few weeks if we're still the largest Jaguar club in North America, but I'm confident we're at or near the top! That will make good "bragging rights" at the AGM!

Sometime in February I'll be mailing letters to everyone who has not renewed. We'll ask WHY they haven't renewed and will use their feedback to address any identified issues and to improve the JANE membership experience.

We ended 2013 with a total of 299 members and, as usual, we've set membership goals for 2014. The goal is 60 new members (not including former members who rejoin) and a 10 percent increase in total membership over 2013 (would be 329 members at the end of 2014). This is not my personal goal – it's the JANE goal, and we'll all have to be recruiters to reach it!

We announced previously that one lucky member or family who renewed their membership before the end of December would receive a free membership for 2014 at a drawing to be held at the January JANE social meeting. A total of 164 members/families renewed early and were eligible for the drawing, and the winner was (*drum roll, please*) – Patrick (PJ) Deluhery of West Springfield, Massachusetts! Congratulations!

Welcome New Members

John and Helen	Turner	Andover, MA	2013 XJ AWD
Mark and Beverly	Lenci *	Natick, MA	1972 E-Type SIII OTS
Robert and Julie	Ain	Winchester, MA	1969 E-Type OTS

* Mark and Beverly joined as JCNA Life Members

Now we need to find only another 57 new members during the rest of the year!

Cheers,

Ed Avis

Upcoming Events



2014 JANE EVENTS CALENDAR

You may register for any JANE event online at www.j-a-n-e.org and pay in advance by credit card or PayPal

Date	Day	Time	Event
Feb 01	Sat	6PM	Larz Anderson "South of the Border – Members Fiesta" – All JANE Members invited. Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Brookline, MA
Feb 16	Sun	3PM	JANE Valentine's Day Dinner, Bullfinchs Restaurant, 730 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, MA Coordinator: Tom Moses (tmoses@spillcenter.com or 978-580-7416 x 222)
Feb 26	Wed	7PM	JANE Monthly Meeting, British Beer Company, Rt. 1, 85 Providence Highway, Walpole, MA Speakers: Brady Brothers –2013 Le Mans
Mar 02	Sun	12PM	JANE Does Formula 1 Boston, F1 Motorsports 290 Wood Road, Braintree, MA Coordinator: Tom Parish (tparish@carlisle-co.com or 978-828-4707)
March 23	Sun	11AM	JANE Maple Syrup Tour to Parker's Maple Barn for Brunch Meet at Johnson's Drive-In, 164 Boston Road, Groton, MA Coordinator: Bruce Whitmore (781-307-8560)
March 26	Wed		No March JANE Monthly Meeting – See you at the AGM!
April 4-6	Fri-Sun	9AM	JCNA AGM Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 44 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA JANE Members Register for all AGM events at http://www.j-a-n-e.org/AGM2014.html
	Fri	6PM	JCNA AGM Welcome Cocktail Party , MIT Museum, 265 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA
	Sat	9AM	JCNA AGM Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 44 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA
		7PM	JCNA National Awards Banquet Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 44 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA
	Sun	10AM	JCNA AGM Jazz Brunch at Larz Anderson Auto Museum – All JANE Members Invited – Display your car on the Lawn!

*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.

Jaguar Love is in the Air

Join us Sunday, February 16, 2014, at 3pm for Valentine's Day Dinner at Bullfinches in Sudbury, MA.

The restaurant is located at 730 Boston Post Rd, Sudbury, MA 01776, just east of the Wayside Inn on Route 20. Visit their website: www.bullfinchs.com.

Space is limited, please reserve before February 12, 2014. Send an email to Tom Moses at tmoses@spillcenter.com or leave a message at 978 580 7416 x222.



2013 Le Mans Brady Presentation

February Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, February 26th at 7pm
British Beer Company
85 Providence Highway
Walpole, MA 02032



Tom and John and yes.....Don... will be once again presenting their latest Le Mans adventure (2013). Come and join the fun and see and hear about:

- Their ongoing relationship with S F Moss
- Brady Camping Rules
- Driver's parade and Mad Friday
- Come and meet Don, the triplet!
- And of course.....the actual race!

The presentation will be a narrated slide show. There will be a Le Mans trivia contest and the winner will receive a priceless automobila from the race. The presentation should last about an hour.

The 2014 JCNA AGM and Jaguar Party It'll Be Here Before You Know It. April 3-6, 2014

By Dennis Eklof, *AGM Committee Chairperson*

Plans are moving forward rapidly for the 2014 JCNA *Annual General Meeting* (AGM) hosted by your club, JANE. To make this a really memorable weekend we need your participation and your help. We are planning a terrific weekend gathering and are counting on your support to make it a success. And if you haven't ever been to a JCNA meeting, this is your chance to do so in style without a lot of travel hassle and expense.

What Is the AGM?

Officially, the AGM (8 AM to 3 PM Saturday) is the annual business meeting of all of the clubs affiliated with the *Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA)*. Each affiliated club has the opportunity to send two delegates to the AGM, and it is this group of delegates who discuss, debate, and vote on rules changes for the various JCNA-sanctioned events and other aspects of the national club's business. You can see the AGM agenda at www.jcna.com.

The actual AGM is normally preceded on Friday by a meeting of the JCNA Board of Directors (as your Northeast Regional Director, I am on the JCNA BOD). While delegates are not active participants in the JCNA BOD meeting, all JCNA members are welcome to attend as observers.

So the instigation for the get-together is club business, and for BOD members and delegates some parts of the weekend will be taken up by club business. But what's a gathering among fellow Jaguar enthusiasts without some time to enjoy each other's company, swap car stories, renew old friendships, and make new ones? Pretty dull stuff and a real missed opportunity! So, over the years the AGM has blossomed into a weekend of activities aimed at not just the business aspect of the clubs, but also the social aspects.

There is always a Friday night welcome gathering of some sort, and as part of the seven AGMs Prebble and I have attended over the last eight years, we have visited a huge private car collection in Houston, had dinner in the former Stutz factory in Indianapolis (now home to a private car collection and other attractions), cruised the Three Rivers area of Pittsburgh, visited a Wild West Tombstone reincarnation near Phoenix, toured Cowboy Stadium, and enjoyed a number of other enjoyable venues.

Then, on Saturday night is the annual JCNA cocktail reception and awards banquet, with some distinguished guest speakers, the bestowing of trophies for national award winners, and other important awards (it was at the AGM in Indianapolis that Prebble received the *Karen Miller Award* for her outstanding work on the *Coventry Cat*).

AGMs also usually feature some tech sessions of interest to Jaguar lovers on Friday and Saturday after the conclusion of the business meetings.

What's Going To Be Special About the 2014 AGM?

We have been working for almost two years to make this year's AGM something really special.

First, we have a great venue. The Hyatt hotel is beautiful and situated right on the Charles River overlooking the Boston skyline, and all of the rooms in our block have river views. I am sure many of you are familiar with the hotel, and if you know Boston, you will also know that the \$169 per night group rate is a steal.

Second, we have expanded the Party Weekend concept in several ways and have worked hard to make each event

really special.

On Thursday all early arriving attendees are invited to join the JCNA BOD for an informal dinner at Legal Seafoods in Cambridge.

On Friday during the BOD meetings, JANE members will be providing concierge services to assist our guests at arranging to take advantage of the many attractions Boston has to offer.

Friday afternoon will feature two of the tech sessions: *Prepping Jaguars for Street Performance, Slalom, and Racing* by Brian Donovan of Donovan Motorcars; and *Design/Build of a 1/3-Scale XK Engine* by JANE's Bruce Murray.

Friday night will be really special – we will have a big welcome party at the MIT Museum. There will be lots of neat Jaguar displays to supplement the fine permanent exhibits in the Museum, a roving banquet with a New England theme, and entertainment. It should be a wonderful opportunity to have a great time.

On Saturday, we will again be offering concierge services to our guests, and also organizing two bus tours to surrounding attractions, one to Lexington/Concord, and the other to the North Shore.

Saturday afternoon will feature two additional tech sessions – *The Authenticity of Jaguar Tool Kits* by JANE members Tom and John Brady and Jim Sambold, and *The Jaguar Parts Business* by SNG Barratt (there will be a quiz and prizes).

Saturday evening will feature a cocktail party on the top floor of the hotel, with outstanding views of the Charles River and the Boston skyline, a silent auction that will feature some really interesting items, and the awards banquet with some

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surprise speakers in store and a terrific banquet with the menu planned by JANE's own Nancy Monaghan.

Finally, we will wrap up the weekend on Sunday morning with a Jazz Brunch at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. I am sure many of you have visited the Museum, but it should be a fine party and, weather permitting, we plan a big display of Jaguars on the lawn as part of the event.

Why Should I Attend?

I am sure many of you are asking yourselves that question. After all, Friday and Saturday are pretty full with business meetings, and you are not a delegate. Why be bored? Let me address that question in a couple of ways:

First, there's a lot to the AGM besides the business meetings, and what's wrong with taking a little time out to enjoy Boston during the business meetings? Think of it – Thursday dinner at Legal Seafood, have breakfast on Friday and then maybe some shopping on Newbury Street, or a Duck Boat ride, or a visit to the Museum of Fine Arts or the Museum of Science. Follow that up with some interesting tech sessions and a great party at the MIT museum. Saturday, another leisurely day taking advantage of the things you did not have time for on Friday, some more tech sessions, and a great Saturday cocktail party and banquet. Then on Sunday, sleep late and then head off to the Jazz Brunch. Sounds like a pretty good weekend to me, and you certainly cannot beat the price/location of our hotel. And at the background of all of this is the opportunity to get together with new friends and old who share your interests in all things Jaguar. Wow, this sounds so good I wish I could do it, but between being on the JCNA BOD and Chairing the event I suspect I'll be a tad busy.

Another reason for attending is to support your club. Staging this event is hugely time consuming, and our Committee has been working for nearly two years to organize it. When the time comes we will need help putting it on. Maybe it would be just a small job, say manning the registration desk for a few hours, or maybe you want something more substantial, like organizing the Silent Auction or getting goodie bag items from vendors. There are still lots of jobs to be done (and some hotel rooms to be filled), so think about combining a really fun weekend with some solid support for your fellow JANE members.

Can't Arrange a Weekend?

Of course, if you cannot arrange a weekend getaway, you can still attend any or all of the evening social functions, so don't miss out completely.

Check Out the Website

We have set up a pretty fancy website about the weekend at www.j-a-n-e.org, so check it out for more details. You can even register online and pay with your credit card. But do it soon. We have only a limited block of discount rooms at the Hyatt, and both the MIT Museum and the Larz Anderson Auto Museum have capacity limits that we expect to fill.

See You in April!



Upcoming Events

Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park Tour May 15-18, 2014

Do you ever wonder if your cars dream? I ask myself that question every time I go over to the garage and look at them sleeping under their covers. My guess is that my XK-120 is dreaming of the JANE trip to Bar Harbor in May! It may be freezing cold outside right now but, like most car lovers, I'm thinking about warmer weather and new adventures ... and May is only three months away! If you haven't already signed up for this trip you should do so SOON! **Please register online at the JANE website or complete and return the attached registration form to verify your attendance.**



Typical room in the Oceanfront Lodge.

We've contracted for a block of rooms at the Bar Harbor Inn for the nights of 15-17 May at a rate of \$169/night (the normal rate for that time of year is \$201/night). **See the note below if you'd like to extend your stay.** For those not familiar with the area, the Bar Harbor Inn (<http://www.barharborinn.com>) is one of the premier properties in town and is located on the oceanfront right in the downtown area within easy walking distance of all the shops, restaurants, tour boats, pubs, and other attractions. We will be staying in the Oceanfront Lodge right at the water's edge. Each room has two queen beds, full bath, and a private balcony overlooking the ocean. The Lodge has good off-street parking for our Jaguars.

We currently have 15 rooms blocked at this rate and **11 are already booked** as of January 27th. We can likely block additional rooms, but the rate may be slightly higher. Anyone definitely planning to attend should reserve their room NOW. The sooner we fill the block, the better our chances of negotiating the same discounted rate on additional rooms. **The cutoff date for the discounted rate is March 15, 2014.**

Reserve your room NOW at 800-248-3351 and mention that you're part of the Jaguar Association of New England to receive the discounted rate.

Be sure to let Ed Avis know if you plan to attend and have reserved your room.

**You can reach Ed at 207-737-8258/
ed@avisfamily.com.**

(Other less expensive lodging options are available off the waterfront or just out of town, but you would be separated from the group. Contact Ed for more information if you'd like to pursue this option.)



The Bar Harbor Inn

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Traditional rally plates will be prepared for each participating car. These and other additional expenses will result in a small assessment of \$25 for the driver and \$20 for each passenger in the same vehicle (the extra fee for the driver pays for the rally plate ... one per vehicle).



View from the Reading Room Restaurant at the Bar Harbor Inn.

Tentative Schedule:

Thursday, May 15th: Drive to Bar Harbor. Rendezvous points will be established in key locations for those who would like to travel together. Everyone should plan to arrive in Bar Harbor in time for a late afternoon reception at the Ivy Manor Inn (<http://www.ivymanor.com>). **Jaguar Scarborough (Maine)/Goodwin Motor Group has graciously offered to sponsor the reception (cash bar not included, but available). Jaguar Scarborough will also have some of the newest model Jaguars available for a close-up look.** There are no formal dinner plans for Thursday, but the Ivy Manor Inn also has a fine restaurant where members may wish to dine (menu available on their website).

Scenic boat, airplane, or glider tours of the area may be an option for those who arrive earlier in the day or extend their stay. You can find more information about events and activities in the area at <http://www.barharborinfo.com>.

Friday, May 16th: Scenic drive across Mt. Desert Island for a tour of the Seal Cove Auto Museum (<http://www.sealcoveautomuseum.org>), a small but significant collection of “brass era” electric, steam, and gasoline-powered cars and motorcycles. The afternoon and evening will be free to explore Bar Harbor, visit the shops, and take in the scenery. An afternoon or evening cruise on the windjammer Margaret Todd (<http://downeastwindjammer.com>) is another option I’m working on. Dinner on your own or in small groups.

Saturday, May 17th: Scenic drive around the Park Loop Road at Acadia National Park, with stops at vistas such as “Thunder Hole,” “Otter Cliffs,” and “Sand Beach,” as well as a ride up Cadillac Mountain and lunch at Jordan Pond Restaurant. Individual payments required at park entrance.

Note: For those of a “certain age” (62+) the National Park Service offers a LIFETIME “Senior Pass” for only \$10. This is a marvelous deal and is honored by the Forest Service, the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation at sites where Entrance or Standard Amenity Fee(s) are charged. The Senior Pass admits pass owner/s and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per-vehicle fee areas and pass owner + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, where per-person fees are charged. If you don’t already have a Senior Pass you can obtain one online or at the Park’s Visitor Center. You can find more details at <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/senior.html>.

Group dinner/banquet in Bar Harbor.

Sunday, May 18th: Depart at your leisure.

Notes:

A Complimentary Continental Breakfast is served each morning in the Oceanfront Lodge Lobby from 7:00am-11:00am. There are several other breakfast options within a five-minute walk.

If you'd like more time in the area the contracted rate at the Bar Harbor Inn for anyone arriving up to three days early is \$158/night, and for anyone staying up to three days after the event the rate is \$180/night. Hiking, sightseeing, antiques, and other options abound in this area and along coastal Rt. 1.

The Fine Print:

Individual room deposits, equal to one night's room rate, are due within 10 days of making a reservation. Individual deposits are refundable, less a \$30 administrative fee, given notification 10 days prior to arrival date. Cancellations received with less than 10 days' notice are subject to a fee equal to one night's lodging. Cancellation insurance is available to all hotel guests at a cost of \$25 per room and must be purchased on the day the reservation is made. This insurance allows the guest to change or cancel their reservation up until noon on the scheduled day of arrival with no penalty to the deposit.



Panoramic view from the Oceanfront Lodge.

**REGISTRATION FORM: BAR HARBOR / ACADIA NATIONAL PARK TOUR
THURSDAY P.M. – SUNDAY A.M. MAY 15-18, 2014
Sponsored by the Jaguar Association of New England**

Driver's Name: _____

Address: _____

Driver's Email: _____

Driver's Cell Phone: _____ **Driver's Home Phone:** _____

Driver's Car: Make/Model _____ Year _____

Passenger #1: Name _____	Passenger #3: Name _____
Passenger #2: Name _____	Passenger #4: Name _____

I/we will be staying at the Bar Harbor Inn on the nights of May _____	Contracted rate is \$169/night + 8% tax = \$182.52 Make your reservations directly with the hotel at 800-248-3351 (cutoff date is March 15, 2014)
I/we will be staying at _____ on the nights of May _____ and will meet up with the group on Friday morning.	Make sure Ed Avis has your cell phone number in case of late arrival or a change in tour plans.

Send completed form and check payable to Ed Avis (amount calculated below) **before May 1**, 2014 to:
Ed Avis, JANE Bar Harbor Tour, 252 Upper Pond Road, Litchfield, ME 04350

Contacts: Ed Avis, ed@avisfamily.com, 207-737-8258 (H) or 207-751-9446 (M)

Host Hotel for the Tour: The Bar Harbor Inn, Newport Drive, Bar Harbor, ME 04609 <http://www.barharborinn.com/>

	Price	Subtotal
Driver's Reservation (includes one rally plate)	\$25	\$25
Passenger Reservation(s)	_____ @ \$20	\$
Friday 05/15 reception NOTE: Everything except the cash bar provided courtesy of Jaguar Scarborough (Maine)	_____ participants	\$0
Grand Total		\$

NOTE: Group dinner on May 17th will be on individual checks.

In Memorium



In Memorium James K. Roberge 1938-2014

Jim Roberge – a personal reminiscence

I was greatly saddened to hear of Jim's death and was privileged to be a friend of his. I would like to offer my personal reminiscences.

I had the great good fortune to meet Jim Roberge during my professional life when he was a consultant to my company. He was a highly esteemed professor of electrical engineering at MIT and had

an immense breadth of experience in engineering. Amongst other publications, Jim wrote a technical bible in 1975 that is still a benchmark reference today. As our consultant, Jim designed circuits for us that were supremely elegant and sophisticated and yet at the same time fiendishly simple and hard for lesser mortals to understand.

Working with Jim was an education in itself, not only for his great incisiveness but also for his unfailing courtesy and thoughtfulness. One felt that he suffered fools gladly (but at times I did wonder!). He was clearly a great mentor to students and also to, shall we say, more mature individuals.

It was therefore a surprise and delight to find that he was a member of JANE so that we could meet and chat about matters other than electronics. I was impressed by his drive and dedication to teaching class: at last year's Concours, he told Carl Hanson and me about his plans for the next academic year and reminisced about certain international figures of great repute that he had met. His courage and grace, in the face of his physical ailments, were remarkable and an inspiration to all who knew him.

He was a great man and I shall miss his cheerful company and delightful conversation.

Bruce Murray

It is with great sadness that we contemplate the passing of Jim Roberge. He was our client, but also our very good friend with whom we have attended many memorable Concours and Slalom events. Jim was known to us as "Gentleman Jim" for obvious reasons.

Jim's 1973 Roadster, which he purchased in the middle 80's evolved over the years into a very capable street E-Type. A 6L engine, a 5-speed transmission, suspension upgrades and modern wheel and tires make this E-Type an exceptional performer. Jim loved to drive the E-Type, often traveling more than 300 miles in a weekend, and he used it for commuting, with both MIT and Lincoln Labs parking passes in evidence. Without any fuss this same Jaguar competed at JCNA slaloms and SCCA autocross events.

Jim wanted to use his E-Type on the track but was unwilling to modify the Jaguar to provide roll protection, hence the need for a dedicated race car. A 1972 E-Type was much modified and initially made street able with easy conversion for track use. Eventually the street use was discontinued with 335/30/18 Hoosier slicks fitted all around and a carbon fiber bonnet to lessen the weight.

Two informative articles, "The Beast is Released," from the 2005 JCNA Challenge Championship program, and "The Prettiest Race Car You've Ever Seen," from the JANE Coventry Cat, Feb. 2006, are also available on our website, jaguarv12etype.com, under the heading "What's News."

Karen and Stew Jones

In Memorium Frank T. Williams, Jr. 1940-2013



Born Frank T. Williams, Jr., on April 12, 1940, in Norfolk, Virginia, Frank grew up always interested in taking things apart and fixing them, especially all things automotive.

Upon reaching his 17th birthday Frank felt it was time to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Coast Guard in 1957. Three years after entering the Coast Guard, on April 17th, 1960, he married Marilyn Reed in Dedham, Massachusetts, but not before purchasing a 1953 Austin Healey 100/4 for \$1,000 the week before the ceremony. Frank loved his Healey, but it was not to stay for long, with the arrival of their first son in June 1961, Frank T. Williams, III, who passed away at the age of 1 ½ years. Their second son, Richard, was born in April 1963, and their youngest son, Reed, in March 1965.

During his service career Frank specialized in oil spills and pollution control as part of the first response strike teams. After 23 years of service to our country and retiring as a Chief Petty Officer, he started his own business as consultant, trainer, and director for implementing oil spill procedures for the Coast Guard as well as reviewing contingency plans at US Navy bases all around the world.

All these years since selling the Healy, Frank had been growing the itch to purchase a Jaguar E-Type OTS, and it wasn't long before he located a 1970 Series II that a doctor in Manchester, New Hampshire, was selling as part of a divorce in 1986. This was just about the time when New England XK Association, NEXKA, was becoming Jaguar Association of New England, and both Frank and Marilyn became members. Frank would eventually restore his 1970 E-Type, but not before purchasing another 1969 Series II OTS as a parts car that would eventually be restored for Marilyn. These two E-Types, Frank's blue OTS, New Hampshire registration OILSLK, and Marilyn's white OTS, New Hampshire registration TAXPLN, were seen at every car club event for many years. In 1993 Marilyn would become president of JANE, with Frank as one of the three co-vice presidents. This couple would be involved with every aspect of our club for many years.

After the completion of the two E-Types Frank began realizing the urge to own another Healey 100/4, and the search was on once more. As fate would have it, there appeared a partially-restored-to-primer 1953 100/4 in a barn in Maine. In very short order, this car was to have a new home, and Frank wasted no time in getting started. Now with several British cars in the garage, both Frank and Marilyn became active members in the British Cars of New Hampshire, and in their usual manner would go on to become directors.

Although suffering most of his life with severe rheumatoid arthritis in every joint in his body, no one ever heard Frank complain about the pain and discomfort or say that he couldn't do anything. He was always willing to lend a hand in putting together an event, help someone find a part for their car, or whatever else anyone would ask of him.

Frank was a great friend to many and will be deeply missed.

Plans Underway for 2015 JANE Wall Calendars

It may seem a bit premature talking about 2015 calendars when we just hung this year's on the wall. But, like the Thanksgiving Day Parade, preparation for the following year's event must start soon after the current year.

With that said, it's been three years since the last JANE calendar. Since then some members have asked if there would be future calendars. Your Editor wanted to get a year's worth of *Coventry Cats* complete before deciding on whether to take on another calendar since it takes a bit of work to gather, layout and process them.

So with Board approval I will be producing a 2015 wall calendar...with help from you! From now until September I will be taking photo submissions for consideration in the calendar. Members can send hard copies or electronic files of their Jaguar(s). The contact information is below. If you send electronic files, they must be HIGH RESOLUTION. Please no thumbnails or tiny cell phone camera photos. Also, electronic files should be attached to an email, not embedded in the body of the message. Include with each submission the year and model as well as any special designation such as Mark VIIM, XKR-S, etc. If you know the factory color name, that is also helpful. And if possible give a description of where the shot was taken, what you and the car were doing, etc.

Now get out there and get some photos of your beloved Jags! If you go to a Jaguar Club event, take a nice shot in a scenic place. Going on vacation with your car? Take a photo of it along the way or at your destination. Send as many photos as you like; although only 12 will be used, any surplus could go in future calendars.

Please note that hard copies of photos will not be returned so make sure you submit a duplicate copy.

For your own planning purposes, 75 calendars will be available just in time for Christmas 2014. The prices will be \$15 each, 2 for \$28 or 3 for \$40, and this includes shipping charges. Ordering details will appear in a future *Coventry Cat*.

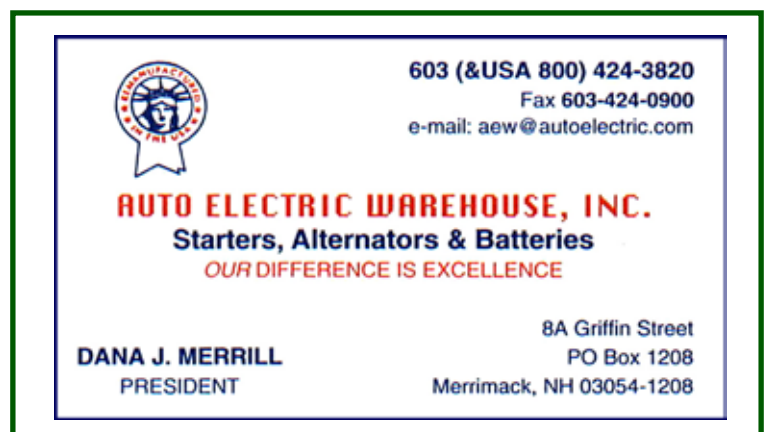
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Other Musings

Algae – the New Crude?

By Tracey Levasseur

What if, in the future, vehicles would still run on a liquid fuel with the same properties as gasoline, refined in the same manner and pumped at the same gas stations, but was not acquired from foreign countries? No electricity, no fossil fuels and no need for ethanol? Think green, literally.

Researchers are again looking at microalgae as a possible alternative biofuel. Microalgae or just algae, the little green plants floating on pond surfaces, rather than macroalgae, which include seaweed, first came up as a possible alternative biofuel in 1978, during the energy crisis. However, prohibitive refining costs and lowering oil prices set algae on the back burner for about 20 years. Now with oil prices rising again and pressure to find cheaper and more environmentally friendly energy, algae biofuel is getting closer attention.

Why algae? To answer this first consider, what are algae? Algae (plural, one is an alga) are simple plantlike organisms that can grow all over the world if conditions are right. In some cases when conditions are really right, they flourish in massive quantities called a bloom. Algae take water, nutrients such as carbon dioxide (CO₂), nitrogen (N₂) and bicarbonate (HCO₃), and sunlight to grow. They turn all this into oxygen (O₂), lipid oils and other byproducts. It is this lipid oil that is the “liquid gold” to harvest from algae. Its properties are closer to crude oil than other plant-derived oils.

Besides the lipid properties being similar to crude oil, algae yield more lipids relative to their mass than other plant sources. Under the right conditions a batch of harvested algae can yield up to 60 percent usable lipid oils. And that 40 percent byproduct can be used for bioethanol, biobutanol, fertilizers and feedstock. Algae would become a completely renewable resource.

Algae, unlike other plant sources, take very little time to mature. Alternative fuel crops such as corn, soybeans, palm and sugarcane take a year or longer to mature and harvest. Algae take days to a month in the right environment. This coupled with the fact that algae take up less land area to grow and yield enough biofuel versus the other plant sources mean faster production without sacrificing acres of land. Early estimates by researchers say that 100,000 gallons of algae biofuel can be produced per acre per year under the right conditions.

Another difference is that algae are not a food crop such as corn and soybeans, so producing it for fuel wouldn't be depriving us of food. And algae can be produced on land not suitable for other agriculture, thus saving precious land for food crops.

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So algae can be produced faster than other biofuel crops and much faster than fossil fuels. It cleans carbon dioxide from the air and contaminants from water. Its byproducts are completely renewable, yielding biofuel, feedstock and fertilizer among other things. And it is a source not used for food that can be grown in areas where most food crops won't grow. What's the catch?

Currently algae cultivation can be cost prohibitive. There are several ways to "raise" algae, but in order to get the most bang for the buck there has to be a controlled environment. The open-pond system is as the name implies, an open body of water on which the algae grow. This system, while being the most cost effective, is at the mercy of the elements – sun, rain, wind and contamination. A closed-loop system involves a tank or system of clear tubing in an enclosure in which the algae are "force fed" water, nutrients and artificial lighting. Everything is precisely controlled, but at a higher price.

Once the algae are ready to harvest, the refining process can also be costly. In fact, it's currently the biggest cost in the algae biofuel process. Algae don't like to give up their lipids, so there are several processes to press out or chemically extract the oil from the other byproducts.

Researchers have discovered that algae produce the most lipids when under stress. It's not just a matter of fattening algae so they'll produce more oil. On the contrary, algae yield best when they're lacking a vital nutrient. So researchers must find out the most ideal conditions for the various kinds of algae since there are different species depending on the environment. There would also be much genetic research to determine the best traits of algae to "breed for" or manipulate at the molecular level, all of which takes time and funding.

The last important factor that hasn't been proven to date is the road test. A vehicle has not been driven using 100 percent algae biofuel as of this writing, not even a lawn mower. Until this test is conducted, there's no way of knowing whether algae biofuel could replace conventional gasoline.



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The fact remains that we have to find a suitable, reliable alternative to crude oil. All the current choices thus far – electricity, ethanol, etc. – have just as many pros and cons as algae biofuel. However, looking at the pros and cons of algae biofuel cited here it would seem that those negatives are easily solved with a bit more research and testing. If a vehicle can be run on algae biofuel successfully, it's possible that investors will pay attention enough to give funding and speed the process along. Then the potential of algae biofuel as crude oil's replacement would get even greener.

For further information:

<http://www1.eere.energy.gov/bioenergy/algae.html>

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What's in a Name?

By Victor Cromie

In 1935 William Lyons was ready to introduce his new model of more popular appeal than the SSI and SSII, a full four-seat, four-door saloon with a 2-1/2 Litre overhead valve engine for the first time. Three other models, an open tourer, a sports two-seater and a 1-1/2 Litre engine in the same saloon body were also announced. Shortly before, the Sunbeam Motor Company had filed for bankruptcy. Sunbeam was a marque famous for the high quality of its bicycles, motorcycles and cars, had been very successful in building Grand Prix racing cars in the 1920's and had also achieved the World Land Speed Record on no fewer than five occasions. Lyons saw that the acquisition of the name and patents of 'The Sunbeam' would add significantly to the perception of his new car if it could be named Sunbeam. Probably because he was always mindful of the budget, he lost the bid to William Edward Rootes, who may have received preferential access. It is recorded that he was later to say:

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