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John Brady's XK120 on a Roll

Fresh from a Best Jaguar win at British Car Day at LAAM, John Brady attended this year's British Invasion in Stowe, VT, and took second place in his class with his 1954 XK120 DHC. For the British Invasion report, JANE winners and photos see page 10. Photo by John Brady.

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The 4th Quarter Stretch

As I sit in my office to write this, somehow it doesn't seem like we are in the final days of September. Where is the beautiful fall color that by now has usually started to remind us that the next change of season is imminent? Mind you, I'm not complaining, not even one little bit, because the weather has been exceptional for this time of year. Even as I had a leisurely drive to Stowe on Thursday evening for the 25th British Invasion, with the windows down and sunroof open, the scenery was still beautifully green, lacking only the bright red and yellow colors of the season that

usually accompany the trip.

Speaking of the 25th British Invasion, it was a tremendous success, in part due to the fantastic weather and the great attendance of well over 600 entrants and probably as many visitors. JANE members, as usual, were also present in strong numbers on the show field and collected many trophies at the end of the ceremonies on Saturday. We congratulate Michael Gaetano and his team on achieving the milestone of such a great and popular event and look forward to many more years. The day's activities concluded at the Birch Glen house with a fantastic barbeque party attended by close to forty JANE members.

October looks like it will provide us with some continued beautiful driving weather for our Cats to attend the remaining events as well as the occasional pleasure trips. Mid-month, on October 11, we will be returning to Chauncey Creek for a lobster feast via a scenic tour of the seacoast hosted by Dennis and Prebble Eklof. The following weekend, on the 18th, JCSNE will host their fall slalom, which will close out the competitive events for the year. If you still have some pent up energy to dissipate via some aggressive driving, make sure to sign up and support our sister club by attending their slalom. The month will close with our monthly meeting on the 28th at the Wayside Inn. Be sure to go to the website and register early to help Dean coordinate with the staff, as the monthly attendance has been growing and we want to make sure that we can accommodate everyone who comes.

The Events Committee, Dean Saluti, John Brady, and I will be meeting in the coming weeks to set up our 2016 calendar. If anyone has any ideas for social and/or technical events that you would like to see scheduled, please contact one of us. It is not necessary that you run a proposed event, but it would be helpful and appreciated, and there are other members who I am sure would like to lend a supporting hand. The club is only as successful as its activities and member participation. Please keep in mind that the club is also in need of members to fill support positions for some of our annual events, such as the Concours. I have talked with many of you over the year and I ask that you give some consideration to stepping up to fill some of these spots.

The website is already set up for registration for our Holiday Party and Annual General Meeting on Sunday, December 6th. The Nominations Committee will be presenting a new slate of officers and Board members for the vote of the membership. This will be your opportunity to voice your support for those members you want to see take the leadership of the club for the coming year, so make sure that you register early to guarantee that you will be able to enjoy the festivities and make your vote count.

As always, I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming events. Be safe, drive safe, and take time to enjoy your Cats.

Jim

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I hope everyone who attended the British Invasion in Stowe, Vermont, had as much fun as we did! The weather was perfect, the cars were beautiful, and the camaraderie was first rate! If you've never attended this annual gathering you've missed out on one of the best events of the year.

Speaking of special events, watch your email in the next couple of weeks for an initial announcement about a JANE trip to Quebec City next year. By the time you're reading this, Mark Lenci and I will have visited Quebec City, toured prospective hotels and restaurants, and developed a proposed itinerary. Quebec City is only about a six-hour drive from Boston and would be a great way to let our cats stretch their legs!

Our membership continues to grow, although we're still behind 2014 totals. As of September 29th we had 278 members/families. Please do your part to recruit new members to keep JANE the largest JCNA-affiliated club in North America.

Welcome New Members

Charles Prescott	Leominster, MA	2000 XJR Sedan
Norman Michaels	Lee, NH	3.8 S
David & Gail Wesson	Gilford, NH	1957 XK-140 OTS, 2005 X-Type Wagon, 2006 S-Type VDP

Please give these folks a hearty JANE welcome when you meet them!

Cheers,

Ed Avis

Upcoming Events

JANE Tour to Chauncey Creek Lobster Pier Sunday, October 11, 2015

Meet at the New Hampshire State Liquor Store at the Portsmouth Rotary (Intersection of Routes 1 and 4 at Exit 5 on I-95 North from Boston) at about 9:30am on Sunday, October 11. Howard and Joanne Kalet live near this location and know all the beautiful places in the area. They have laid out a lovely tour along the seacoast of Maine and New Hampshire that will end up at the Chauncey Creek Lobster Pier in Kittery Point, Maine, at approximately 12:30pm.

Chauncey Creek Lobster Pier is an excellent place for lobster or other seafood. It is right on the water and is a great spot to spend a leisurely afternoon. Although they specialize in seafood, there are other items on the menu for folks who prefer other dishes.

Chauncey Creek is a BYOB place, and you are welcome to bring your own booze, munchies, or whatever. As long as they don't sell it themselves, they don't care what you bring!

Please register at the JANE website ASAP so we know how many to make reservations for! Or call Dennis and Prebble Eklof at 508-878-9510 or 617-877-5825.



Longfellow's Wayside Inn

October Monthly Meeting Wednesday, October 28, 7pm

Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

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.

2015 JANE 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

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| Oct 7 | SCDA Track Day at Thompson Speedway, Thompson, CT |
| Oct 11 | Tour to Chauncey Creek Lobster Pier, Kittery Point, ME |
| Oct 18 | JCSNE Autumn Slalom, New Britain, CT |
| Oct 24 | SCDA Experienced Driver Track Day at Lime Rock, Lime Rock Park, CT |
| Oct 28 | JANE Monthly Meeting, (Program TBD), Sudbury, MA |
| Oct 31 | SCDA Experienced Driver Track Day at Lime Rock, Lime Rock Park, CT |
| Nov 14 | SCDA Experienced Driver Track Day at Lime Rock, Lime Rock Park, CT |
| Nov 18 | JANE Monthly Meeting (Program TBD), Sudbury, MA |
| Dec 6 | JANE AGM and Holiday Party, Vesper Country Club, Tyngsboro, MA |

*JANE's 2015 Holiday Party
and Annual General Meeting*

*Sunday, December 6, 2015
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Event Schedule

**3:00 - 4:00 pm - Cocktails (Cash Bar)
4:00 - 5:30 - Annual General Meeting
5:45 p.m. - Buffet Dinner
After Dinner: Yankee Swap**

Bring a wrapped gift valued at least \$25 to play the game.

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Event Reports

JANE Potluck Picnic, Lawn, and Pool Party

There was a very nice turnout of JANE members and their Jaguars at David Moulton's home in Groton, Massachusetts, for our annual Potluck Picnic. After a worried weather watch all that week, we finally committed to our original date on the calendar, Saturday, August, 22nd, and it was the right choice, a lovely sunny day with comfortable summer temperatures.

David provided tours of his beautiful property by golf cart. The pool was open and the waterfalls were flowing. And the attendees once again brought an amazing variety of good picnic pickings. A good time was had by all.

Photos by Seth Phoenix



British Invasion XXV a Huge Success

Report by Dennis Eklof, photos by Bill Richardson

Congratulations to JANE member Michael Gaetano for the success of British Invasion XXV! The weather was perfect, the event well organized, and there were over 600 cars on the show field Saturday. Once again JANE had a major presence at the event, with numerous award winners and great party opportunities over a beautiful weekend. As we have for the past several years, Prebble and I rented the Birch Glen House at the Stowe Motel, and this year Ed and Cheryl Avis, Carl and Sing Hanson, Cyndy McGeoch, Bonnie Getz, David Moulton, and Jim Sambold shared it with us, and it was pretty much non-stop partying from our arrival on Thursday until departure Sunday after the traditional frittata for breakfast made from Saturday night leftovers.



Bonnie, Dave, and I had a beautiful top-down drive over all back roads up to Stowe on Thursday, while Prebble hauled the groceries for the weekend up 189 and was the first to arrive. Unfortunately, Prebble succumbed to a wicked bad cold and climbed into bed as soon as she arrived, even missing out on a marvelous dinner that David, Bonnie, Jim Sambold, and I enjoyed at the Bistro at Ten Acres Lodge (recommended). Fortunately she felt a bit better on Friday and was also able to take it easy most of the day.

Friday night our crew (minus Ed and Cheryl) dined at the Trapp Family Lodge. The setting is beautiful, the food excellent, and we all had a most enjoyable evening.

Saturday was car show day, with beautiful weather and the field full of cars. See the list of JANE winners on page 11.

Saturday afternoon, from 5:30, was our usual gathering of JANE folks at the Birch Glen House for beer, wine, and snacks, followed by dinner. We had over 40 attending for steaks, baked potatoes, roasted onions, and corn on the cob.

One interesting coincidence worth mentioning took place on our way to Stowe on Thursday and again on our way home on Sunday. David Moulton, Bonnie Getz, and I stopped for lunch on Thursday at the Rochester Cafe in Rochester, Vermont, about 50 miles south of Stowe on Route 100. While we were dining on the porch, Tom and John Brady passed by. On the way home on Sunday, Dave, Bonnie, and I again stopped at the Rochester Cafe (highly recommended) for lunch, and while waiting for our meals I jokingly said "Isn't it time for Tom and John to go by?" Not more than 90 seconds later we heard a familiar toot, and Tom and John cruised by again.



Anyway, the weekend and the Saturday party seemed to be a smashing success, and we have already reserved Birch Glen for British Invasion XXVI. If you are planning to attend next year, put the Saturday night party on your calendar.

JANE Jaguar Winners:

Carl and Sing Hanson – 1951 XK-120 FHC – 3rd
John Brady – 1954 XK-120 DHC – 2nd
Tom Brady and Theresa Gassner – 1961 MK IX Saloon – 1st
Ken and Naomi Coleman – 1962 MK II – 1st
John Freeman – 1962 MK II Sedan – 2nd
David Reilly and Lauren Messmore – 1968 E-Type OTS – 2nd
Roderic Gilbert – 1962 E-Type OTS – 3rd
Mark and Beverly Lenci – 1972 E-Type Series III – 2nd
Chris and Sandy Milton-Hall – 1968 E-Type OTS – 3rd
Dean Saluti and Marjorie Cahn – 2007 X-Type Wagon – 1st



JANE winners in non-Jaguars:

Gus Niewenhous – 1978 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow II – 3rd
Bob and Diana Stanley – 1969 Triumph GT6 – 1st

Competition of Colors:

Winners in Blue: David Reilly and Lauren Messmore – 1968 E-Type OTS



Tailgate Picnic Competition:

Best Costumes: Gus Niewenhous and Michelle Dickson – 1978 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow



Opposite page top: Lounging around in the late summer Vermont sun at the show. Bottom: Best Jaguar went to this XK150 DHC, belonging to a non-member.

This page clockwise from top right: Carl Hanson and John Brady display their trophies. David Reilly, who took 2nd place for his E-Type, wonders why his trophy has a picture of a Healey on it. Mark and Beverly Lenci won with their Series III E-Type. A perennial winner, Tom Brady took 1st with his dark green Mk IX.

For more British Invasion photos see page 12.



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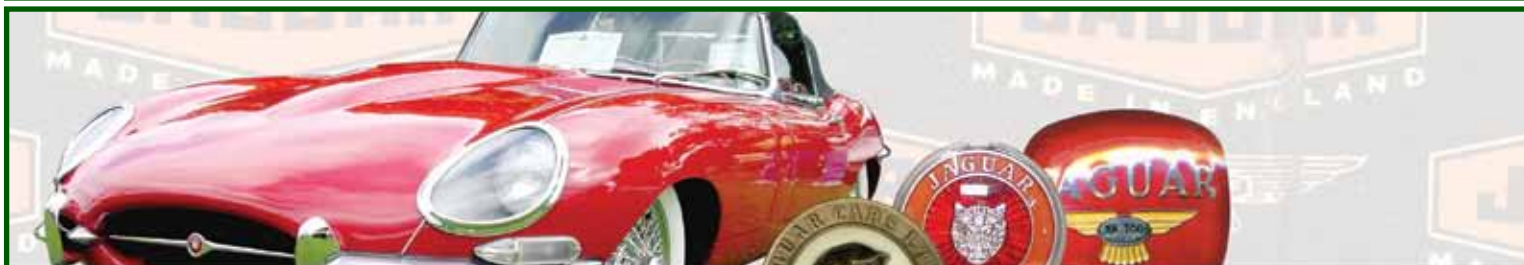
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Event Reports

“Fast Fall Fling” Slalom

By Rich Kosinski, photos by Bill Richardson

JANE’s Fast Fall Fling was a great success, held on Saturday, September 12, under bright blue skies.



The slalom committee did a great job setting up the course early and had the registrations and car inspections done in record time. Many thanks go to Paul Bicknell and Glen McLachlan for their efforts on the club’s behalf, and to Prebble Eklof for manning the registration and timing desk.

The field of 18 included the usual suspects: Victor Cromie and his XK140, Dennis Eklof with his Brunton Stalker, and Gary Hagopian’s racing XKE, as well as some new participants, including Bonnie Getz and her XKE. Three Corvette owners came from a club in Manchester, New Hampshire, as well, and they proved quite competitive.

After an orientation and a walkthrough of the course, several new participants asked for a practice run and instruction in their cars, which the slalom committee accommodated to make everyone feel confident before starting the race.

From the drop of the first flag it was apparent that the drivers were competing to win, as each lap on the course was accompanied by the sounds of engines whining and wheels squealing. Everything was running like clockwork, as Prebble continued doing her fine job of recording the times.



After two laps there was a lunch break with the return of the “Food Train” food truck that got rave reviews for their artisan paninis and fresh fruit punch from the spring slalom event.

The final three laps were completed in short order, and by 2pm the results were tallied. Dennis took fastest time in his Brunton Stalker, and the fastest Jaguar was Rich Kosinski’s XKR.



Everyone had a great time, enjoyed the day, and now looks forward to the next slalom event in the spring, when we might offer some more formalized driver training.





This year's Fall Slalom drew several exotics. Clockwise from top left: The Dodge Viper, always looks like it's ready to strike. A pair of Lotus Elises in autumn colors barely clearing the ground when turning into the course. The silver Porsche Boxster displacing a cone. One of the newer cars present, Dave Moulton's F-Type, waiting its turn. Gary Hagopian's E-Type shows how some folks go to extremes to shave weight off their cars to improve performance. A flock of Corvettes, including this one, tried their slalom skills. Dennis Eklof exhibiting the great control over his Brunton Stalker which gained him FTD.



Pro Shaper Sheet Metal Open House

Story and photos by Dennis Eklof

On Saturday, September 26, Wray Schelin, owner of Pro Shaper Sheet Metal, held an open house and impromptu car show from noon to 6pm at his new 20,000 sq. ft. shop in Charlton, Massachusetts. As I sat at my desk on Saturday morning, looking at the beautiful weather, it was all I needed for an excuse to avoid responsibility and enjoy the day. With Prebble having no interest in such things, I phoned Bruce Murray and we took the hour drive to Charlton, top-down in our newly acquired XK. What a great day to play hookie from the real world.

A number of other JANE motorheads had the same idea, and we met up with Tom Brady, Carl Hanson, and Bill and Phyllis Powell, and I am sure there may be others I have overlooked.

Wray is well known in classic car and hot rod circles for his amazing metal work. He has done panels for a number of JANE members, including Tom Brady and Carl Hanson, and he has an amazing array of projects and metal working tools throughout his huge shop.

We were treated to an eclectic display of collector cars (see photos for but a few), a tour of Wray's incredible shop, free lunch, and great entertainment. There was a terrific band, and Wray's daughter Alison, an aspiring professional singer, really stole the show.

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Lime Rock Vintage Festival 2015

JANE member Brian McMahon recently attended the Lime Rock Vintage Festival during Labor Day weekend. He took many photographs of the people and the cars, presented here in his photo essay.



Brilliant driving by Jack Busch and painstaking race preparation by Donovan Motorsports enabled E-Type number 61 to win all four Group 7 events at Lime Rock this weekend. This annual event has attracted owners and drivers of vintage sports cars for the past 33 years and tens of thousands attended this year's competition. Art Hebert in E-Type number 63 added to the Donovan team's luster by finishing fourth in two races, and with a second place finish in the final race, 3 seconds behind his teammate. ***NOTE: Lime Rock race results (see Group 7 for Saturday and Monday <http://www.race-monitor.com/Results/Race/35358>) show Jack Busch driving #61, and Art Hebert in #63, despite the "Art Hebert" name on #61 in the photos *** They succeeded in holding off challenges from Porsche 911s, Chevrolet Corvettes and Datsun 240Zs in each of the 15 minute races around the mile and a half track.



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This '32 Imperial had its body and interior crafted by LeBaron. Buyers of high-end cars in the 1920s and 1930s often bought an engine and chassis from a car company and had an independent body and interior company complete a custom made product.



Here's a good scene-setting picture of the Sunday concours: Aston Martin DB4.



In addition to the racing, Jaguars were well represented in the Concours d'Elegance on Sunday. Here's a D-Type (left) and an XK140 (right).



An example of Chrysler Corp's "Forward Look" for 1959 is this Dodge Lancer convertible. Note the swivel bucket seats, which might be a welcome enhancement for E-Types with aging owners.



A masterfully rebuilt version of my own first car, which I bought for \$250 in 1965. Among other problems, it was missing the gearshift boot, so driver and passenger could watch the pavement whiz by. Many years later, a friend who also owned a TR-3 had the same problem. Being more mechanically skilled than I, he worked on the car himself and purchased the \$5 rubber boot before consulting the car's shop manual. "Step 1, Open the bonnet and remove the panel from its hinges..." the step-by-step instructions began. Perplexed that he wasn't directed to start dismantling interior parts, he skimmed ahead and learned to his dismay that he had to disconnect the entire powertrain and hoist it out of the car to gain access to the gearshift boot.

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