

# The Coventry Cat



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## *Sensory Overload at Lobster Tour*










*A parade of fine Jaguars, quaint towns, spectacular ocean views, fall foliage and seafood lunch at a restaurant by an historic lighthouse. Yes, that's JANE's autumn Lobster Tour along the Maine and New Hampshire seacoast. For the full report and more wonderful photos see pages 12-15.*

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## A Great Series of Autumn Events

It seems as if it was only yesterday that I was sitting down to write the last update. October has been another extremely busy month and seems to have accelerated us even faster to the year end close.

Our driving events started off with a beautiful autumn day on Sunday the 11th for a coastal tour along the scenic New Hampshire and Maine seacoast, ending up at Fox's Lobster House in York, Maine. Several stops along the drive provided some great photo opportunities (see website

or other pages in this issue) and fellowship. Our final destination provided one of the most scenic backdrops along the Maine coast, with the Nubble Lighthouse a mere 500 yards away. I would like to express sincere thanks to Howard and Joanne Kalet for stepping up and organizing this fun event.

Immediately following the Lobster Tour, on Monday the 12th several members participated in the Columbus Day Parade in Revere, Massachusetts. I understand a good time was had by all in attendance. Our sister club, JCSNE, held their fall slalom on Sunday the 18th for the final sanctioned event of the year in our region. Having attended several times over the past years, I know they always put on a great event and I would definitely recommend it for anyone looking for some additional track time.

Strong attendance supported our monthly meeting on the 28th, with Ed Avis and Mark Lenci presenting their plan for a fantastic road trip to Quebec City early next June. Ed and Mark both have put in a tremendous amount of effort to provide an interesting route and excellent accommodations. The hotel's early registration deadline (for a 5 percent discount on the room rate) is November 30th and rooms are going fast, so if you have an interest in this event, make sure you contact the hotel soon so that you can be a part of this wonderful adventure. Complete information about the event is elsewhere in this issue of the Cat and also on the calendar of the JANE website, where online registration for the event is already available.

Our own Bruce Murray was the guest speaker at our October meeting, with a presentation on his dynamic 1/3-scale XK120 working engine. Bruce is an extremely talented and gifted engineer, and this long-term, passionate project is certainly evident in his attention to detail and craftsmanship. Many members were in such awe of the precision detail and the process by which Bruce arrived at the current status of the engine that they stayed long after the meeting to ask many questions. Nearing completion, with only carburetors, manifold, and a few other things to go for completion, Bruce claims that he will not be building the car for the engine, but I suspect that he may go one step further with at least a scale chassis. This engine is definitely a work of art and deserves to be in a museum when it is finished.

There are only two more events before the end of the year, our November monthly meeting on Wednesday the 18th (a week earlier than usual because of Thanksgiving the following week) and our Holiday Party on Sunday, December 6th. The Holiday Party is always a great time for us to close out the year with fun and fellowship, and this year's will be no different. Jim and Crin Coull have made all the necessary arrangements for us to be at the Vesper Country Club once again. The Holiday Party will also include our Annual General Meeting and provide you with the opportunity as a club member to vote on the slate of officers for 2016, so make sure that you go to the website and register early. My sincere thanks go out to Chuck Centore, Carl Hanson, and Dennis Eklof, the Nomination Committee, for putting together our slate of officers.

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*President's Message continued*

Our Events Committee will be meeting before the end of the year to put together our 2016 calendar, and we are looking for some new ideas for driving events, tech sessions, or destination locations that the club members will have an interest in. I encourage our new members if you have an idea for something please let me, John Brady, or Dean Saluti know, and we can even help connect you with the necessary resources to make it happen.

As many of you will be in the process of putting your Cats away for the season, be safe, have fun, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our next monthly meeting.

*Jim*

### Welcome New Members

David Kurlan	Westborough, MA	Looking
Ahmed Arnab	Boston, MA	
Frank Bajowski	Hampton, NH	2015 F-Type S Coupe

### ...And Former Members Who Rejoined

Curt Cronkite	East Granby, CT	1950 Mk V DHC, 1960 Mk II 3.8, 1960 Mk IX Saloon
David Sheaffer	Salisbury, MA	2013 XF Supercharged



This year's British Invasion is history, most of the leaves have fallen, people are making plans to put their beloved Jaguars in winter storage – and that means it's time to start thinking about renewing your JANE membership for 2016. You'll receive a notice by mail in the next few weeks, but there's no need to wait – you can renew online at the JANE website NOW (and save JANE the cost of sending you a renewal form)!

Renewals are good for the entire 2016 season, AND if you renew by December 31st you'll receive a \$5 discount. But wait, that's not all – all current members who renew before December 31st will be entered in a drawing to win a refund of your basic membership (\$60) for 2016!! The winning name will be drawn at the JANE social meeting in January.

NOTE: New JANE members who joined after October 1st (or if I've told you your membership is good through 2016) do NOT need to renew and are therefore not eligible for the refund. JANE Board members and Associate Members are also not eligible.

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JANE IS GOING TO QUEBEC CITY IN JUNE 2016!! Mark Lenci and I have visited Quebec City, toured prospective hotels and restaurants, and developed what we think will be a very interesting itinerary. Online registration is now available on the JANE website. Hotel discounts are available for those who make their reservations by November 30th. See all the details in a separate article of this month's issue.  
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Our membership continues to grow, although we're still behind 2014 totals. As of October 27th we had 284 members / families. Please do your part to recruit new members to keep JANE the largest JCNA-affiliated club in North America.

Cheers,

Ed Avis



The Hotel Clarendon in Quebec City where JANE members will stay during the 2016 tour.



Longfellow's Wayside Inn

### November Monthly Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 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.



### JANE Board of Directors Selections for 2016

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**President:** Jim Sambold

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**Vice President Activities:** Dean Saluti

**Treasurer:** Don Holden

**Secretary:** Bonnie Getz

#### Two Years Remaining

John Brady (2)

Dave Moulton (2)

Frank Grimaldi (2)

#### One Year Remaining

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

*Sunday, December 6, 2015  
Vesper Country Club  
185 Pawtucket Blvd.  
Tyngsboro, MA 01879*

**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.**

**Silly hats are encouraged, dress is Business Casual (please, no jeans at Vesper)**

**Directions**

**From the North on Route 3: Take Exit 35 and at the bottom of the ramp turn right onto Route 113 East. You'll go straight across the Merrimack River after about 1.3 miles. Immediately after crossing the river, stay on Route 113. Vesper is about 2 miles down on your right.**

**From the South on Route 3: Take Exit 34 and at the bottom of the ramp turn right onto Westford Road. In about 0.8 mile, turn left onto Middlesex Road, and then take Route 113 East across the Merrimack River. Immediately after crossing the river, stay on Route 113. Vesper is about 2 miles down on your right.**

Please consider registering and paying online no later than Monday, November 30.  
If you must pay by check, cut here and mail with your check to arrive no later than  
Monday, November 30, 2015.

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Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner per person \$65.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to JANE and mail to: Crin Coull, 2 Fox Run Road, Amherst, NH 03031**

# Upcoming Events

## Quebec City (and more)!

We are excited to announce that JANE will be making a trip to Quebec City at the beginning of June! The city is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is the only walled city north of Mexico.

This event will have two parts. The first part is the “core trip,” four days in length. We arrive in Quebec City on Thursday afternoon, June 2, and depart on Sunday, June 5. The second part of the event is an additional day in Quebec City for those who can stay a bit longer.

We have booked a block of rooms at a great hotel in the center of the old city. Ed Avis and Mark Lenci have visited the Hotel Clarendon (a private hotel – nothing to do with the U.S. Clarendon hotel chain) and found it and its staff simply delightful. They will make our visit something to remember. The hotel is offering a corporate room and executive room to club members for this event. There is a 5% discount for early booking (before December 1). The current exchange rate makes the cost of these rooms very attractive.



*Old Quebec City*

### Detailed Itinerary

#### June 2 (Thursday): Travel to Quebec City

- **Route Option 1 – Rally from Waterville, Maine (highly recommended for those in eastern Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine):**
  - Mark and Ed strongly recommend this option for those who can depart from Maine. The drive is beautiful and fun for Jaguars. Mark and Ed have several activities planned along the drive, including lunch. The drive will go north from Waterville on US 201 and on into Canada.
  - We will depart from Waterville at 9 AM.
  - For those who wish to drive up to Waterville the night before, we will reserve a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn in Waterville. For those in Massachusetts, this nicely divides the trip to Quebec City into two approximately five-hour drives.
- **Route Option 2 – Rally via Vermont**
  - This option is intended for those who would use I-91 to reach the Canadian border.



*Executive room at the Hotel Clarendon*

- We will find a leader for this rally once we know who will be using this route.

#### • **Hotel Clarendon**

- [www.hotelclarendon.com](http://www.hotelclarendon.com), 57 rue Sainte-Anne, Vieux-Quebec, Quebec, 418-692-1511
- Two types of rooms are available at discounted rates. The price per night is shown in U.S. dollars at the current exchange rate (approximately \$1.30 CAN - \$1.00 USD)
- Corporate Room - \$145 (\$138 early bird booking) plus taxes
- Executive Room - \$161 (\$153 early bird booking) plus taxes
- Mark and Ed have visited the rooms and are confident you will be very happy with either type of room. The Executive Rooms are gen-



erally corner rooms with more space and a wider view.

**Please contact the hotel directly at 1-888-554-6001 to book your room.** There are a limited number of executive rooms, so book early if you would like one of them. When calling, identify yourself as a member of the **Jaguar Association of New England - Room Block-#423004.**

- A 5% discount is offered for booking before November 30.
- Those wishing to come early or stay later may book either June 1st or June 6th at the event price.
- **3 PM – Target arrival time at the Hotel Clarendon in Quebec City**
  - The hotel has reserved the church parking lot immediately adjacent to the hotel for our cars during our visit. A private security guard will be present from 7 PM to 7 AM.
  - We will do a private check-in and short welcome in the hotel upon arrival.



*Hotel Clarendon lounge and bar area*

- **5 to 7 PM – JANE welcome reception**
  - The reception will be in the Hotel Clarendon lounge and bar, reserved for our private use.
  - Hors d’oeuvres will be served.
  - A “welcome to Quebec City” beverage coupon will be provided (red or white wine, soft drinks, gin, whisky, or beer)!
  - Additional beverages can be purchased at the bar.

### **June 3 (Friday) – Old Quebec City**

- This day is dedicated primarily to exploring the old city of Quebec.
- We will provide a general outline for an informal walking visit to explore the old city. Members can participate in any portions that they wish or explore on their own.
- There are boundless choices of places to dine for dinner. Event participants may make individual or small group arrangements.

### **June 4 (Saturday) – Fire up the Jaguars for a trip to Montmorency Waterfall and Ile d’Orleans**

- We will depart bright and early (8 AM) from the hotel for a 15-minute drive to the base of the Montmorency Waterfall on the St Lawrence River. Those desiring to get a view from the top can take a cable car up. Will Ed do the zip line across the gorge at the face of the waterfall – we’ll see!
- From the falls we will drive over the bridge to Ile d’Orleans and circle the island clockwise, stopping to visit the following:
  - Wine tasting at Vignoble Domaine de la source a Marguerite. This winery has wines made from their own apples, pears, and grapes, including the unique Quebec ice wine. The ice wine is made from apples left on the trees until the winter temperature reaches -5 F. One-hundred frozen apples are needed to make a single .5L bottle of this delightful wine.
  - Lookout tower at the eastern end of the island with a dramatic view of the St Lawrence River, Ile d’Orleans, and the mountainous shores of Quebec.
  - Lunch at Le Moulin de St Laurent Restaurant (an old grist mill)
  - Chocolate factory

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- Wine tasting at Vignoble Ste-Petronille
- Return to the hotel about 5 PM
- 6 PM (about) – Cocktail social and four-course dinner in a private room at the Hotel Clarendon.
  - Cash bar available.

### **June 5 (Sunday) – Departure or an additional day**

- Those who cannot stay another day may depart at any time.
- We will organize a private two-hour walking tour of the old city in the morning for those who desire to remain an additional day. The particular guide we have arranged has received rave reviews. This will be a small group of ten people maximum. If more people desire to participate, we will organize a second tour.
- We have a list of other suggested activities for the afternoon. Additionally, the hotel concierge seems eager to advise and help arrange any other type of activity members may be interested in.

### **June 6 (Monday) – Departure day**

- Depart in the morning as desired.

### **Registration Event Fees:**

We estimate the fee for this event (exclusive of your room reservation) will be \$160 USD per person. This will cover: Three days parking and the private security guard at night, the Thursday afternoon welcome and reception, the Saturday night dinner, all gratuities, one beverage of your choice at the reception, rally plates, and event mugs/wine glasses, etc.

Watch for further announcements about the trip and a signup link on the JANE webpage.

## **YOU WILL NEED A PASSPORT TO ENTER/LEAVE CANADA - MAKE SURE YOURS IS CURRENT!**

PLEASE MAKE YOUR INDIVIDUAL RESERVATIONS WITH THE HOTEL CLARENDON at 1-888-554-6001 (5% discount for booking by November 30). When calling the hotel ask to be booked under “Jaguar Association of New England - Block #423004”.

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- Corporate Room - \$145 (\$138 early bird booking) plus taxes
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The JANE registration fee covers:

- Thursday welcome reception with one beverage of your choice, hors d'oeuvres / canapés (and gratuity)
- Saturday 4-course banquet with two bottles of wine per table (and gratuity)
- Rally plates for each car
- A souvenir JANE glass
- Hotel parking and security for three nights (additional nights billed to individual accounts)
- LOTS OF FUN!

**JANE TOUR TO QUEBEC CITY: June 2 - 5, 2016**

**Registration and pre-payment due by May 15, 2016**

**----- Register on the JANE website or complete the following form -----**

**Attendees:**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Total number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$160 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**(see note on previous page for what's covered by the registration event fee)**

**What car(s) do you plan to take on this trip:**

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Style \_\_\_\_\_

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## JANE Lobster Tour



by Howard and Joanne Kalet, photos by Bonnie Getz & Jim Sambold

Twenty-nine JANE members and guests went on a tour of the New Hampshire and southern Maine Seacoast on October 11th, a beautiful sunny, mild day. The route started at our meeting point, the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, traffic circle liquor store, a convenient location for all needs, including bathroom facilities and an easy-to-find parking lot for our Jags. The tour was a 40-mile route of coastal and back roads.



Top: Picturesque Rye Harbor. Above: David Young illustrates the proper wardrobe for driving with the top down on an October day in northern New England.

The tour traversed along the northern New Hampshire Atlantic coastline in Rye, passing Odiorne State Park, Wallis Sands State Beach, and stopping at Rye Harbor State Park overlooking Rye Harbor. We had the opportunity to see the harbor at high tide, and yes, the tour guides lucked out on that one, since it's so much more scenic than at low tide. We also saw the John Smith Memorial, for the first European to map and name New England, in 1614, the same John Smith who founded Jamestown in 1607. For Nat. Geo. Wicked Tuna buffs, the ship Pinwheel is based in Rye Harbor. Trevor was not there to greet us.

We then followed the coastal route along the ocean past Jenness State Beach, where surfers are often seen year round, and there are

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beautiful homes, many built with fantastic views of the ocean and with classic designs from a century ago. Next we passed by Fuller Gardens (a stop for another tour), and stopped at North Hampton State Beach, where we reversed our course for photographs with the ocean in the background at the Little Boars Head area of North Hampton. Thanks to Jim Sambold, who offered to stay behind to photograph our Jags at this scenic overlook. The course then wandered inland, passing Runnymede Farm, the home of Dancer's Image, winner of the 1968 Kentucky Derby. The course traversed through the back roads of Rye, more horse farms, Brit Brats, and progressed toward New Castle.



The tour stops to take in the beauty of the restored Wentworth by the Sea.

Once in New Castle, we passed Wentworth by the Sea, a classic Marriott hotel built in 1874 and recently updated. Of course there is a classic marina and golf course on the grounds as well. New Castle is an old fishermen's community with centuries-old homes lining the winding road.



The memorial to 17th century explorer John Smith.

We wound our way into the oldest parts of Portsmouth for more fishermen homes and narrow streets, Prescott Park, and proceeding toward the Memorial Bridge. Here part of our tour

had an extra treat, as the drawbridge went up and separated our group. No, the tour guides did not plan on this "extra," but all worked out in the end!

Off to Maine through Kittery, by the Naval Shipyard and nearby, Chauncey Creek Lobster Pound, which was our original lunch stop, but unfortunately was booked for the day. The tour then passed by more breathtaking, beautiful homes along the coastal route and up toward York, passing by the Stage Neck Inn (a great restaurant for another trip), and yes, of course more ocean front views! Our route then wound by York Beach and up toward the Nubble Lighthouse. Yes, more beautiful homes along the ocean by the lighthouse, all leading the tour group to the end of our tour at Fox's Lobster House. The restaurant provided ocean views for all, as JANE took over the best seating in the restaurant.



Memorial Bridge treated some of the tour to a "pause" as the drawbridge raised to allow a boat to pass.

Local seafood was enjoyed by all, most notably lobster and chowders for all tastes.

**For more Lobster Tour photos see page 14.**

The return trip provided the opportunity for each Jag to stop at Stonewall Kitchen, When Pigs Fly Bakery extraordinaire, and/or many of the Kittery Outlets. 🍷



## More Scenic Shots from the Lobster Tour



This page above: High tide and clear blue skies, what more could one ask of an autumn day at the seacoast? Left: The view of Nubble Light from the restaurant parking lot. Below: Some artists take advantage of the excellent weather.

Opposite page clockwise from top left: Curious residents venture out to gaze at Dave Moulton's F-Type. Nubble Light, one of the many-photographed lighthouses in Maine. Cats in the rear-view and cats up ahead, must be a JANE tour! David Rardin, who is always smiling, chauffers wife Donita and four-legged "child" Phoebe in their XK8.



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### How the Early Bird Caught the Worm

By George Parker, photos courtesy of Bill Tracy

The girl at the British Airways check-in was surprised. “But sir, this ticket is for a flight tomorrow, not today. You’re here a day early.” Our premature traveler was none other than Bill Tracy, whose adventure with a C-Type I chronicled in a previous article for these pages. And Bill was no less amazed than she was. How could he have done that? Bill had spent the previous week or so traveling around the UK visiting suppliers and customers for his vintage Jaguar parts business. Somehow, inexplicably, he had lost track of time and arrived at Heathrow a full day early! What to do now? There must be some way to do something productive with an extra 24 hours. But what?

Then Bill thought of Adrian Hamilton, son of Duncan Hamilton (famous Jaguar driver in the 1950s and winner at Le Mans), who had a shop in Bagshot, England, where he sold cars. And Bagshot was only about 15 miles from Heathrow. A good way to spend that bonus time would be to check out Adrian’s shop and see what interesting cars he had for sale. So Bill headed for Bagshot in a rental car to see what new automotive adventure might await.



Lightweight E-Type 5114WK as Bill saw it in Adrian’s shop.

That new adventure turned out to be Lightweight E-Type registration number 5114WK. This car was one of three that Briggs Cunningham raced at Le Mans in 1963. It was DNF in that race, though its bonnet did finish the race on one of the other Lightweights! It was subsequently crashed heavily at Silverstone, then beautifully restored to its original condition. When Bill arrived at Adrian’s it was there, and for sale! Not only was it for sale, but Adrian suggested that since it was originally owned and raced by an American, Briggs Cunningham, it should go back to America! Bill couldn’t resist that argument and bought it on the spot! Part of the deal was that Adrian would arrange for air shipment to New York and

make arrangements for a broker to get it through customs. So it turned out that being early at Heathrow had paid off in a way that Bill had never expected!

About a couple weeks after making his way back to his home in Virginia the call from the broker came. “Mr Tracy, your car is ready for pickup at Kennedy Airport.” After a quick trip to the airport and back, 5114WK was safely in his driveway and Bill was the happy owner of a very unique Jaguar ... only 12 ever built (up until recently!). For those readers unfamiliar with the Lightweights, it had some very interesting features. Even the engine block was aluminum to save weight. Jaguar recommended that it be raced with the hardtop in place to help stiffen the aluminum body structure. It had an oil cooler for the rear differential driven by an SU fuel pump, and the oil radiator can be seen in the accompanying photo under the tail of the car. That small triangular piece just behind the front wheels, which can be seen in the photos, is to compensate for the curve of the body and to comply with Le Mans rules that required a specified portion of the perimeter of the wheel to be covered. And it had Lucas fuel injection rather than the triple Webbers usually fitted to Jaguar race cars.



Even though the car had been nicely restored, Bill wasn't satisfied with the paint, so he decided to strip it down and repaint it himself. But this time it wouldn't be red! He wanted to make sure it was as close to original livery as possible. He didn't think that the white was a problem, but the blue stripe was. Exactly what shade of blue should it be? He thought that the best way to find out was to talk to the original owner, Briggs Cunningham. But the call to Briggs was unproductive. Briggs didn't know of any specific paint code, so Bill had to wing it. Since he couldn't get any paint data, Bill tried another subject. He knew that the Le Mans winning XKC051, sans bodywork, was in the Cunningham museum. Since he knew how to get a new body built in the UK, he proposed a trade, the 5114WK for Briggs's XKC051. But Briggs rejected that proposal.



Bill's Lightweight after restoration. Note the oil radiator on the underside and the triangular piece required by Le Mans rules to cover enough of the perimeter of the wheel.

With the repaint complete, the fun began. Bill took the car to local shows, then decided to do some racing. He showed the car at Road Atlanta and raced it there. He also raced it at Moroso, near Palm Beach. Walter Hill was also at Moroso with his Lightweight CUT7, and Bill had the opportunity to race him with 5114WK. But it wasn't an even match. Bill's car was built for Le Mans, and in order to save weight it didn't have a brake servo. Hill's CUT7 did, so he could go deeper into the turns. Bill could keep up with him on the straights, but lost in the turns.

After a couple of years of showing and racing, Bill's Lightweight E suffered the same fate as his C-Type ... time to sell to help fund Bill's retirement in sunny Florida. He took it to an auction in Auburn, Indiana, and although it didn't sell in the auction it was an after-auction sale. Time now to move on to the next automotive adventure!



5114WK as seen from the front after its restoration.





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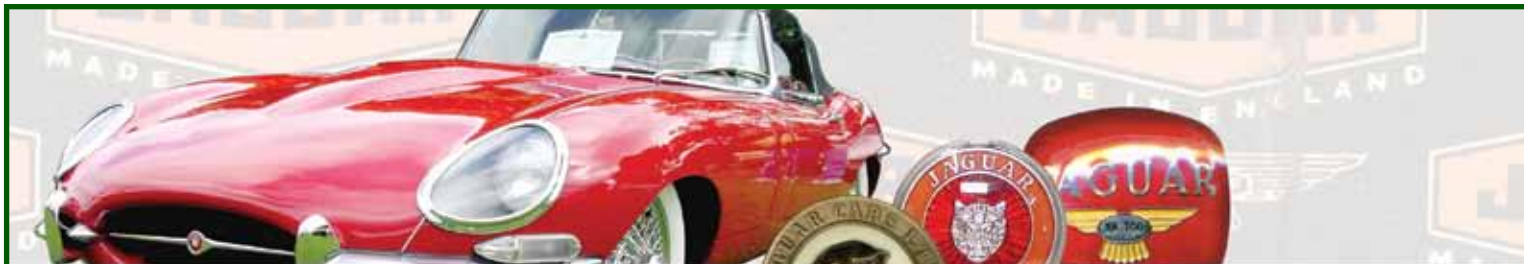
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